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MINNESOTA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Biennial Report pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 214.07 Subdivision 1 for the period July 1, 1996 – June 30, 1998

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 Jurisprudence 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

b. Number of meetings and approximate total hours spent by board members on board activities

The board held four meetings during each year of the biennium; the Complaint Committee held twelve meetings. In addition, board members proctored examinations on four dates, spoke to university veterinary students and spent numerous hours in research and preparation for board and committee meetings. Board members spent approximately 600 hours on these activities.

c. Receipts and disbursements of board funds

	FY 1997	FY 1998
Receipts	\$303,000	\$301,000
Disbursements	\$251,000	\$257,000

d. Names of board members, addresses, occupations and dates of appointment to board

Mr. Greg C. Abnet, Farming 5645 CTH #6 La Crescent, MN 55947	Appointed 2/26/92
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Dr. Meg Glattly, Veterinarian 4165 Blackhawk Rd. Eagan, MN 55122	Appointed 2/21/98
Dr. Joseph Glenn, Veterinarian 3474 Lakeshore Dr. Chaska, MN 55318	Appointed 1/16/90
Ms. Lynn Green, Farming RR 2 Box 16 Morgan, MN 56266	Appointed 4/17/93
Dr. Wade Himes, Veterinarian Box 70, Highway 53 S. International Falls, MN 56679	Appointed 2/1/96
Dr. Ronald Kuecker, Veterinarian 884 Verona Windom, MN 56101	Appointed 6/29/91
Dr. Susan Poirot, Veterinarian 3478 209th St. Farmington, MN 55024	Appointed 6/29/91
Dr. Frances O. Smith, Veterinarian 5162 Union Lake Trail Lonsdale, MN 55046	Appointed 4/4/94

e. Names and job classifications of board employees

Dr. Roland Olson, Executive Director
Donna Carolus, Office Administrative Specialist Principal

f. Summary of board rules proposed or adopted during the reporting period

The board initiated and completed two rule changes. Rules were adopted in February, 1997, increasing biennial license fees. In March, 1998, a new rule establishing an inactive license category was adopted.

g. Number of persons having each type of license and registration issued by the board as of June 30, 1998

There were 2,658 licensed veterinarians as of June 30, 1998.

h. Locations and dates of exams administered by the board

Board examinations were administered at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine on December 10-11, 1996; April 8-9, 1997; December 9-10, 1997; and April 14-15, 1998.

i. Number of persons examined by the board

A total of 328 persons took one or more of the examinations administered by the board during the biennium.

j. Number of persons licensed by the board after taking examinations

A total of 201 persons were licensed during the biennium.

k. Number of persons not licensed after taking the examinations

Not available. Many candidates take the examinations for purposes such as transfer of scores for licensure in other states or to obtain entry into the foreign graduate certification program. Candidates also frequently retake one or more examinations to obtain higher scores.

l. Number of persons not taking examinations who were licensed or denied licenses

None

m. Number of persons previously licensed whose licenses were revoked, suspended, or altered, with reasons therefore

Two individuals had their licenses revoked, one for incompetence and one for chemical dependency. Four licenses were suspended, two of which were stayed. One suspension was for falsification of health certificates on livestock being shipped out of Minnesota; one suspension involved a licensee dispensing prescription drugs outside of a valid veterinary-client-patient relationship. One stayed suspension was for improper utilization of non-licensed employees and one stayed suspension was for chemical dependency. One licensee had restrictions placed on his license prohibiting the licensee from performing small animal surgery.

n. Number of written and oral complaints alleging a violation of statute or rule that were received and the number forwarded to other agencies

FY 1997 34 written complaints received; 2 forwarded to other agencies
(data not kept on oral complaints and inquiries that are not followed up in writing)

FY 1998 47 written complaints received, 1 forwarded to other agencies (data not kept on oral complaints and inquiries that are not followed up in writing)

o. Summary of the substance of complaints and dispositions thereof

The three primary causes for complaints being made to the board are, in descending order, allegations of incompetence, fraudulent, deceptive or illegal business practices and inappropriate personal conduct such as chemical dependency. In addition to the revocations/suspensions/ restrictions (a total of 7) detailed in paragraph **m**, six corrective action agreements were implemented between the board complaint committee and licensees. The remainder of the complaints were dismissed after investigation by board staff and/or the Attorney General's Office and review by the complaint committee.