

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
MINUTES
REGULATORY/LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
HENRICO, VA
MAY 22, 2013**

- TIME AND PLACE:** The Regulatory/Legislative Review Committee (Committee) meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Hearing Room 6, Henrico, Virginia.
- COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kelly Gottschalk, DVM - Chair
Mark Johnson, DVM
Taryn Singleton, LVT
- STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie Knachel, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Brandy Gasparotto, Administrative Assistant
Elaine Yeatts, Sr. Policy Analyst
- OTHERS PRESENT:** James DeBell, DVM
Susan Seward, Virginia Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA)
Robin Schmitz, VVMA
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On properly seconded motion by Ms. Singleton, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2013, as presented.
- DISCUSSION ITEMS:** **LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**
Ms. Yeatts presented three legislative actions for consideration:
- Repeal §54.1-3805.1 as it is no longer needed. The Board no longer requires applicants to take the State Board Examination which was only given three times a year.
 - Repeal §54.1-3809 as possible criminal violations are covered in §54.1-111. As currently written, it is conceivable that a licensee could be charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor for minor violations such as not obtaining continuing education (CE) hours.
 - Amend §54.1-3801(2) by deleting “to attend a case” and adding “with

veterinarians licensed” to clarify that a veterinarian may not practice in Virginia without a license unless consulting with another veterinarian.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Johnson, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the full Board that the three proposed legislative actions be approved as presented.

FACILITY REGULATIONS

Ms. Knachel stated that the recent update of the inspection process revealed some possible areas in the facility regulations that may need to be changed. The Committee discussed whether the current designations of full-service and restricted permits needed to be expanded. The Committee took no action in this area, but asked to have it added to the agenda for a future meeting.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Ms. Knachel stated that the Board had recently updated this section of the regulations. The Committee did not identify any further updates.

CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS:

Ms. Knachel presented a chart compiled by the American Association of State Boards of Veterinary Medicine on CE requirements for its member boards. The Board discussed whether the Committee should recommend requiring additional CE hours and accepting a specified amount of practice management hours.

The Committee accepted comment from Ms. Schmitz regarding a request from the VVMA to consider accepting disaster preparedness and USDA accreditation courses to meet CE requirements. The Committee agreed that the current regulatory language allows for the Board to accept disaster preparedness, accreditation and communication related to strengthening the veterinarian-client-patient-relationship courses as meeting the CE requirements. The Committee requested that Ms. Knachel update Guidance

Document 150-11 to clarify the acceptance of the discussed CE topics for the next meeting.

Ms. Knachel suggested that the Committee may want to consider a change to the regulations that would allow licensees to carryover a limited number of CE hours from the previous year. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

GENERAL COMMENTS

The Committee discussed the following topics:

- Acupuncture and chiropractic care by non-veterinarians
- Delegation of Duties
 - Clarification of “prepping for surgery” under delegation of duties
 - Definition of “immediate and direct supervision”
 - Limitations of 36 hours for delegation of duties by veterinarian to LVTs
- Consideration of whether LVTs may suturing gum tissue

The Committee requested that Ms. Knachel prepare a draft guidance document clarifying “prepping for surgery” under delegation of duties. The other topics will be further discussed at a future meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Kelly Gottschalk DVM – Chair

Leslie L. Knachel, MPH, - Executive Director