

KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

Wednesday, November 4th 2020

Board Meeting and Conference Call

Wamego, KS

This meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners was called to order at 10:20 A.M. by Board President Sheila Dodson. Board Members participating in person in Wamego were: Dr. Dodson, Dr. Ritter, Dr. Snyder and Dr. Flowers. Others attending in person were staff members, Dr. Jody Johnson, Konrad Coe and Audi Westgate. Board Members on the conference call line were: Dr. Sandler and Mr. Allen. Others present on the conference call were General Counsel Charles Macheers; Megan Kilgore with the KVMA and Mary Berg with the KVTA; and staff member Matthew Provencher. Dr. Beth Covington was absent at the start of the meeting.

Dr. Dodson opened the meeting by reading the script for an Open Meeting under the Disaster Declaration (see attachment #1). Dr. Ritter moved we adopt the agenda as submitted. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. The agenda was adopted by unanimous vote.

Megan Kilgore from the KVMA thanked the Board for inviting her to attend the meeting by conference call. She indicated the list of practices given to her by Ms. Westgate was extremely helpful to the Kansas Rural Practice Initiative. She announced that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has determined that veterinarians are one of the first groups to be able to obtain the Coronavirus Vaccine when it becomes available. They will be included in the second group right after the direct health care workers. The KVMA is developing an app that can be downloaded to cell phones which would send out immediate notifications to KVMA members. Three Town Hall meetings and a virtual KVMA meeting are in the planning stages.

Mary Berg from the KVTA thanked the Board for inviting her to attend the meeting by conference call. The KVTA has just finished their elections and after January 1, there will be new Board members for that organization. Mary will be continuing as President. A three state conference for technicians is being planned for November 14 and 15 with Colorado and Utah VTA's. The theme will be "Care and Management of Senior Pets". It will include hospice care.

Dr. Covington joined the meeting at 10:30 A.M. via conference line.

Dr. Snyder moved the minutes of the February 27th, meeting be approved. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Dr. Flowers moved the minutes of the May 22nd conference call be amended by adding the time of adjournment of 8:30 A.M. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

Dr. Snyder moved the October 1st minutes be approved. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Dr. Dodson reviewed the details concerning the contract with the Attorney General's Office for general counsel and litigation counsel for the two new board members. The last response Dr. Dodson had received from Mr. Chanay was that the contract would not be renewed for Fiscal Year 2021. He did propose that the Board consider a contract with the Attorney General's office for Fiscal Year '22. Dr. Dodson suggested a small committee be authorized to make decisions regarding legal counsel for FY'21. Dr. Flowers moved a committee composed of Mr. Allen, Dr. Dodson, and Dr. Johnson be authorized to find legal counsel as well as litigation counsel. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Mr. Allen voted yes, Dr. Covington voted yes, Dr. Dodson voted yes, Dr. Flowers voted yes, Dr. Ritter voted yes, Dr. Sandler voted yes, and Dr. Snyder voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

A review of the previously passed Operating Managing Doctor (OMDR) language was presented as well as the three previously approved regulations for the Veterinary Technicians. Dr. Snyder moved and Dr. Ritter seconded the motion that these be presented as additions to the regulations.

Dr. Johnson discussed a proposed change in procedure as several state boards are not sending out letters of verification of licensure. They are suggesting the veterinarian print off the documents from their websites and send them to other state boards as the verification. If the veterinarian uses the VAULT or VAULT Premium program to send their NAVLE scores and listing of state licensure(s) held, then AAVSB does verify any discipline or will state if no discipline is found. Dr. Flowers moved we accept the verification of licensure done by AAVSB. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was amended to require the veterinarian to go through VAULT or VAULT Premium at their own expense. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion as amended, the motion was passed unanimously.

Audi then discussed her findings on the cost of a veterinary application in the neighboring states. Nebraska's application is set at \$250 with other provisions made for those with low income, young worker (less than 26 years of age), or military. Oklahoma was \$150 for a new DVM (less than 5 years from graduation) and a reciprocity application was \$625. Missouri is \$200, with \$50 of this being a registration expense and reciprocity being \$150 or \$150 for an examination. Colorado is \$290 which is their fee for a license for 2 years. They do not offer reciprocity. Mr. Allen moved we take the legislative steps to raise the application fee for licensure from \$125 to \$175. Dr. Ritter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Allen voted yes, Dr. Covington voted yes, Dr. Dodson voted yes, Dr. Flowers voted no, Dr. Ritter voted yes, and Dr. Snyder voted yes. The motion passed with the one no vote.

Staff reports were given. Matthew Provencher discussed the reassignment of Probable Cause Committee members. Dr. Snyder will be on for 2 quarters. A new Board member will be assigned to each of the Probable Cause Committees. No Probable Cause Committees will meet

until we have litigation counsel hired. Due to the reassignment, Board members may be serving on multiple cases for a short period of time.

Konrad Coe indicated he had inspected 69 premises, had 1 OMDR change and inspected 2 new facilities since the last board meeting.

Audi Westgate reported there are 2,650 licensed veterinarians and 587 registered veterinary technicians. We have 37 veterinarians who have not renewed at this time. We have 17 applications for new registered technicians and 70 senior students who applied to Kansas to take the NAVLE. Dr. Dodson, Dr. Johnson, and Dr. Mark Olson will be giving the presentation to the third-year students on March 13th. Dr. Johnson and Audi will be giving the jurisprudence examination to the fourth-year students on March 6th with a backup date of March 20th.

Dr. Johnson reported on the Coronavirus Relief Fund money and how it was being spent. K.A.R 70-5-1 fees is ready to send to the Kansas Register for publication. There was a question on the policy of having two lists of veterinarians with one designated for newly licensed veterinarians on the KVBE website. These lists will be combined into one listing with a designation for those who have been licensed within the last 12 months. Dr. Johnson indicated she will work on resurrecting the previously approved OMDR regulations, veterinary technician regulations, and work on adding in the increase in veterinary license fee to \$175, and the addition of the telemedicine language to the regulations.

Dr. Ritter moved the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved at 12:08.

Signed Sheila M. Dodson Date 1/25/2021