

**BOARD MEETING
LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

October 10, 2002

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board President, Dr. Robert Lofton, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by the Board Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Glenn Walther, with the following results:

Those present were:

Dr. Robert Lofton	Board President
Dr. Edwin Davis	Board Vice President
Dr. Glenn Walther	Board Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Lon Randall	Board Member
Dr. Patrick Bernard	Board Member
Michael A. Tomino, Jr.	Board General Counsel

Absent: None

Guests:

Pat Thistlethwaite, DVM, LVMA Board Representative
Mike Cummings, DVM, LVMA Board President
Jeanette and Dalton McRight, Auditor

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 1, 2002 and August 29, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 1, 2002 board meeting. Minor typographical corrections were noted. The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 29, 2002 board meeting. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to accept the minutes with the noted corrections, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT MATTERS

A. **Financial Reports - July and August 2002**

Dr. Walther presented his review of the financial reports. General questions were answered and discussion of the financial reports was held. The financial reports were found to be acceptable. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to accept the financial reports, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. **Audit**

Dalton and Jeanette McRight of McRight and Associates were introduced as the CPA firm contracted through the Office of the Legislative Auditor to perform the annual audits for the Board. Mr. McRight presented an explanation of the audit report prepared for the close of fiscal year 2002 ending June 30, 2002. Mr. McRight acknowledged the report as stating the audit was clean. He proceeded with an explanation of the Board's finances.

V. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES

A. **Rule Making**

1. General Update - There were no rule promulgations in process.
2. Adoption of Rules - No rules were presented for adoption.
3. Consideration/ Review of Proposed Rules/Amendments - There were no new rules for consideration or review.

B. **Policy and Procedure**

There were no policies and procedures brought before the board.

C. **Practice Act-Related Inquiries/Declaratory Statements**

1. New Issues
 - a. Mass Euthanasia Guidelines - An inquiry from the AVMA was presented regarding mass euthanasia guidelines in the event there is a foreign animal disease or other disaster requiring euthanasia of thousands and/or millions of animals. Mr. Tomino noted there is no laws in the practice act pertaining to this issue. No formal action was taken on this issue.

- b. Duties of 4th Year Student in School in Private Practice Rotation - Mr. Tomino was instructed to look into Louisiana laws and to work with Dr. Bernard on this issue.
- b. Holding Remains of a Dead Animal - An inquiry from the Louisiana Veterinary Referral Center was presented regarding holding the remains of a dead animal. After discussion of the inquiry, Mr. Tomino was instructed to send a response letter stating to treat it like an abandoned animal.

2. Reviews

- a. Medical Doctor Performing Corrective Surgery on a Retinal Detachment in a Dog - An inquiry from John Saer, M.D. was previously presented to the board office. Mr. Tomino and Dr. Lofton responded to Dr. Saer that this falls under the practice of veterinary medicine and he would not be able to perform this type of surgery on an animal.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

A. **DVM Applicant Issues**

1. Dr. Vicky Grumman - After discussion, motion was made by Dr. Walther to deny the request to waive retaking out-of-date national examination based on the present Board Rule 303.B.4, and that Dr. Grumman's employment is not equivalent to the required five years of being employed as a licensed veterinarian in a full-time private practice, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Tomino was instructed to send a response letter.

Dr. Lofton held general discussion concerning the perspective Administrative Director candidates.

[Motion was made by Dr. Walther to enter executive session for discussion of the perspective candidates for the Administrative Director position, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The executive session was closed to the public. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to return to regular session, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was re-opened to the public. No formal actions were taken and no motions were made.]

B. **DVM Issues**

1. Walter Low, DVM - Waiver of Renewal Fees and CE - Dr. Bernard moved to approve waiver of renewal fees and required continuing education for 2002/2003 renewal, seconded by Dr. Davis, and passed unanimously by voice vote.
2. John Parsons, DVM - Waiver of Renewal Fee - The Board reviewed and discussed the Affidavit of Active Military Service and documents submitted by Dr. Parsons for exemption of the renewal fee based on active military duties in accordance of Board Rule 503.A.1. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to accept the affidavit and documents presented and waive the license renewal fee for the 2002 renewal, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.
3. Stephanie Nix, DVM - CE Consideration - The Board reviewed the request from Dr. Nix to defer the required CE to renew her Louisiana license. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to request more documentation concerning her disability, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Tomino was instructed to send a response letter.
4. Christy White, DVM - CE Consideration - The Board reviewed information submitted by Dr. White regarding a human medicine program, Metabolic Diseases. After review of the information, motion was made by Dr. Davis to approve the program for three hours, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.
5. Elvia Bridges, DVM - CE Consideration - The Board reviewed information submitted by Dr. Bridges regarding a book he had authored. After review of the information, motion was made by Dr. Walther to deny the presented CE for approval, give him a three month extension, and pay all late fees, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. CAET Issues

1. Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries - *[Interested parties for this matter could not attend the meeting. This item was deferred to the next scheduled board meeting.]*
2. CAET Certification Training Course - Ascension Parish Animal Control - The Board reviewed the information presented by Ascension Parish Animal Control. After review and discussion of the submitted information, the Board took no action on the issue. Motion was made by Dr. Walther for a representative of this facility to attend the next scheduled board meeting, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

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3. CE Approval

a. Humane Society – Basic Supervision Skills (Online Course) – The Board reviewed content information for this program. After general discussion, motion was made by Dr. Walther to deny approval of this program based on the program’s content being outside the acceptable scope of CAET responsibility, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. Humane Society – Advanced Communication Strategies (Online Course) - The Board reviewed content information for this program. After general discussion, motion was made by Dr. Walther to deny approval of this program based on the program’s content being outside the acceptable scope of CAET responsibility, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

c. Spay USA – Southern Regional Leadership Conference - The Board reviewed content information for this program. After general discussion, motion was made by Dr. Davis to deny approval of this program based on the program’s content being outside the acceptable scope of CAET responsibility, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. RVT Issues

1. Accredited School Requirement – Dr. Mike Cummings- Dr. Mike Cummings presented information regarding board approval of veterinary technician education programs at community colleges towards RVT certification. General discussion was held between the Board members and Dr. Cummings. Mr. Tomino was instructed to look into this matter. No formal action was taken.

E. Tentative Board Meeting Dates for 2003

The Board reviewed the proposed Board meeting dates for calendar year 2003. After a brief discussion, motion was made by Dr. Walther to approve the meeting dates, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Dr. Bernard requested a change in the meeting date for the next Board meeting from December 5, 2002 to December 3, 2002. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to change the meeting date, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

F. Other Matters Properly Brought Before the Board

There were no other matters brought before the Board.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Wall certificates were presented for signature for the following new licenses/certificates issued since the August 1, 2002 board meeting:

<u>DVM License No.</u>		<u>Issued</u>
2399	Erin Pierson Ribka	7/9/2002
2409	Louis Edward Cramer, Jr.	8/7/2002
2410	Michael Shane Roberson	8/9/2002
2411	Wallace Claus Ansardi, III	8/20/2002
2412	Scott Alan Koenig	8/20/2002
2413	Beth Helen Sternhagen	8/20/2002
2414	Jason Eugene Goetzmann	8/23/2002
2415	Heather Rachelle Sampey	8/23/2002
2416	Adrian John Bergeron	8/30/2002
2417	Clinton Reagan Brashear	8/30/2002
2418	Laura Jean Musolf Koenig	9/6/2002
2419	Daniel Douglas Myrick	9/18/2002
2420	Alexandra Shaleen Niemantsverdriet	10/4/2002
2421	Patrick Daniel Murray	10/9/2002

<u>CAET Cert. No.</u>		<u>Issued</u>
9276	Garron Kris Bergeron	8/12/2002
9277	Russell James Drott	8/12/2002
9278	Johnny Fruge	8/12/2002
9279	Maryland Hawkins	8/12/2002
9280	Eric Leonard Jackson	8/12/2002
9281	Joyce Michelle Sibley	8/12/2002
9282	Billy Don Slack	8/12/2002
9283	Kenneth Earl Trahan	8/12/2002
9284	Tonja Louise Smith	8/30/2002
9285	Melisa Ann Sullivan	8/30/2002
9286	Michael Dale Bruton	9/17/2002

<u>RVT Cert. No.</u>		<u>Issued</u>
8098	Erica Marie Kiely	9/6/2002
8099	Heather Nicole O'Banion	9/6/2002
8100	Melody Lyn Bonvillain	9/18/2002
8101	Shay Arena Dillman	9/18/2002
8102	Jenny Elizabeth Cassibry	10/4/2002

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dr. Davis to enter executive session to discuss miscellaneous legal issues, and any other matters properly brought up, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to return to open session, seconded by Dr. Bernard and passed unanimously by voice vote. Upon return to open session the following action was taken:

1. Terry Compton - 02-0605D - Mr. Tomino presented information regarding the consent order signed by Dr. Compton. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to accept the Consent Order as presented for this case, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.
2. Perspective Director Candidate - Motion was made by Dr. Walther to authorize Dr. Lofton to negotiate and hire one of the candidates for the Administrative Director position, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.
3. Tisha Turner, Administrative Assistant - After general discussion, motion was made by Dr. Davis to give Mrs. Tisha Turner \$500 for compensation for excessive hours worked since the Administrative Director's departure, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.
4. Kenneth Opengart - Waiver of Out of Date Exams and Preceptorship Requirement - The Board reviewed the employment documentation submitted by Dr. Opengart to waive retaking the national examination and waive the preceptorship requirement. Motion was made by Dr. Davis to accept Dr. Opengart's employment information and waive retaking the national examination and waive the preceptorship requirement, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

IX. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, motion was made by Dr. Bernard to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Davis, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:05 pm.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY FULL BOARD ON DECEMBER 3, 2002.

Glenn Walther, DVM
Board Secretary/Treasurer