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**BIENNIAL REPORT OF EXAMINING AND LICENSING BOARDS**

(M.S. Section 214.07, Subd. 1)

**BOARD:** Veterinary Medicine

**LOCATION:** 2700 University Ave. W. #102  
St. Paul, MN 55114

**STAT. AUTHORITY:** Chapter 156

**REPORT PERIOD:** July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1994

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Board of Veterinary Medicine

**Clause (a): GENERAL STATEMENT OF BOARD ACTIVITIES**

**The Board of Veterinary Medicine is the licensing agency for veterinarians in Minnesota, established under Minn. Stat. 156 to ensure that veterinary practitioners meet and maintain competency standards.**

**The Board reviews all license applications, prepares and administers the State Board Examination, and administers the National Board Examination and Clinical Competency Test to qualified applicants. Consumer complaints are processed and investigated. When indicated, the Board inspects veterinary premises for sanitation, conducts disciplinary hearings and disciplines veterinarians found to be in violation of Minn. Stat. 156. The Board also develops, alters or amends rules governing the practice of veterinary medicine in Minnesota.**

**The Board sets fees to ensure recovery of the costs of its operation. Approximately 2800 licenses were renewed in FY 1994.**

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Clause b: TOTAL NUMBER MEETINGS HELD FY 93 8 FY94 11 FY93 AND 94 19

APPROXIMATE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS SPENT BY BOARD MEMBERS IN MEETINGS AND ON OTHER BOARD ACTIVITIES.

BOARD MEMBER'S NAME	MEETING	HOURS			OTHER ACTIVITIES	HOURS		
	TYPE	FY	FY	FY &	TYPE	FY	FY	FY &
Greg C. Abnet	Board Meeting	6	7	13	Exams, Seminars	4	23	27
A. J. Eckstein, DVM	Board Meeting	9	10	19	Exams, Board Pres. Mtg. Conferences, Seminars	60	69	129
Marion Fogarty	Board Meeting	3	-	3	Exams	8	-	8
Joseph Glenn, DVM	Board Meeting	9	10	19	Exams, Board Pres. Mtg. Conferences, Seminars, Complaint Comm.	35	71	106
Lynn Green	Board Meeting	3	7	10	Exams, Conference, Sem.	-	25	25
Ronald Kuecker, DVM	Board Meeting	9	10	19	Exams, Conferences, Sem	18	15	33
Alphonse Kunkel, DVM	Board Meeting	9	6	15	Exams, Conferences	20	18	38
Susan Poirot, DVM	Board Meeting	9	10	19	Conferences, Exams, Complaint Comm.	27	47	74
Frances O. Smith, DVM	Board Meeting	-	4	4	-	-	-	-

Clause c: THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF BOARD FUNDS

	FY 93	FY 94	FY'S 93 & 94
Total State Appropriations	108,000	108,000	216,000
Total Non-Dedicated Fee Receipts	135,000	139,000	274,000
Total Disbursements	120,000	146,000	266,000

COMMENTS (Optional)

Total disbursements figure includes Attorney General charges and Statewide Indirect Costs.

Discrepancy between total receipts and total disbursements is due to unpredictability of the number of cases which will require Attorney General services.

Clause d: LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS WHO SERVED DURING FY 93 AND FY 94

FOR EASY REFERENCE PLEASE GIVE:

(A) Number of Board members required by statute: 7.

(B) The statutory length of term: 4 years.

NAME & ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	GIVE BEGIN AND END DATE OF APPOINTMENT AND EACH RE-APPOINTMENT
Greg C. Abnet, LaCrescent	Public Member	2/26/92 - 1/96
A. J. Eckstein, New Ulm	Veterinarian	5/3/84 - 1/88 1/26/88 - 1/92 2/26/92 - 1/96
Marion Fogarty, Belle Plaine	Public Member	8/8/85 - 1/89 2/1/89 - 1/93
Joseph Glenn, Mound	Veterinarian	1/16/90 - 1/94 4/4/94 - 1/98
Lynn Green, Morgan	Public Member	4/17/93 - 1/97
Ronald Kuecker, Windom	Veterinarian	6/29/91 - 1/95
Alphonse Kunkel, Paynesville	Veterinarian	1/26/87 - 1/90 1/16/90 - 1/94
Susan Poirot, Farmington	Veterinarian	1/29/91 - 1/95
Frances Smith, Lonsdale	Veterinarian	4/4/94 - 1/98



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Clause (f) a brief summary of board rules proposed or adopted during the reporting period with appropriate citations to the State Register and published rules

Additional rules relating to licensure and practice were proposed and published in State Register Volume 17, Number 9, pages 1155-1162, November 9, 1992. The Board permanently adopted the proposed rules as published in State Register Volume 17, Number 35, page 2106, March 1, 1993. The rules are published in Chapter 9100 of Minnesota Rules.







