

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
BOARD MEETING
April 3, 2008**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER –

Board President, Dr. Mica F. Landry, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Roll call was taken by Board Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. John C. Prejean, with the following results:

Those present:

Mica F. Landry, DVM	Board President
William H. Green, DVM	Board Vice President
John C. Prejean, DVM	Board Secretary-Treasurer
Steven V. Slaton, DVM	Board Member
Patrick Bernard, DVM	Board Member
Michael Tomino, Jr.	Board General Counsel
Wendy D. Parrish	Board Administrative Director

Guests:

Brent Robbins, DVM – LA Dept of Agriculture, Office of Animal Health (10:30a.m.)
Renee Poirrier, DVM – LVMA/LaSART (10:30a.m.)
Patrick Thistlethwaite, DVM – LVMA (10:30a.m.)

New Board member, Steven V. Slaton, DVM, was introduced and welcomed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Meeting February 7, 2008

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 7, 2008 Board meeting. Motion was made by Dr. Bernard to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Green, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND CONTRACTS

A. Financial Reports – January and February 2008

Ms. Parrish and Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Prejean presented the financial reports for the months of January and February 2008 for review. Ms. Parrish updated the Board on costs and pending order of Board room chairs to replace the damaged and unsafe chairs currently in use. Following discussion, motion was made by Dr. Green to approve the financial reports as presented, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Contract Renewal FY2009 – Greg Brown, CPA – Ms. Parrish presented the proposed contract for accounting services for review. No changes were noted from the previous fiscal year contract with a ceiling of \$5,000.00 per year. Motion was made by Dr. Prejean, seconded by Dr. Bernard to approve renewal of the contract. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Contract Renewal FY2009 – Onesimus (Website Consultants) – Ms. Parrish presented the proposed contract for website and internet services for review. No changes were noted from the previous fiscal year contract with a ceiling of \$1,200.00 per year. Motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Prejean to approve renewal of the contract. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. Contract Amendment FY2009-2010 – Michael A. Tomino, Jr., Legal Counsel – Ms. Parrish presented the proposed Amendment to the FY2008 contract for legal services extending the contract through FY2010 for review and discussion. The previous fiscal year breakdowns of the contract were reviewed.

Motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Prejean to approve the amendment of the contract as presented. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Letter of Agreement Renewal FY2009 – National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NAVLE) – Ms. Parrish presented the proposed letter of agreement with NBVME for the national veterinary licensing examination for review. Minor changes were noted from the previous year contract. No monies are involved in this contract as the applicant pays the examination fee directly to NBVME. Motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Prejean to approve the use of the NAVLE and for renewal of the contract as presented. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

F. Contract Renewal FY2009-2010– American Association of Veterinary State Boards (VTNE) – Ms. Parrish presented the proposed 2-year contract for national veterinary technician examination services for review. Standard provisions for state contracting were discussed. Motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Prejean to approve renewal of the contract as presented. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. REQUEST FOR APPEARANCE

A. LA Department of Agriculture/Emergency Management Assistance Compact (10:30 a.m.) - Board President Mica Landry introduced the Board and guests. Brent Robbins, DVM, of LA Department of Agriculture, Office of Animal Health, and Renee Poirrier, DVM, of LVMA/LaSART, presented information regarding Emergency Management Assistance Compact, as well as questions regarding Board Rule 309 – Temporary Registration During a Declared Emergency other than a declared public health emergency. Discussion and questions ensued.

Following conclusion of presentation and questions by all parties, the representatives of the LA Department of Agriculture left the meeting.

No action was taken on this matter at this time.

B. Proposed Legislative Bill Update (11:00 a.m.) - Patrick Thistlethwaite, DVM, as legislative liaison for Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association, presented information regarding current proposed legislation and LVMA's opposition efforts to Senate Bill 544. Discussion and questions ensued.

Following conclusion of presentation and discussion by all, the representatives of the LVMA left the meeting.

No action was taken on this matter at this time.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

A. Case 07-0321V Ashley Buffington, DVM - Proposed Consent Order (9:00 a.m.) - Dr. Landry was introduced as presiding officer for the hearing. Dr. Green recused himself as investigating Board member in the case. The members of the Hearing Panel consisted of Dr. Landry, Dr. Prejean, Dr. Slaton and Dr. Bernard. The respondent waived appearance at the hearing. Mr. Tomino presented the facts of the case, submitted exhibits for review, and a proposed Consent Order for consideration by the Board. Upon conclusion of the presentations and questions, motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Slaton, to enter into executive session for consideration of the proposed consent order presented in the case. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The executive session was closed to the public and only those Board members on the panel were present.

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Motion was made by Dr. Prejean to return to open session, seconded by Dr. Slaton, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was reopened to the public. Motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Slaton to accept the Consent Order as presented for this case. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Case 06-0627V Kevin T. Louviere, DVM - Proposed Consent Order (9:30 am) - Dr. Landry was introduced as presiding officer for the hearing. Dr. Green recused himself as investigating Board member in the case. The members of the Hearing Panel consisted of Dr. Landry, Dr. Prejean, Dr. Slaton and Dr. Bernard. The respondent waived appearance at the hearing. Mr. Tomino presented the facts of the case, submitted exhibits for review, and a proposed Consent Order for consideration by the Board. Upon conclusion of the presentations and questions, motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Prejean, to enter into executive session for consideration of the proposed consent order presented in the case. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The executive session was closed to the public and only those Board members on the panel were present.

