

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board Meeting
June 13, 2012
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
9:30 a.m.

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA.

Members Present:

Edsel Davis, DVM
Larry Corry, DVM
Beckey Malphus, DVM
John Sundstrom, DVM
Henry Bohn, DVM
Jeff Smith

Others Present:

Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director
Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General
Scott Piper, GVMA
Betsey Choder, Vet Counsel

Public Rule Hearing

The Board conducted a public rule hearing for the following rules:

1. Rule 700-7-.03 Continuing Veterinary Education
2. Rule 700-7-.04 Veterinary Technician Continuing Education
3. Rule 700-6-.01 Applications for Registration of Veterinary Technicians

The rule hearing concluded with no comments from the public.

Open Session

Dr. Davis established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Dr. Bohn made a motion; Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following rules:

1. Rule 700-7-.03 Continuing Veterinary Education
2. Rule 700-7-.04 Veterinary Technician Continuing Education
3. Rule 700-6-.01 Applications for Registration of Veterinary Technicians

Dr. Davis welcomed the new Executive Director, Tanja D. Battle, and acknowledged visitors.

Approval of minutes from the April 4, 2012 and April 26, 2012 Board meetings

Dr. Malphus made a motion to approve minutes with amendments. Dr. Corry seconded and Board voted in favor of the motion.

License to Ratify

Dr. Sundstrom made a motion to ratify the list of licenses issued since the last Board meeting; Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence from Susan Rehm from the AAVSB Bylaws Committee and the Board of Directors. Dr. Malphus discussed amendments that are up for a vote at the annual meeting in Seattle on September 15, 2012. Dr. Malphus provided clarification on three amendments addressing the inclusion of *Board Counsel* to the Affiliate Member definition, the designation of terms for a candidate elected to the Board of Directors based on the candidate's status on the Member Board and the adding of term information for the offices of Immediate Past President, President and President-Elect.

Discussion-Does Canine rehabilitation, when performed by a Vet Technician, need to be under direct or indirect supervision? Discussion ensued regarding this matter and concluded with Dr. Bohn offering to gain input on rehabilitation definitions to present to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Amend Board Policy-Reinstatement/Reactivation Policy for Veterinarians.

Dr. Malphus made a motion to approve the amendment to the policy; Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence from Anji Reddy Bodana, DVM requesting lifting of probation from Second Order Amending Final Decision and Order, Docket Number 2009-0366. The Board discussed Dr. Bodana's request. Dr. Malphus made a motion to table the matter; Mr. Smith seconded and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

Executive Director's Open Session-Tanja D. Battle

Ms. Battle presented House Bill 409 which included changes to the Veterinary Practice Act as information. Ms. Battle was seeking guidance regarding what, if any, processing changes needed to occur as a result of changes in the legislation. Current processing did appear to align with the changes.

Miscellaneous-

- Ms. Choder raised the topic of medical records and asked the Board's consideration regarding promulgating a rule that would make it so records belonged to the clinic. She further asked for clarification as to what happens to the records when a clinic closes and whether or not the public can get access to such. Discussion ensued amongst the Board members regarding possibly amending Rule 700-8-.01 for posting at the next meeting.
- Mr. Piper raised the top of CE approval for LEAP courses. Dr. Malphus iterated that blanket approval does not apply to LEAP because such is relative to Georgia and would require individual approval.

Dr. Malphus made a motion, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) to review complaints. Voting in favor of the motion were the members present: Dr. Edsel Davis, Dr. Larry Corry, Dr. Beckey Malphus, DVM, Dr. John Sundstrom, Dr. Henry Bohn, and Mr. Jeff Smith

Executive Session

The Board members discussed the following:

Applications:

1. K.P.D. Vet Reinstatement Application
2. N.C.N. Vet Applicant
3. S.A.S.- Vet Applicant

Report – Ms. Amelia Baker

- Ms. Baker gave the Board an update on the cases in her office.

Investigative Committee report – Drs. Davis and Malphus

VET110087
VET120034
VET120047
VET120053
VET120058
VET120065
VET120066
VET120067
VET120068
VET120069
VET120071
VET120074
VET120075
VET120078
VET120081
VET120082

Investigative Interviews:

VET100070
VET110014
VET004914

Executive Session Concluded with no votes being taken. Dr. Davis declared Open Session.

Open Session

Dr. Davis declared the Board back into Open Session. Dr. Corry made a motion to approve all recommendations based on discussion in Executive Session as follows:

1. K.P.D. Vet Reinstatement Application –Communicate with applicant regarding Board various competency exams. The Board will consider application once applicant has taken and passed the NAVLE or passes a combination of a QE and CPE.

2. N.C.N. Vet Applicant-Communicate with applicant regarding the submission of a rule waiver
 3. S.A.S.- Vet Applicant-Schedule for an interview.
- VET120046 –S.N. – Refer to AG’s office for Summary Suspension if licensee fails to comply with Board’s requirement.

Dr. Sunstrom seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

Dr. Corry made a motion to approval all the recommendations based on discussions regarding investigative cases in Executive Sessions as follows:

- VET110087-Schedule for investigative interview.
- VET120034-Schedule for investigative interview.
- VET120047-Close with letter of concern.
- VET120053-Tabled for additional information.
- VET120058-Schedule a peer review.
- VET120065-Close with a letter of concern.
- VET120066- Schedule for investigative interview.
- VET120067-Close with no action.
- VET120068-Close with letter of concern.
- VET120069-Close with no action.
- VET120071-Tabled for review of x-rays and medical records of follow-surgeon.
- VET120074-Close with no action.
- VET120075-Close upon receipt of proof of additional hours of CE.
- VET120078-Close with no violation.
- VET120081-Close with letter of concern.
- VET120082-Close with no violation.

Investigative Interviews:

- VET100070-Refer to AG for disciplinary action.
- VET110014-Close with no action.
- VET004914-Refer to AG for disciplinary action.

Dr. Bohn seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director