**Clause (i) (j) (k)** the number of persons examined by the board, licensed by the board after examination, and not licensed by the board after examination with the persons subdivided into groups showing age categories, sex, and states of residency

	NUMBER EXAMINED		NUMBER LICENSED		NUMBER NOT LICENSED	
	FY 93	FY 94	FY 93	FY 94	FY 93	FY 94
<b>AGE</b>						
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-25	26	25	26	35	1	2
26-34	100	89	99	88	2	3
35-59	13	23	13	25	0	1
Over 59	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<u>140</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

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	NUMBER EXAMINED		NUMBER LICENSED		NUMBER NOT LICENSED	
	FY 93	FY 94	FY 93	FY 94	FY 93	FY 94
<b>STATE</b>						
Alabama	1	1	0	1	1	0
Arizona	0	1	0	1	0	0
California	2	2	2	2	0	0
Canada	0	1	0	1	0	0
Colorado	2	1	2	1	0	0
Connecticut	0	1	0	1	0	0
Illinois	5	3	5	3	0	0
Iowa	7	14	6	16	1	0
Kansas	4	0	4	0	0	0

Clause (i) (j) (k) continued

	NUMBER EXAMINED		NUMBER LICENSED		NUMBER NOT LICENSED	
	FY 93	FY 94	FY 93	FY 94	FY 93	FY 94
Maine	1	0	1	0	0	0
Maryland	0	1	0	1	0	0
Massachusetts	0	1	0	1	0	0
Minnesota	84	88	82	84	2	4
Missouri	1	0	0	0	1	0
New Jersey	0	1	0	1	0	0
New York	4	2	4	2	0	0
North Dakota	4	0	4	0	0	0
Ohio	1	0	1	0	0	0
Oklahoma	1	1	1	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	2	1	2	1	0	0
South Dakota	5	5	5	5	0	0
Texas	1	0	1	0	0	0
Wisconsin	15	13	15	11	0	2
TOTAL:	140	137	136	131	4	6

Clause 1: THE NUMBER OF PERSONS NOT TAKING EXAMINATIONS WHO WERE LICENSED OR REGISTERED BY THE BOARD OR WHO WERE DENIED LICENSING OR REGISTRATION WITH THE REASONS FOR THE LICENSING OR REGISTRATION OR DENIAL THEREOF

	FY 93	FY 94	FY93/94
TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS <u>NOT</u> TAKING EXAMS AND GRANTED LICENSES OR REGISTRATION	0	0	0
TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS <u>NOT</u> TAKING EXAMS AND DENIED LICENSES OR REGISTRATION	0	0	0

FOR EACH PERSON GIVE:

Type of lic./Regis.;	State of Res.	AGE GROUP						SEX		* Method of Lic./Regis.	Grant Deny		** Reasons for Granting or Denial
		0-18	18-25	26-34	35-59	60-65	66-	M	F		Grant	Deny	

\* IDENTIFY METHOD: e.g. Application, Reciprocity, Endorsements, Credential Evaluation, Comity, etc.  
 \*\* REASONS FOR GRANTING OR DENIAL: Attach Additional Sheets if necessary.

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Clause m: PERSONS PREVIOUSLY LICENSED OR REGISTERED BY THE BOARD  
WHOSE LICENSES OR REGISTRATIONS WERE REVOKED, SUSPENDED  
OR OTHERWISE ALTERED IN STATUS, WITH BRIEF STATEMENTS OF  
THE REASONS FOR THE REVOCATION, SUSPENSION OR ALTERATION.

