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**Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine**  
**Open Board Minutes for April 13, 2017**

**Board Members:**

Dr. Sheri Siegel, Chair  
Dr. Karen Patti, Member  
Dr. David Diamond, Member  
Dr. Stephanie Kube, Member  
Donna Turley, Esq., Member

**Board Staff:**

John High, Associate Executive Director  
James O'Connor, Board Counsel  
Robert Williams, Investigator

**Public Present:**

Susan Curtis, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)  
Dr. Robert Shurtleff, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)  
Theresa Shurtleff  
Dr. Inna Makarenko, Applicant for Temporary Permit  
Dr. Agnessa Dreyster

**Meeting Called to Order: 9:35 am**

Dr. Siegel, Chair, called the meeting to order with a moment of silence. James O'Connor reviewed the evacuation plan in the event of an emergency.

**Vote on Meeting Minutes:**

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from March 9, 2017. Dr. Patti made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Diamond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

**Board Elections:**

The Board held its annual officer elections, pursuant to G.L. c. 13, § 27. Dr. Patti was elected Chair. Dr. Diamond was elected as Secretary.

**Other Board Business:**

*(a) Correspondence:*

1. *Susan Curtis (MVMA): Approval of Continuing Education Provider:* The Board clarified that 256 Code Mass. Regs. § 9.03 allows for the automatic acceptance of



continuing education programs offered by any state veterinary medical association.

2. *Correspondence - Peter E. Coakley, Request for Waiver/Extension of Continuing Education Requirements:* Dr. Patti made a motion to grant an extension. Donna Turley, Esq. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.
3. *Correspondence - Richard I. Harris, Request for Waiver/Extension of Continuing Education Requirements:* Donna Turley, Esq. made a motion to grant an extension. Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Siegel, Dr. Patti, Dr. Kube, and Donna Turley, Esq. voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Diamond recused.

#### **Applicant Interview:**

- (a) *Board Interview of Applicant for Temporary Permit, Inna Makarenko:* The Board interviewed Dr. Inna Makarenko, an applicant for a Temporary Permit, and her Supervisor, Dr. Agnessa Dreyster. Dr. Patti made a motion to approve the Temporary Permit. Donna Turley, Esq. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

#### **Investigative Conference - Closed Session under M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C:**

10:12 am: Dr. Patti made a motion to go into closed session. Donna Turley, Esq. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board made the following decisions while in Investigative Conference:

- (a) VT-2017-000073-IT-ENF (AL): Dismissed without prejudice.
- (b) VT-2016-001097-IT-ENF (AG): Referred to the Office of Investigations.
- (c) VT-2016-000933-IT-ENF (ST): Referred to the Prosecutions Unit.
- (d) VT-2016-000973-IT-ENF (AS): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (e) VT-2017-000260-IT-ENF (ES): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (f) VT-2016-000886-IT-ENF (KM): Complaint dismissed without prejudice; related complaint also opened and referred directly to the Prosecutions Unit.
- (g) VT-2016-000600-IT-ENF (JA): Referred to the Prosecutions Unit.
- (h) MVMA Correspondence/Undocketed Complaint (MDS/SS): Dismissed without prejudice.
- (i) MDAR Correspondence/Complaint (MR): Dismissed without prejudice.

Dr. Patti made a motion to re-open the meeting. Donna Turley, Esq. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

#### **Meeting Adjournment:**

1:25 pm: Dr. Patti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

#### **List of Documents:**

- Agenda of April 13, 2017 Meeting
- Minutes of March 9, 2017 Meeting

*Karen Patti, DVM*

Dr. Karen Patti, Chair  
Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine