

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, March 27, 2015**

At 8:00 a.m., President Kim D. Gemeinhardt, D.V.M. called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. In attendance were the following Board members: Drs. William K. Dean, Dwight E. Cochran, Susan K. Bull, and Jane A. Barber; and Jonathan S. Loftis, R.V.T. Also present were Board Attorneys, Mr. George Hearn and Mr. Lee Craven. Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey was present as well.

Dr. Gemeinhardt reviewed with the Board the Governor's and the North Carolina Board of Ethics' statement on recognizing and avoiding conflicts of interest. She also reviewed G.S. § 90-179 of the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act.

On motion by Dr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Loftis, the minutes for the January 23, 2015, Board meeting were approved.

At 8:07 a.m., Joseph P. Jordan, PhD., Clinical Director of the N.C. Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP), joined the meeting. Dr. Jordan presented an update of the status of the NCVHP since the last Board

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meeting. Dr. Jordan was asked by the Board to give a presentation of a mock case at a future meeting.

Dr. Cochran made a motion to approve the contract for 2015 between NCVHP and the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Loftis. Motion was approved with the understanding of potential amendments in the future.

Dr. Jordan left the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

Dr. Gemeinhardt explained that George Hearn is the only representative of the Board that is a Rule Making Coordinator with the North Carolina Rules Review Commission. Dr. Bull made a motion to have the Executive Director added as a second Rule Making Coordinator. Mr. Loftis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:15 a.m., the Board recessed for a break and reconvened at 9:27 a.m.

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Dr. Cochran made a motion to approve additional items to the agenda.

Mr. Loftis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:33 a.m. the Board Investigator gave a report of the activities since the last meeting.

Mr. Hearn reported that the North Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners would like to meet to discuss some issues including minimum education standards.

At 11:15 a.m., the Board recessed for a break and reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

The Executive Director reported on operational and administrative activities of the Board since the last Board meeting. He distributed a financial report which the Board reviewed and discussed.

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At 11:55 a.m., Dr. Cochran discussed animal shelters. Dr. Patricia Norris has changed the application form for shelters to identify who is going to do surgery and veterinary care.

At 12:00 p.m. the Board adjourned for lunch and resumed the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Barber revisited the job description for the “Deputy Director” position. Will be discussed at next meeting.

Pursuant to G.S. § 90-143-318.11(a)(3) a motion was made to go into closed session for discussion of Simplified Employer Pension Individual Retirement Account Contribution by Dr. Cochran and seconded by Dr. Bull at 1:11 p.m.

1:23 p.m. reconvened from closed session.

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Mr. Loftis made a motion to pursue rule-making to increase Corporation Fees from \$150 to \$160. Dr. Cochran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Guidelines for Disciplinary Punishment was tabled.

Dr. Barber has drafted two versions of a letter to State Representatives. Decision by Board to use the shorter version as a guide to send by Board members to their State Representatives.

Discussion about the new FDA rules concerning new animal drugs and new animal drug combination products and if the NCVMB was in compliance.

Dr. Mary K. Bell requested a continuing education extension longer than 60 days. Dr. Bull motioned to grant a 6-month extension to complete the 2014 continuing education hours which would be until June 30, 2015. Seconded by Dr. Cochran. Motion passed unanimously.

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At 2:30 p.m. Dr. Gemeinhardt appointed a nominating committee for 2015-2016 Officers. Dr. Barber is chair, Dr. Bull, and Dr. Meckes.

Dr. Bull discussed the issue of some Mobile Veterinary practices not observing having written agreements for hospital, radiation, and emergency services.

At 3:07 p.m. the Board took a break, reconvening at 3:14 p.m.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

2014047-1 **Melissa Lynn Bame Massey, DVM** – (Alamance Animal Emergency Hospital) – Ms. Sherry Boswell & Mr. Kelly Jenkins – Letter of Reprimand with \$5,000 civil monetary penalty

2014050-1 **Brian Trumpatori, DVM; Laurel Williams, DVM; Scott M. Wells, DVM** (VSH-of the Carolinas) – Trish & Mike Oliva – Continued

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Motion made to accept Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1
by Dr. Cochran and seconded by Mr. Loftis. Motion passed.

Dr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Loftis made a motion to accept the
monetary penalty of \$5,000 on complaint 2014047-1. Motion passed
unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 2

2014002-2 **Courtney Lynn Barnes (Gray), RVT** – (Healthy Paws
Animal Hospital of Brier Creek & Wake Forest) – Dr.

Dawn Lanza – Continued

2014011-2 **Jordan Quinn Jaeger, DVM** – (North Wake Animal
Hospital) – Dr. Justin Church – Continued

2014016-2 **Jordan Quinn Jaeger, DVM** – (North Wake Animal
Hospital) – Mr. Glenn Voisine – Continued

2014037-2 **Paula Kay Bullock, DVM** – (Affordable Animal Care
Spay Neuter Clinic) – Mr. Blake Barrington – Continued

2014049-2 **Robert W. Ridgeway, DVM** (The Pet Hospital of New
Bern) – NCVMB – Continued

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2014026-2 **Paula Kay Bullock, DVM** (Affordable Animal Care
Spay Neuter Clinic) – Ms. Shelley Parisi Reaves –
Continued

2014021-2 **Scott Markston Wells, DVM; Brian Trumpatori,
DVM; Kari Miller, DVM** (VSH of the Carolinas, Cary)
– Ms. Natalie Savieo – Re-evaluate - Continued

2014053-2 **Paula Kay Bullock, DVM** (Affordable Animal Care
Spay Neuter Clinic) – Ms. Elizabeth Hathaway –
Continued

Dr. Cochran motioned to move complaint 2014021-2 back to the
committee for reconsideration, seconded by Mr. Loftis. Motion passed.

Mr. Loftis made a motion to accept the report of Committee on
Investigations No. 2. Dr. Bull seconded the motion. The motion passed
unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 3

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2014043-3 **Jack V. Hill, DVM** (Gray's Creek Animal Hospital) and
Rachel Lane Hathorn, DVM (Animal Hospital of
Fayetteville) – Ms. Christine Madison – No probable
cause

2014051-3 **Dhanvanthari Emmadi, DVM** (Valley Animal Clinic) –
Ms. Loretta Jeffers – Letter of Reprimand

Dr. Bull made a motion to accept the Report of Committee on
Investigations No. 3. Dr. Cochran seconded the motion. The motion was
approved.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 7

2014013-7 **Charles T. Steinman, DVM** – (Salisbury Animal
Hospital) – Ms. Yvonne Welton – Reconsidered - Letter
of Reprimand with \$4,000 civil monetary fine.

Dr. Bull made a motion to accept the modified Report of Committee
on Investigations No. 7. Dr. Barber seconded the motion. The motion
passed unanimously.

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Dr. Barber motioned to accept monetary penalty of \$4,000 on complaint 2014013-7, seconded by Dr. Dean. The motion was approved.

Mr. Loftis made a motion to approve the expenses for the Board Meeting, seconded by Dr. Cochran. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board, having no further business, upon motion of Dr. Cochran, seconded by Dr. Barber, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director