TOTAL number of revocations  
 TOTAL number of suspensions  
 TOTAL number of other status changes

FY 93	FY 94	FY's 93/94
0	0	0
0	0	0
101	76	177

TYPE OF LICENSE OR REGISTRATION (By case)	TYPE OF STATUS CHANGE			REASONS FOR EACH CHANGE IN STATUS FOR EACH CASE
	Revoked	Suspended	Other (Specify)	
Veterinarian			Probation	Conviction of a felony.
"			Stip. & Order	Poor record keeping, poor communication, failure to comply with previous stip. & order
"		X		Failure to renew license 25 in FY 93 18 in FY 94
"			Voluntary retirement of lic.	Incompetency
" "			Voluntary retirement of lic.	Chemical dependency
"			Licenses voluntarily retired	64 in FY 93 48 in FY 94
			Deceased	6 in FY 93 9 in FY 94

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Clause n: LIST THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, EACH BOARD MEMBER, EMPLOYEE OR OTHER PERSON PERFORMING SERVICES FOR THE BOARD

FY 93      26      Written  
                   No.  
                   0      Oral  
                   No.

FY 94      36      Written  
                   No.  
                   0      Oral  
                   No.

THAT ALLEGE OR IMPLY A VIOLATION OF A STATUTE OR RULE WHICH THE BOARD IS EMPOWERED TO ENFORCE. THESE TOTALS INCLUDE CASES REFERRED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STAFF WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO ASSIST YOUR BOARD.

N FY 93      0      Written  
                   No.  
                   0      Oral  
                   No.

N FY 94      0      Written  
                   No.  
                   0      Oral  
                   No.

WHICH ARE FORWARDED TO OTHER AGENCIES AS REQUIRED BY M.S. 214.10.

Please indicate the number of complaints referred to each other governmental agency (Federal, State, and Local) in each fiscal year:

Clause o: SUMMARIZE, BY SPECIFIC CATEGORY, THE SUBSTANCE OF THE COMPLAINTS AND COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED TO IN CLAUSE (n) OF M.S. 214.07 AND AND, FOR EACH SPECIFIC CATEGORY, THE RESPONSES OR DISPOSITIONS THEREOF PURSUANT TO M.S. 214.10 and 214.11 (INDICATE AUTHORITY/CITATIONS FOR DISPOSITION).

(Dispositions occurring during this period of complaints and communications received prior to July 1, 19 88 and complaints and communications received but not disposed of as of June 30, 19 88 should be included).

<p>SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY SPECIFIC CATEGORY (Give number in each specific category)</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF RESPONSES AND DISPOSITIONS FOR EACH SPECIFIC CATEGORY (Give number in each specific category)</p>
<p>35 complaints of incompetence or substandard practice</p>	<p>4 complaints (1 licensee) surrendered license; 7 complaints (2 licensees) awaiting A.G. investigation/hearing preparation; 1 stipulation &amp; order issued;  remainder dismissed or dismissed with warning letter</p>
<p>4 services provided in absence of veterinary-client-patient relationship</p>	<p>4 dismissed</p>
<p>4 unsanitary conditions</p>	<p>4 inspected by board staff/board member; corrective action observed on follow-up inspection</p>
<p>3 conviction of a felony</p>	<p>1 placed on probation 2 waiting complaint panel review</p>
<p>3 excessive treatment</p>	<p>3 (one licensee) warning letter issued</p>
<p>2 chemical dependency</p>	<p>1 surrender of license; 1 entered recovery program</p>
<p>2 practice without a license or unlicensed employee performing veterinary tasks</p>	<p>1 dismissed; 1 under investigation</p>
<p>2 inhumane treatment 2 failure to provide records 5 various allegations</p>	<p>2 (one licensee) under investigation 2 dismissed 5 dismissed</p>

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Clause p: STATE ANY OTHER OBJECTIVE INFORMATION WHICH THE BOARD MEMBERS BELIEVE WILL BE USEFUL IN REVIEWING BOARD ACTIVITIES:

(For Example: In what other states do your licensees hold licenses? Number of Minnesota licenses verified/certified to other states? Number of inspections? Comparisons with past Biennial Reports?)

There were 37 complaints received in FY 93 and 43 in FY 94, an increase over the 30 complaints received in FY 91 and the 33 complaints received in FY 92.

Eight inspections of veterinary facilities were made as a result of sanitation complaints received by the board.