

**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
INFORMAL CONFERENCE
AUGUST 9, 2007
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
RICHMOND, VA**

CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Debell, DVM – Chair
Henry McKelvin, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Cynthia Gaines, Administrative Proceedings Division
Susan Beasecker, Compliance

OTHERS PRESENT: Mildred Marshall
Rhonda Marshall
Laurie Morris
Joe Bryant
Veronica Bryant

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Mitzi D. Elliott, DVM**
License No.: 0301200305
Case Nos.: 105564,106126, 107072, 109081, 111269
& 107425

DISCUSSION: Dr. Elliott did not appear before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated June 19, 2007 and was not represented by counsel. Because Dr. Elliott was properly noticed and the notice was received, as indicated by signature on a certified mail receipt, and the Board office had not received any communication from Dr. Elliott, the Committee proceeded with the hearing in her absence. The complainants in attendance were each given a chance to speak regarding their complaint.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. McKelvin, the Special Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Mitzi D. Elliott, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Cynthia Gaines, Senior Adjudication Analyst, Administrative Proceedings Division, and Terri Behr, Operations Manager, Board of Veterinary Medicine,

attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Based on the Investigative Reports and discussion of the cases with the complainants, the Committee referred the cases to a Formal Hearing before the full Board of Veterinary Medicine. The hearing was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

James W. DeBell, DVM

Elizabeth C. Young, Executive Director
for the Board

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CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry McKelvin, DVM - Chair
John Wise, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Mykl Egan, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Daniella J. Schutzengel, DVM**
License No.: 0301002497
Case No.: 111302

DISCUSSION: Dr. Schutzengel appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated June 19, 2007. Dr. Schutzengel was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Schutzengel.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Wise, the Special Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Daniella J. Schutzengel, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Mykl Egan, Administrative Proceedings Division, and Terri Behr, Operations Manager, Board of Veterinary Medicine, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Based on the Inspection Report and discussion of the case with Dr. Schutzengel, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and ordered that Dr. Schutzengel's practice be subject to one unannounced inspection within 12 months with

payment of the \$200 inspection fee. The hearing adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such Order on Dr Schutzengel unless a written request to the Board for a Formal Hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Dr. Schutzengel within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

Henry McKelvin, DVM

Elizabeth C. Young, Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: James DeBell, DVM – Chair
George Siemering, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Administrative Specialist
Mykl Egan, Administrative Proceedings Division
Susan Beasecker, Compliance

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Ayman A. Salem, DVM**
License #: 0301211313
Case Nos.: 109210, 110023 & 113145

DISCUSSION: Dr. Salem appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated July 5, 2007. Dr. Salem was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Salem.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Siemering, the Special Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Ayman A. Salem, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Mykl Egan, Senior Adjudication Analyst, Administrative Proceedings Division and Terri Behr, Operations Manager, Board of Veterinary Medicine attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Based on the Investigative Report and discussion of the case with Dr. Salem, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issued Dr. Salem a reprimand and placed his license on

indefinite probation with terms and condition. The Committee also levied a \$5000 monetary penalty. The hearing was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such Order on Dr. Salem unless a written request to the Board for a Formal Hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Salem within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

James W. DeBell, DVM

Elizabeth C. Young, Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 4:23 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jana Froeling, DVM - Chair
George Siemering, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Administrative Specialist
Mykl Egan, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Wynne A. Digrassie, DVM**
License #: 0301006898
Case No.: 110084

DISCUSSION: Dr. Digrassie appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated July 9, 2007. Dr. Digrassie was represented by counsel, Thomas Dixon. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Digrassie.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Siemering, the Special Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Wynne A. Digrassie, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Mykl Egan, Senior Adjudication Analyst, Administrative Proceedings Division and Terri Behr, Operations Manager, Board of Veterinary Medicine attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Based on the Investigative Report and discussion of the case with Dr. Digrassie, the Committee dismissed the case. The hearing was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Jana Froeling, DVM

Elizabeth C. Young, Executive Director

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Henry McKelvin, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Administrative Specialist
Mykl Egan, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED: **George M. Belbey, DVM**
License #: 0301006196
Case No.: 107062

DISCUSSION: Dr. Belbey appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated July 9, 2007. Dr. Belbey was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Belbey.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. McKelvin, the Special Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **George M. Belbey, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Mykl Egan, Senior Adjudication Analyst, Administrative Proceedings Division and Terri Behr, Operations Manager, Board of Veterinary Medicine attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Based on the Investigative Report and discussion of the case with Dr. Belbey, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, but imposed no sanction on the license of Dr. Belbey. The hearing was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

George H. Siemering, DVM

Elizabeth C. Young, Executive Director