Motion was made by Dr. Bernard to return to open session, seconded by Dr. Prejean, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was reopened to the public. Motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Slaton to accept the Consent Order as presented for this case. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES

A. Policy and Procedure –

1. None presented.

B. Practice Act and Rules/Related Matters/Declaratory Statements

1. Lay Equine Dental/Wolf Teeth Extraction – Review of query regarding the extraction of wolf teeth by qualified lay persons and Registered Veterinary Technicians properly trained through a Board approved equine dental program, the Board acknowledged that under no circumstances may the qualified lay person or Registered Veterinary Technician extract wolf teeth, but only Registered Equine Dentists can lawfully do so after compliance with the Practice Act and Board rules. No action was taken on this item.

2. Telemedicine (R Lydon, DVM) – Following review of Dr. Lydon's query regarding supervision by a veterinarian via video of veterinary medical procedures (teeth cleaning, examinations) performed by non-veterinarians, motion was made by Dr. Bernard for Mr. Tomino to prepare a response to Dr. Lydon that telemedicine supervision is not lawful in Louisiana based on current statutes and rules, to be approved by a Board member, seconded by Dr. Slaton. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. Webstore (C Pfister, DVM) – Following review of Dr. Pfister's query regarding online veterinary practice shopping for clients, motion was made by Dr. Bernard for Mr. Tomino to prepare a response based on current statutes and rules to be approved by a Board member, seconded by Dr. Slaton. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. Prescription Fees Chargeable to Internet Pharmacy (C Pfister, DVM) – Following review of Dr. Pfister's query regarding proposed fees for prescriptions chargeable to internet pharmacies, motion was made by Dr. Bernard for Mr. Tomino to prepare a response based on current statutes and rules to be approved by a Board member, seconded by Dr. Slaton. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Proposed Parish Animal Shelter Euthanasia Procedures (E Songy, Jr., Iberville Parish Council) – Following review of Mr. Songy's query regarding animal euthanasia operations

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utilizing a gas chamber, motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Slaton, to direct Mr. Tomino to respond based on current statutes and rules to be approved by a Board member. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Rule Making

1. Emergency Rule 714 and Notice of Intent Rule 714 – Student/Shelters and Faculty Veterinarian – Motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Green, to continue with final rulemaking procedures on Rule 714. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VIII. DVM APPLICANT ISSUES

A. Amanda O'Brien, DVM – Request for Waiver of Retake of National Examination – 2000 graduate of Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in Virginia and Arizona. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. O'Brien, motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Prejean to waive the retaking of the national examination as her employment sufficiently meets 5 years of full-time veterinary practice preceding application with the Board. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IX. CONTINUING EDUCATION ISSUES

A. DVM CE – Advanced Practice Management (D McCurnin, DVM, LSU-SVM) - Request for consideration of credit hours of DVM CE for participation in Advanced Practice Management. Following review of the request and program outline, motion was made by Dr. Prejean, seconded by Dr. Slaton, to allow a maximum of 20 credit hours of DVM CE for actual attendance by the DVM. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. DVM CE – Annual Meeting of Society of Toxicology (M Banton, DVM) - Request for consideration of DVM CE credit hours for participation in the SOT annual meeting March 2008 in Seattle, WA. Following review of the request and program outline, motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Prejean, to allow credit hours of CE for attendance by DVMS. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. DVM CE – International Life Sciences Institute Health & Environmental Sciences Institute Annual Meeting (M Banton, DVM) - Request for consideration of DVM CE credit hours for participation in the ILSI HESI in January 2008 in Puerto Rico. Following review of the request and program outline, motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Slaton, to allow credit hours of CE for attendance by DVMS. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. DVM CE – Small Animal Internal Medicine Symposium/Infectious Disease (F Gaschen, DVM, LSU-SVM) - Request for consideration of credit hours of DVM CE for participation in the symposium in April 2008 devoted to update on infectious disease. Following review of the request and program outline, motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Prejean, to allow a maximum of 8 credit hours of DVM CE for actual attendance by the DVM. Motion passed by majority vote.

X. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

A. New Licenses and Certificates Issued:

Wall certificates were presented for signature for the following licenses/certificates issued since the previous Board meeting:

DVM

2751	Aimee Rene' Plaisance-Evans
2752	Kate Renee' Hammer
2753	Roy Edwards Yates, Jr.
2754	Jonathan Lance Roberts

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2755 Kelly Elizabeth Rachal
2756 Cristina Lyla Romano

RVT

8152 Emily Nicole Herman-Zabrecky

B. April 2008 Newsletter – Ms. Parrish presented proposed April 2008 Board newsletter for review and approval. Motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Green, to publish the newsletter as presented. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. AAVSB Annual Meeting Attendance – Ms. Parrish presented information regarding attendance by a Board member and the Administrative Director to the annual AAVSB meeting in September 2008 at Newport, CA. Motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve attendance by Ms. Parrish and Dr. Slaton. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dr. Bernard to go into executive session to discuss issues and receive legal advice regarding potential contested matters and personnel matters, seconded by Dr. Prejean, and passed unanimously by voice vote. Upon conclusion of discussion of the issues, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Prejean, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

A. Emergency Management Assistance Compact – Motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Green, to direct Mr. Tomino to research the law regarding emergencies (other than declared public health emergencies) and the effect on Act 207/Rule 309 and the Emergency Management Assistance Compact and report to the Board. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Proposed Legislative Bill SB544 (Physical Therapy Bill) – Motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Green, that the Board would actively provide information to the Senate Commerce Committee in opposing SB544 as its effect is not in the best interest of protecting the health and welfare of the animals and public in Louisiana. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

XII. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Prejean, and passed unanimously by voice vote to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

MINUTES REIVEWED AND APPROVED BY FULL BOARD on June 5, 2008.

John C. Prejean, DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer