

**UNAPPROVED DRAFT**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**MINUTES OF FULL BOARD**  
**HOTEL ROANOKE AND CONFERENCE CENTER**  
**ROANOKE, VA**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2006**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A quorum of the Board of Veterinary Medicine was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, Roanoke, VA
- PRESIDING OFFICER:** John T. Wise, DVM, President
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Henry McKelvin, DVM  
Rebecca Lakie, LVT  
George Siemering, DVM  
Jana Froeling, DVM  
James DeBell, DVM
- STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D.  
Terri Behr, Administrative Assistant  
Emily Wingfield, Assistant Attorney General
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Bill Schultze, Va. Equine Dental Technicians Assoc.  
Kris Keane, LVT, Va. Assoc. of Licensed Veterinary Technicians  
Donovan Dagner, Va. Assoc. of Equine Practitioners
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bill Schultze of VEDTA spoke regarding legislation that his group has proposed, which is HB644. He stated that his group is working on the wording of this document with the veterinary community in Virginia to arrive at proper wording. He stated that they are willing to pull or table this bill until next year contingent upon receiving a Guidance Document from the Board to allow lay equine dentists to use motorized tools under the supervision and concurrence of a Virginia licensed veterinarian.
- Dr. Donovan Dagner, an equine practitioner in Charlottesville, stated that he believes the wording of HB644 is too loose and they requested that it be tabled to allow more discussion with the Ad Hoc Committee on Equine Dentistry.

Dr. Wise thanked Mr. Schultze and Dr. Dagner for their comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Siemering, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes, as presented, of the meetings of October 20, 2005, November 9, 2005, November 10, 2005 and January 19, 2006.

**REVIEW OF LEGISLATION BEING TRACKED BY DHP:**

Dr. Carter discussed the bills being tracked by DHP. She stated that most of the legislation was not germane to the veterinary board, but provided mostly for informational purposes.

**AAVSB PROPOSAL:**

The Board discussed a proposal from the American Assoc. of Veterinary State Boards, made to all state boards, to establish nationwide standards for the regulation of veterinary technicians. The Board stated that Virginia is already in the forefront in the regulation of veterinary technicians and that the standards proposed by AAVSB appear to be lower than ours. The Board will continue to monitor the development of AAVSB's standards, but does not intend to lower Virginia's existing standard.

**BOARD DISCUSSIONS:**

**Guidance Document on recordkeeping:**

The Board discussed a draft Guidance Document prepared by Inspector, Marta Ishmael. Ms. Wingfield advised the Board to look at the bulleted items in the document and determine if that is the information they would like in the Guidance Document.

Dr. Wise appointed an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Drs. DeBell and Siemering to work on the Guidance Document for finalization at the next Board meeting on May 24, 2006.

**Duties of Veterinarian-in-Charge:**

Dr. Siemering brought this item to the agenda for two reasons. He stated that the first deals with complaints being filed against the Veterinarian-in-Charge (VIC) of the veterinary teaching hospital because the clinicians involved in the actual treatment were not, and do not need to be, licensed. The second issue involved VIC's at large, multi doctor practices being held

responsible for treatment rendered by other veterinarians at that hospital. In both of these situations, the VIC had nothing whatsoever to do with the treatment or care of the animal in question. The Board will address this issue during its regulatory review process and may want the Legislative/Regulatory Committee to address proposing legislation to change the exemption statute for clinicians at the teaching hospital.

**Collaborative Practice:**

The Board discussed a letter from Jonathan Rudinger, President of the International Assoc. of Animal Massage and Bodywork regarding the policy of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine in regards to lay persons performing massage therapy on animals. The Board's continued policy remains that massage, as well as other collaborative practices, may be performed by an unlicensed person as long as it is under the prescription, direction and supervision of a Virginia licensed veterinarian.

**Memo from Inspector Marta Ishmael:**

The Board discussed a memo from Ms. Ishmael regarding an opening inspection she conducted at North Oatlands Animal Hospital in Leesburg, VA. She stated that the surgery suite is combined with the scrub area, with only one entrance into both areas. The Board directed that Dr. Rickard will have to place a door on the surgery suite, separating it from the scrub area.

**Memo from Inspector Marta Ishmael:**

The Board discussed a memo from Ms. Ishmael regarding an opening inspection of a mobile vehicle complete with surgery suite. She stated that the portable min-x-ray is mounted to the wall in the surgical suite and access to the dark room is thru the surgery suite. The Board directed that Dr. Price needs to remove the x-ray unit from the surgery suite and that the dark room cannot be used if the access is thru the surgery suite.

**Update of FAQ's on website:**

The Board directed that a link be placed on the FAQ's to the Guidance Documents and to the

Board of Pharmacy document on the new prescription pad requirements.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Dr. Wise set the date for the next Ad Hoc Committee on Lay Equine Dentistry to meet on April 5, 2006 in Richmond and if needed, a second date of May 3, 2006 in Richmond.

Dr. Wise appointed a Legislative/Regulatory Committee consisting of Drs. Siemering and DeBell and Rebecca Lakie. No date for the first meeting was set. Items to be discussed by this committee will include proposing statutory changes regarding the exemption from licensure by university employees and alternative therapies.

The Board agreed that any Orders requiring CE on medical recordkeeping must be one on one courses.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Dr. Carter reported that the cash balance was still high for this Board even with the reduction in fees for the renewal just completed. She reported that the disciplinary caseload has increased by 25%, requiring more money, so this may alleviate the need to reduce fees again this year.

Dr. Carter reported on the Board statistics and just updated the Board as to numbers of licensees, numbers of cases, etc.

Dr. Carter reported that the newsletter has been approved by Mr. Nebiker and is now ready to be disseminated.

Dr. Carter reported that it is time to begin the Board's periodic regulatory review and that Ms. Yeatts will have the notice at the next Board meeting for approval.

**BROCHURE FOR INFORMAL CONFERENCES:**

Dr. Wise shared the new brochure, created by the Board of Health Professions, that will be sent to all respondents and complainants when noticed for Informal Conferences. The brochure explains the Informal process and has been approved by the Board of Health Professions for posting on its website.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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John T. Wise, DVM, President

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Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director