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Administrator

Maine Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Minutes of January 21, 2015 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Law called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rebecca Myers Law, DVM, Chair  
Peter Davis, DVM, Vice Chair  
Nicholas Pesut, VMD, Complaint Officer  
Kathleen Chesley, Public Member  
Donald Hoenig, DVM

STAFF PRESENT

Geraldine Betts, Administrator  
Kelly McLaughlin, Senior Consumer Assistant Specialist  
Judith Peters, AAG, Board Attorney  
Jessica Gowell, Planning and Research Associate I  
James Liddell, Professional Licensing Supervisor

OLD BUSINESS

*Review and approval of the minutes of September 17, 2014*

In a motion by Pesut, seconded by Chesley, to accept the minutes of September 17, 2014, as presented. Motion carried, Davis and Hoenig abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

**Complaint Officer's Report**

*2012 VET 8561*

In a motion by Law, seconded by Hoenig to amend the consent agreement in the matter of 2012 VET 8561, to permit the licensee to voluntarily surrender the license, not to seek licensure in the future and be relieved of the probation. Motion carried, Complaint officer recused.

*2012 VET 9768*

In a motion by Pesut, seconded by Hoenig, to 1) issue a Letter of Guidance in the matter of 2012 VET 9768, regarding the use of drains, reserving the right to pursue if this matter goes to hearing, the Letter of Guidance is to remain on file for a period of ten (10) years, and 2) schedule

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2014 VET 9768 for an adjudicatory hearing and offer an amended consent agreement with the Licensee on behalf of the Board. The proposed terms of the amended consent agreement are: 1) Admission to 10 M.R.S. §8003 (5-A)(A)(5); and Board Rule Chapter 5, Section 2(E); 2) Reprimand; 3) Probation with record review for two (2) years, submitting quarterly reports which includes three (3) different surgical patients records, the first set of three (3) records is to be submitted at the time the licensee submits the signed Consent Agreement. All subsequent sets of medical records must be submitted no later than the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) of the month of each quarter and 4) Four (4) additional hours of continuing education in soft tissue surgery, above and beyond what is required for license renewal, to be completed within six (6) months of signing of the consent agreement with prior approval of the courses by the Board. If the proposed consent agreement is not accepted or renegotiated to the Board's satisfaction, then staff is authorized to set the matter for hearing. Motion carried, Complaint Officer recused, Davis abstained.

#### *2014 VET 10290*

In a motion by Law, seconded by Hoenig, to dismiss 2014 VET 10290 with a Letter of Guidance regarding the age at which hip dysplasia may be diagnosed in dogs. The Letter of Guidance is to remain on file for a period ten (10) years. Motion carried, Complaint Officer recused.

#### *2014 VET 10413*

In a motion by Law, seconded by Chesley, to dismiss 2014 VET 10413 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules. Motion carried, Complaint Officer recused.

#### *2014 VET 10613*

In a motion by Law, seconded by Davis, to dismiss 2014 VET 10613 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules. Motion carried, Complaint Officer recused.

#### *2014 VET 10632*

In a motion by Law, seconded by Davis, to dismiss 2014 VET 10632 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules. Motion carried, Complaint Officer recused.

#### *2014 VET 10635*

In a motion by Davis, seconded by Hoenig, to dismiss 2014 VET 10635 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules. Motion carried, Complaint Officer recused.

#### *2014 VET 10680*

In a motion by Law, seconded by Davis, to dismiss 2014 VET 10680 with a Letter of Guidance regarding the age at which hip dysplasia may be diagnosed in dogs. The Letter of Guidance is to remain on file for a period ten (10) years. Motion carried, Complaint Officer recused.

### **Election of Officers**

In a motion by Hoenig, seconded by Pesut, to nominate and elect Rebecca Myers Law as Chair; Peter Davis as Vice Chair and Nicholas Pesut as Complaint Officer. Motion carried.

### **Board Action on Renewal Applications**

*Christine Rombalski, TC10010496 (Reinstatement)*

In a motion by Pesut, seconded by Law, to accept staff's recommendation and issue a preliminary denial of the veterinary technician reinstatement application of Christine Rombalski, TC10010496, and offer a Consent Agreement to include: 1) Admission to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(7); 10 M.R.S. § 8003-G(2)(A) and 10 M.R.S. 8003(5-A)(A)(4); 2) Reprimand and 3) \$250.00 fine Motion carried.

*Karina Omark, VT1294 (Renewal)*

In a motion by Pesut, seconded by Davis, to accept staff's recommendation and issue a preliminary denial of the veterinarian renewal application of Karina Omark, VT1294, and offer a Consent Agreement to include: 1) Admission to Board Rules, Chapter 4(1) and 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(5); 2) Reprimand; 3) \$1,200.00 fine and 4) Completion of forty eight (48) hours of additional continuing education to be completed within six (6) months of the execution of the consent agreement which units shall be in addition to the units required for renewal. Motion carried.

**Program Administrator's Report**

No report.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Davis motioned to adjourn at 11:34 a.m., seconded by Chesley. Motion carried.