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Strategic Planning Update

As reported in the February newsletter, the NBVME worked with an outside facilitator, Mr. Michael Barrett, in a strategic planning session held in conjunction with the January meeting. Since then, a lot of work has been done to follow up on that effort. A final report from the planning session is not yet ready to release, but here is a look at some of the activities taking place.

The board proposed minor revisions to its mission statement, and retained the present vision and values statements. The previous three strategic objectives (continuous improvement, organizational effectiveness, and financial stability) were retained, and a new objective, outreach, was added. Most of the work since January has involved the new outreach objective. In the last few weeks, Mr. Barrett has been interviewing individual NBVME members to explore ways the NBVME can enhance outreach efforts to its constituents.

One of the examples of enhanced outreach efforts was the decision to hold the NBVME's summer meeting in Ottawa, just prior to the annual meeting of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association. Meeting in Ottawa will allow the NBVME to interact with members of the CVMA's National Examining Board. The NEB processes all NAVLE applications and score reports for candidates seeking licensure in Canada, and is the NBVME's largest single "client" for the NAVLE.

A full report on the new strategic plan will appear in the August newsletter.

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A New NBVME Office

After nine years in our first (and only) Bismarck office, the NBVME had run out of space, so it was time to find a larger office. On Friday, May 4, we moved the office three blocks east and one block south. We were up and running (for the most part) on Monday, May 7.

The building is called the Dakota Block, and it is the oldest building on its original foundation in Bismarck. We are on the second floor of the three story building. Other tenants include two medical offices, the North Dakota Real Estate Commission, a hair salon, and two consulting firms.

The history of the Dakota Block is interesting. It was built in 1883 by three partners, including Martha J. Thompson, noted photographer Orlando Scott Goff, and Dr. Henry R. Porter, who was a survivor of the Little Bighorn campaign. For those who aren't up on North Dakota history, Lt.

Col. George Armstrong Custer and the US Seventh Cavalry were stationed at Fort Abraham Lincoln, just across the Missouri River from Bismarck, when they left for Montana in 1876. News of Custer's defeat traveled from the battlefield on a steamboat back down the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers to Bismarck, which had the nearest telegraph station. Also of interest (to me, at least), is that a photographer named A.C. Boyce had a studio in the Dakota Block from 1902-1910.

The NBVME's new suite has ten foot ceilings, five large windows (the old office included only one small window), four individual offices, and one large office/work area.

The new street address is 200 East Main Ave., Suite 202, Bismarck, ND 58501. The NBVME's telephone numbers and P.O. Box mailing address remain the same.



The Dakota Block building, seen from the southwest, on a cold day in February (yes, that's a little snow on the sidewalk). The NBVME's office includes five of the windows on the second floor on the west (left) side.

Inside view showing the main room and the front desk (with iMac). The four individual offices are to the right. The previous tenant was the building's owner, who moved to a smaller office on the first floor.



EDAB Members Complete Terms of Service

Last year, the first group of original members of the NBVME's Examination Development Advisory Board (EDAB), Drs. Claude Ragle, Stan Rubin, and Jim Thorne, completed the maximum term of service. This summer, four more original members of the EDAB do the same, each having served for ten years. During that time, they participated in numerous item and form review meetings, key validation conference calls, and other activities related to the development and validation of the NAVLE. The NBVME appreciates the services of Drs. Cheryl Dhein (canine), Gary Gackstetter (public health), and David Rosen (feline), who are seen below participating in the April NAVLE form review meeting in Philadelphia. Not pictured is the fourth member, Dr. Christopher Brown (equine). Successors to these four individuals will be appointed by the NBVME in July, for initial three-year terms beginning August 1.



Drs. Cheryl Dhein, Gary Gackstetter, and David Rosen at the April NAVLE form review meeting in Philadelphia

NBVME Summer Meeting

The NBVME will hold its summer meeting July 11 in Ottawa, Ontario. Dr. Mike Thomas will chair the meeting. Contact the NBVME office for more information.

From the Past: State Board Questions

Number 24 in a Series

Following are more items from the *Materia Medica* chapter of *Veterinary State Board Questions and Answers*, published in 1917 by V.G. Kimball.

Questions

1. Describe a treatment for tapeworm in the dog.
2. Discuss venesection.
3. Describe the treatment of a case of mange in the dog.
4. Give the actions and the uses of cannabis indica.
5. What is pyoktanin? What are its uses?
6. Give the uses of caffeine in veterinary medicine.
7. Give the composition and the therapeutic uses of Dover's powder.

Answers

1. Fast the dog for 24 hours. Give oleoresin aspidium, 15 to 60 minims, and repeat this dose in three hours. Nine hours later give a purgative dose of castor oil. If the head of the taenia is not expelled, repeat the treatment three to five days later.
2. Venesection, or blood-letting, is employed chiefly to rapidly relieve conditions associated with a high arterial pressure and local engorgement of some organ. It reduces temperature and relieves congestion, dyspnoea, and cyanotic conditions. Venesection is employed in plethoric animals only, in acute pleurisy, pulmonary congestion, acute laminitis, urticaria, acute cerebritis or meningitis, parturient apoplexy in cows, etc. It is also employed in toxæmias to remove the blood and its contained poison. Four to six, and often eight quarts are drawn

from the horse.

3. Bathe with warm water and green soap to remove all dirt and scabs. Clip the hair if it is long. Apply daily for four days a mixture composed of Peruvian balsam 15 parts, creolin 5 parts, and alcohol 80 parts. Bathe again and repeat the application until the skin appears normal.
4. Cannabis indica is an antispasmodic, anodyne, and narcotic; a cerebrospinal stimulant and aphrodisiac; increases mental and motor activity, stimulates vasomotor nerves, and depresses sensation. It is used to relieve pain, spasm, and nervous irritability. Serviceable in colic, tetanus, chorea, and irritable cough.
5. "Pyoktanin" is the trade name for methylene blue, an aniline dye. It is antiseptic and astringent, and is used in strength of 1-1000 to 1-100 for ulcerated cornea, conjunctivitis, ulcers, and pus-secreting sores in general. Given internally, it is eliminated chiefly by the kidneys, rendering the urine blue and exerting an antiseptic action on the urinary tract, hence it is serviceable in nephritis, cystitis, urethritis, etc.
6. Used as an antidote to opium poisoning; dropsical swellings in dogs, heart stimulant in collapse.
7. Dover's powder, or pulvis ipecacuanhae et opii, consists of ipecac 10 per cent, powdered opium 10 per cent, and sugar of milk 80 per cent. Used as a diaphoretic and expectorant in colds, early stages of acute bronchitis, and pneumonia.

Next issue: More *Materia Medica*

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NAVLE Form Review

On April 11-12, NBVME members were joined by members of the Examination Development Advisory Board (EDAB), four recent graduates, and two licensing board members designated by the AAVSB to review upcoming forms of the NAVLE at the office of the National Board of Medical Examiners in Philadelphia.



Above: new EDAB members Drs. Darcy Shaw (University of Prince Edward Island, canine) and Patricia Provost (Tufts University, equine)



Above left: recent graduates Drs. Nicole Azene (Baltimore, MD) and Lynnette Lotz (Hilmar, CA)

Left: recent graduate Dr. Leslie Ivie (Corsicana, TX), Oklahoma Board member Dr. Dan Danner, and recent graduate Dr. Serge Chalhoub (Montreal, QU)

NBVME Staff Profile: Bridget Whittey

The NBVME's newest employee is Bridget Whittey, who joined the staff on May 7. Bridget has spent the past few weeks learning what Anita Casey-Reed and Debbie Larson do, and figuring out what all the acronyms mean. Full-time employment will begin in mid-June, when Anita begins her maternity leave. Bridget will take over responsibility for maintaining the NAVLE candidate database, as applications for the fall 2007 testing window begin to come in. She will also have responsibility for other office tasks that Anita now does.

A native of Bismarck, Bridget earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of North Dakota. She then spent a few years in the Chicago area working in a hospital office. On returning to Bismarck, she managed a law office for seven years, and then spent the next five years managing the office of a local surgeon.

During her interview, Bridget

commented on the positive and supportive atmosphere in the NBVME office, and that was a major factor influencing her decision to accept the offer of employment. The NBVME is pleased to have someone with Bridget's experience and enthusiasm join the staff.

Bridget plans to attend the AAVSB meeting in Charleston in September, where she will be able to meet many people involved with the NBVME's examination programs.

Bridget has two adult sons and two adult stepchildren. In her spare time, she and her husband enjoy cooking, entertaining friends and family, and sailing their Tartan 35 on the waters of Lake Sakakawea during the summer months. Since she considers her family and friends among her greatest treasures, she is fortunate to have her mother and three of her four siblings living in Bismarck. Bridget truly believes that he who laughs, lasts.



Examination Updates

NAVLE®

A total of 1,230 candidates took the NAVLE during the April 9-21 testing window. Scores were reported to all candidates by mid-May.

Applications for the fall 2007 NAVLE testing window will be accepted beginning in mid-June. The application deadline is August 10. The 2007-08 edition of the NAVLE Bulletin of Information for Candidates is available on the NBVME's web site, www.nbvme.org. The NAVLE fee for the 2007-08 testing windows is \$480, an increase of \$15 over last year.

All NAVLE candidates must be approved by a licensing board. For the 2007-08 testing windows, the NBVME office will be responsible for approving candidates applying through nine states: Colorado, Florida, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Beginning with the fall 2007 testing window, all NAVLE candidates who are enrolled in the ECFVG

or PAVE programs must have completed the step three examination requirement of the respective program before they can be approved to take the NAVLE.

Qualifying Examination

The Qualifying Examination, which is the step three requirement for PAVE, was administered to 100 PAVE candidates on May 10. The examination was offered in St. Kitts and Grenada, and at six sites in the US. Scores will be reported in early June.

The QE was also administered to 98 students at the Western University College of Veterinary Medicine on May 10. This is the third year that Western has required its students to take the QE, as an independent outside assessment of basic science competence. Iowa State University administered the QE to its students for the first time in January 2007. The NBVME is prepared to make the QE available to additional accredited veterinary

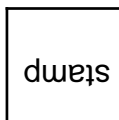
schools, under the same terms as offered to Western and Iowa State. Interested schools should contact the NBVME.

Future QE administrations are planned for September 13, 2007, and January 17 and May 8, 2008. The 2007-08 QE Bulletin of Information for Candidates will be available on the NBVME web site in June.

Species Specific Examinations

Work is underway on a revision of the NBVME's two species specific examinations. Companion animal and equine examinations are offered to licensing boards for use in disciplinary cases and for other purposes. The 100 item multiple choice examinations are now being reviewed by teams of content experts, and the revised examinations will be available for use later this year.

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