

UNAPPROVED DRAFT
VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 7, 2007

TIME AND PLACE: The Legislative/Regulatory Review Committee meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, Roanoke, VA.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: George Siemering- Chair
James DeBell, DVM
Rebecca Lakie, LVT

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth C. Young, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Administrative Assistant
Jack Kotvas, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Jana Froeling, DVM
John Wise, DVM
Henry McKelvin, DVM
Lauren Keating, DVM
Kelly Gottschalk, DVM
Taryn Singleton, LVT

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kelly Gottschalk, DVM, representing the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association, stated that the VVMA supports the position of the Virginia Association of Licensed Veterinary Technicians in regards to previously submitted concerns, with one exception. The VVMA does not agree with increasing the length of time a veterinarian can be out of contact with a patient to 60 hours. She stated that although the VVMA believes that the LVT's are competent and trustworthy, that 60 hours is an unreasonably long period of time for the doctor not to have seen the patient. Dr. Gottschalk stated that the VVMA would like to see the Committee consider allowing some portion of the 15 hours of required continuing education to be obtained in practice management or non-scientific issues. Dr. Gottschalk stated that most states allow some practice management. Dr. Gottschalk stated that the VVMA would also like the Board to consider allowing

microchipping in a non-licensed facility in emergency situations such as Hurricane Katrina, but still must be inserted by a licensed veterinarian. Dr. Siemering asked Dr. Gottschalk to have the VVMA draft some language for the Board's consideration.

Taryn Singleton, representing the Va. Assoc of Licensed Veterinary Technicians, stated that the association suggested changing the hours to 60 so that, for one example, when boarding a diabetic cat, that the doctor could examine it and the technicians could still treat its diabetes while it is there without the doctor having to see it again in 36 hours.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Lakie, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2007 as presented.

REGULATORY REVIEW:

Dr. Siemering stated that at this meeting, the Committee would finalize its list of items to be considered during this periodic regulatory review. Ms. Young stated that Ms. Yeatts suggested that the Committee revisit the Guidance Documents for further revisions. Further items to be added to the list include:

- A request from the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) to accept CVMA accredited schools as meeting the requirements for licensure for veterinary technicians.
- **150-20-10** – revisit definitions for preceptorship/externship, immediate and direct supervision, surgery, add new definition of invasive
- **150-20-15** – need to look at who to delegate as the agency subordinate
- **150-20-30** – use draft guidance document submitted by Inspector Ishmael to further define and discuss the appropriate method for mobile and relief veterinarians to display their permits
- **150-20-70** – add that licensees have a responsibility to renew their licensees before expiration whether their renewal notices are received or not, add OSHA

and practice management courses under “1”, change wording under “k” to reflect the AAVSB’s RACE program

- **150-20-110** – A(1) add PAVE
- **150-20-115** – add CVMA for veterinary technician programs
- **150-20-120** – separate language for veterinarians and veterinary technicians for clarity
- **150-20-130** – find discussions in previous minutes regarding preceptorships, under A(3) add that technician preceptees cannot administer rabies injections
- **150-20-140** – add veterinary technicians to #2 and that the veterinarian is responsible for ensuring that staff is adequately trained for the duties that are being delegated and is responsible, add that a license can be suspended or denied if questions on the applications are answered untruthfully, under #11 add unlicensed assistant, research title protection for LVT’s and hospitals referring to unlicensed assistants as technicians, nurse, or any derivative of those titles
- **150-20-172** – clarify A and B
- **New section 150-20-173** – all alternative medicines, such as massage, physical therapy, acupuncture, chiropractic, but not limited to these, must be under the direct supervision and prescription of a veterinarian
- **150-20-181** – A(3) should be amended to allow the VIC to delegate to another licensee to perform the biennial inventory sign it
- **150-20-190** – address working stock

The next meeting will take place on March 8, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

George Siemering, DVM - Chair

Elizabeth C. Young - Executive Director