

**BOARD MEETING
LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

August 17, 2000

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by the President, Dr. Adrienne A. Aycock.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by the Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Robert Lofton, with the following results:

Those present were:

Dr. Adrienne Aycock	Board President
Dr. George Gowan	Board Vice-President
Dr. Robert Lofton	Board Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Glenn Walther	Board Member
Kimberly Barbier	Board Administrative Director
Michael A. Tomino, Jr.	Board General Counsel

Absent:

Dr. Edwin Davis	Board Member
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Guests:

Dr. Michael Strain	State Representative, District 74 & LVMA
Chris LeGrange	LVMA

Dr. Aycock introduced and made welcome Dr. Glenn Walther. Dr. Walther was recently appointed by the governor to serve on the board through 2005. Dr. Glenn Walther replaces outgoing board member, Dr. Dick Walther.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 8, 2000

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 8, 2000 board meeting. After some grammatical corrections and editorial changes were noted, motion was made by Dr. Walther to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2000 board meeting with revisions noted, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT MATTERS

A. **Financial Reports**

Dr. Lofton presented the financial reports for May and June, 2000. Motion was made by Dr. Lofton to accept the financial reports, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. **Contracts**

1. NBEC, NAVLE: Mr. Tomino discussed the agreement received from NBEC with regards to his recommended revisions. Motion was made by Dr. Lofton to approve the use of the NAVLE examination as a requirement for licensure to practice veterinary medicine in the state and to accept the NBEC agreement for signature by the Board President, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Investigations Unlimited, Investigative Services: The Board reviewed information provided by Ms. Barbier regarding the renewal of the contract with Investigations Unlimited to provide investigative services. Motion was made by Dr. Gowan to approve renewal of the contract with Investigations Unlimited for investigative services as presented, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES

A. **Rule Making**

1. General Update: The Board reviewed information on rule promulgation in progress.

2. Adoption of Rules: The Board has no rule or rule amendments for adoption.

3. Consideration of New Rules

a. Chapter 11 - Preceptorship Program: The Board reviewed and discussed proposed rule amendments in Chapter 11. Motion was made by Dr. Lofton to accept the proposed amendments and incorporate the definition of direct supervision as already defined in §700 of the Board's rules, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote. Motion was made by Dr. Lofton to authorize Ms. Barbier to begin promulgation of the amendments to Chapter 11 upon receipt of the direct supervision revisions as prepared by Mr. Tomino and

approved by Dr. Aycock, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Policy and Procedure

1. Character Reference Forms: Ms. Barbier presented the Board with revised copies of reference forms to be use by individuals for application. The previous forms allowed a referencer to note an item as “unknown”. This option was eliminated from the form. After review, motion was made by Dr. Walther that the revised forms be approved for use by applicants for licensure/certification, seconded by Dr. Gowan, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Practice Act-Related Inquiries/Declaratory Statements

No inquiries relative to the Practice Act or requests for declaratory statements had been received.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

A. DVM Issues

1. Renewals:

a. James Kyle, DVM - The Board reviewed and discussed the request from Dr. Kyle regarding waiver of the continuing education requirement for renewal of his Louisiana license. The board office was instructed to notify Dr. Kyle that he has until the license expiration date of September 30, 2000 to obtain the remaining five hours to complete the CE requirement for license renewal. In the event he is medically unable to obtain the remaining hours by September 30, 2000, Dr. Kyle should again make written request to the Board for consideration at the October 5, 2000 board meeting.

b. Andrea Faircloth, DVM - The Board reviewed and discussed the request from Dr. Faircloth regarding waiver of the year 2000 renewal late fee to renew her expired Louisiana license. Motion was made by Dr. Gowan to deny the request, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

c. Trisha Marullo, DVM - The Board reviewed and discussed the Affidavit of Active Military Service and documents submitted by Dr. Marullo for exemption of the renewal fee based on active military duties in accordance of Board rule §503.A.1. Motion was made by Dr. Lofton to accept the affidavit and

documents presented and waive the license renewal fee for the 2001 renewal, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

d. Daniel Pittman, Jr., DVM - The Board reviewed and discussed the letter from T. Craig Wright, Attorney, and the Affidavit of Incapacity submitted on behalf of Dr. Pittman regarding waiver of the CE requirement for renewal of Dr. Pittman's inactive Louisiana license based on his medical condition. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to accept the affidavit for incapacity special condition and waive the CE requirement for license renewal upon receipt of an acceptable medical statement from Dr. Pittman's physician, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

e. James Zettler, DVM - The Board reviewed and discussed the request from Dr. Zettler regarding waiver of six hours of CE for renewal of his Louisiana license. The board office was instructed to notify Dr. Zettler that he has until the license expiration date of September 30, 2000 to obtain the remaining six hours to complete the CE requirement for license renewal. In the event he is unable to obtain the remaining hours by September 30, 2000, Dr. Zettler should again make written request to the Board for consideration at the October 5, 2000 board meeting.

B. Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician Issues

1. Lead CAET Designation: The Board reviewed and discussed documentation relative to an Animal Capture Course presented by the Tennessee Animal Control Association submitted for Board approve for Lead CAET designation by Russell Sittig, Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office. Motion was made by Dr. Lofton to accept the course for Lead CAET designation, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Animal Control Officer - Capture Course Approval: The Board reviewed and discussed documentation relative to a chemical immobilization course presented by Animal Care Equipment & Services, Inc. submitted by Haskell Tull, Ouachita Parish Animal Control, for his field animal control officer, Scott Riggins. Motion was made by Dr. Gowan, to accept the course as acceptable ACO training for Mr. Riggins, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. CAET Continuing Education

a. The Board reviewed documents relative to the Veterinary Technicians and Support Personnel Conference submitted by Elaine White for approval as CE for the 2002 renewal. Motion was made by Dr. Walther not to accept the program as CE for CAET renewal because the programs subject matter was not appropriate

and not related to animal control, seconded by Dr. Gowan, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. The Board reviewed documents relative to LACA's annual Certification Academy (Level II held August 3 & 4, 2000). Motion was made by Dr. Lofton to approve the program as acceptable CE for CAET renewal, seconded by Dr. Gowan, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. CAET 2000 Training Course: Ms. Barbier presented an update of the CAET Training Course presented July 31 and August 1, 2000 at LSU.

5. LACA Chemical Capture Course: The Board reviewed documentation relative to LACA's Chemical Capture Course for approval as a Board-approved course for Lead CAET designation. Motion was made by Dr. Gowan to approve the course as presented by LACA in August 2000 for acceptance in Lead CAET designation and that the Board review the course schedule for annual approval, seconded by Dr. Walther and passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Registered Veterinary Technician Issues

1. The Board reviewed the request of Lisa Laskoski to renew her expired/ canceled (revoked for non-renewal) RVT certificate, number 8035, originally issued 08/24/93 and expired 09/30/95. Motion was made by Dr. Lofton to allow Ms. Laskoski to renew the expired certificate upon payment of all back renewal fees and late fees and the present renewal fee, seconded by Dr. Gowan, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. Registered Equine Dentist Issues

1. The Board reviewed letters received from two REDs by the board office relative to problems in finding CE programs required for renewal of RED certificates. After discussion, the board office was instructed to contact Dr. Leon Scrutchfield at Texas A&M, Dr. B. A. Rucker in Lebanon, Virginia, and Dr. Sonny Corley in Lafayette, Louisiana for possible CE programs available in equine dentistry; then to notify the licensees with information obtained.

2. The Board reviewed information from the Academy of Equine Dentistry, Glens Ferry, Idaho, relative to a one-week, 50 hour course in equine dentistry. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to approve the program as acceptable CE for REDs, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. AAVSB Conference

Ms. Barbier presented a summary of the AAVSB Conference she attended July 22 and 24, 2000 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She updated the Board on the AAVSB and NBEC's progress with an ECFVG alternative program. Dr. James "Sonny" Corley has offered to speak to the Board regarding this matter at the October board meeting. Dr. Gowan asked for copies of any handout documents for the "VCPR and Electronic Practices - Do State Licensing Boards have Jurisdiction" session presented at the conference be distributed to the Board members.

F. Newsletter

Ms. Barbier presented the Board with copies of a draft newsletter for review. The Board authorized Ms. Barbier to publish and distribute the newsletter to all licensees and interested persons.

G. Other Matters Properly Brought Before the Board

1. Ms. Barbier presented the Board with copies of a survey/research letter from Dr. Gary Bullard, Georgia Board and AVMA Legislative Advisory Committee member regarding national licensure. The Board authorized Mr. Tomino to respond to the survey questions.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Dr. Lofton to enter executive session to discuss matters relative to miscellaneous legal issues and advice as needed, and any other items properly brought up, seconded by Dr. Gowan, and passed unanimously by voice vote. Upon return to the public record by motion of Dr. Lofton, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the Board took the following action:

1. Miscellaneous Legal Issues: No formal action was taken by the Board.
2. Other Matters Properly Brought Up: No formal action was taken by the Board.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Wall certificates were signed for new licenses/certificates issued since the June 8, 2000 board meeting.

X. ADJOURN

Dr. Walther moved to close the meeting, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 pm.

APPROVED BY:

Robert Lofton, DVM
Board Secretary/Treasurer