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BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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BOVM Teleconference Minutes

MONDAY, May 5, 2014, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM MDT

On site attendees: Conference Room Lower Level 4, Idaho State Department of Agriculture Building, 2270 Old Penitentiary Rd, Boise ID 83712

Call-in number: (208) 332-8658

(Portions of this meeting may be held in Executive Session in accordance with Chapter 23, Title 67, Idaho Code.)

Teleconference was called to order at 3:03pm MDT by Board President John Coplin, DVM

In attendance by telephone:

In attendance in person:

1. John R Coplin, DVM
2. David G Clark, DVM
3. Carol A Eklund, DVM
4. David B Gerber, DVM
5. Jody Rockett, DVM
6. Kathy Simpson, Public Member

7. Jodie Ellis, Executive Director
8. Carol Youtz, Technical Records Specialist II
9. Emily Mac Master, DAG
10. Roger Gabel, DAG
11. Christine Ludwig, DVM (Guest)

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1. **Hearing for case BVM 14-04**, to consider resolution of the matter concerning Dr. Christine Ludwig’s application for a license to practice veterinary medicine in Idaho. Upon advice from legal counsel, and with the defendant’s permission, this hearing took place in open session.

Roger Gabel served as the Hearing Officer. He reminded the Board that the hearing would be limited in scope to deliberations and resolution to the question:

“Does the Board have grounds for denying a veterinary license to this applicant?”

After a roll call vote, all Board members agreed that there were, indeed, valid reasons to deny the applicant’s request for an Idaho veterinary license:

- Three members voted to completely deny licensure, based upon discipline from another state as well as prior history of felony convictions
- Two members voted to either withhold the license for a certain amount of time, or to put restrictions on the license
- One member was willing to approve a restricted license, but wondered if the applicant could comply with the terms and still practice as a veterinarian.

The second purpose of this hearing is to determine what type of restrictions should be placed on the applicant’s Idaho veterinary license, if such license were to be issued.

1 After lengthy discussion with the applicant:

2 **Dr. Clark moved to approve the application. Dr. Gerber seconded the motion.**

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4 Roll call vote for Motion #1: Coplin Aye
5 Clark Aye
6 Eklund Nay
7 Gerber Aye
8 Rockett Nay
9 Simpson Nay

10 **Motion failed due to a tie vote.**

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13 **Dr. Eklund moved to deny the application until the October 2014 Board meeting.** If the
14 applicant can, at that time, bring a workable supervision plan and proof from an approved
15 treatment center that she is complying with all phases of her drug cessation program, the Board
16 would issue a restricted license with five (5) years' supervised probation. **Ms. Simpson**
17 **seconded the motion.**

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19 Roll call vote for Motion #2: Coplin Aye
20 Clark Abstain
21 Eklund Aye
22 Gerber Aye
23 Rockett Aye
24 Simpson Aye

25 **Motion passed.**

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27 **2. Stipulations and/or Consent Agreements for Board approval;**

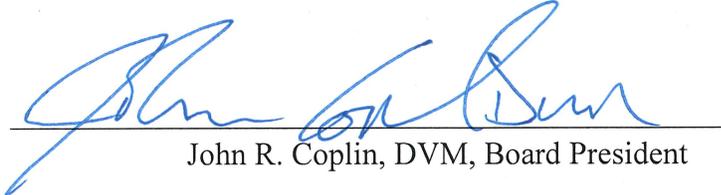
- 28 a. **BVM 13-06, Dr. Michael Nield**
29 i. After reviewing the revised stipulation, **Ms. Simpson moved to accept the terms**
30 **of the document. Dr. Eklund seconded the motion. Approved.**
31 b. **BVM 12-21, Dr. Susan Goggin**
32 i. After reviewing the draft stipulation, the Board determined the following:
33 I. Dr. Goggin's veterinary license will be placed on Inactive status when
34 she pays the \$50 Inactive renewal fee
35 II. She will not be required to comply with the terms of the original
36 stipulation. The Board grants an exception to the terms because of a
37 medical condition
38 III. After Dr. Goggin completes her medical treatment, she may convert her
39 license to Active status, and begin the five-year probation again.
40 **Dr. Eklund moved to accept the terms of the document. Ms. Simpson seconded**
41 **the motion. Approved.**

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43 **3. Hiring a new investigator** – The Board directed the executive director to post a notice
44 on the Board's website, seeking applicants to serve as an independent contractor to investigate
45 Board complaints. Individual letters will also be mailed out to former Board Members from the
46 last fifteen years, to see if any of those veterinarians are interested in the position.

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2 **4. Revised Letter-to-the-Editor on the illegal practice of equine dentistry in Idaho by lay**
3 **persons**

4 Board members had no further revisions to the letter. Ms. Ellis will contact Idaho
5 newspapers and ask them to publish this document.

6 There being no further business to discuss, the teleconference ended at 5:03pm.

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9 John R. Coplin, DVM, Board President

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12 David G. Clark, DVM, Liaison Officer

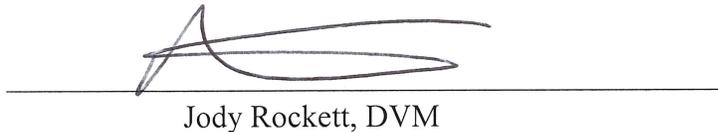
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15 Carol A. Eklund, DVM, Vice-President

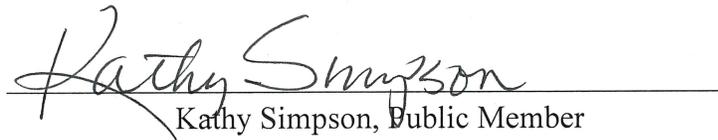
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