

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
BOARD MEETING  
February 1, 2018**

**Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Dr. Fenton Lipscomb, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**II. ROLL CALL –**

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

Those present:

Fenton Lipscomb, DVM	Board President
William H. Green, DVM	Board Vice President
James R. Corley, DVM	Board Secretary-Treasurer
Keri Cataldo, DVM	Board Member
John S. Emerson, DVM	Board Member
Michael Tomino, Jr.	Board General Counsel
Wendy D. Parrish	Board Executive Director

Guests:

LVMA - Stephanie Karaty, (8:30am), Bland O'Connor (9:00am)

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Board Meeting December 7, 2017**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 7, 2017 Board meeting. Motion was made by Dr. Corley to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Green, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND CONTRACTS**

**A.** Ms. Parrish and Dr. Corley presented the financial reports for the months of November and December 2017 for review. Motion was made to accept the financial reports as presented by Emerson, seconded by Dr. Green, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**B. Update Office Equipment & Vendor Contracts –** Ms. Parrish presented proposals for updates on office equipment acquisitions (phone system, filing system, desktop computer replacements, UPS replacement) and online banking options for applicant and renewal fees. Further information will be shared with the Board for any changes to systems and procedures. No action was taken on this item.

**V. DVM APPLICANT ISSUES**

**A. Rachel A. Currie Admire, DVM – Request Waiver of Retake of National Examination and Preceptorship Requirement –** 2010 graduate of University of Missouri, licensed in Arkansas, and previously licensed in Louisiana. Following review of the additional documentation submitted by Dr. Admire, motion was made by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Emerson, to **defer** consideration of the waiver

requests due to insufficient and incomplete documentation regarding employment, until additional information is submitted. Dr. Beck will be notified of request for additional information. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- B. Amanda Kathryn Beck, DVM – Request Waiver of Retake of National Examination and Preceptorship Requirement** – 2007 graduate of LSU-SVM, licensed in South Carolina, North Carolina, and previously licensed in Virginia. Following review of the additional documentation submitted by Dr. Beck, motion was made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Green, to **defer** consideration of the waiver requests due to insufficient and incomplete documentation regarding employment, until additional information is submitted. Dr. Beck will be notified of request for additional information. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- C. Jennifer Ashton Gieg, DVM – Request Waiver of Retake of National Examination and Preceptorship Requirement** – 2002 graduate of Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in Ohio and Virginia. Following review of the documentation submitted Dr. Gieg, motion was made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, to **approve** waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- D. Visarion Cornel Muresan, DVM – Request Waiver of Retake of National Examination and Preceptorship Requirement** – 2007 University of Monreal, Canada, licensed in Arizona, New York, Texas and Florida. Following review of the documentation submitted Dr. Muresan, motion was made by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Green, to **approve** waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- E. Paula K. Bradley, DVM – Request Waiver of Retake of National Examination and Preceptorship Requirement** – 2016 graduate of University of Edinburgh, licensed in Minnesota, Iowa and Kentucky. Following review of the documentation submitted Dr. Bradley, motion was made by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, to **approve** waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- F. Christopher Edward Lee, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2014 graduate of LSU-SVM, licensed in Alabama. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Lee, motion was made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, to **approve** waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- G. Rachel Guzman Lee – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2016 graduate of LSU-SVM, licensed in Alabama. Following review of the

documentation submitted by Dr. Lee, motion was made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, to **approve** waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**H. Elizabeth Lynn Shafer, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2017 graduate of Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in Kentucky and Alabama. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Shafer, motion was made by Dr. Cataldo, seconded by Dr. Emerson, to **approve** waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## VI. CONTINUING EDUCATION ISSUES

**A. CE Requirements for Act 76 of 2017** – Ms. Parrish presented programs approved and to be reviewed by the Board for criteria to meet requirement of Act 76 of 2017. No action was taken on this item.

**B. The Healing Oasis Wellness Center Veterinary Spinal Manipulation Therapy Certification Program ( A.N. Costin, DVM)** - Following review of the requests for LA DVM CE credits, motion was made by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Emerson, to approved the program for LA DVM CE credits. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**C. California DVM Licensing Curriculum (D. Boggs, DVM)** - Following review of the requests for LA DVM CE credits, motion was made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, to approved passage of the California DVM licensing curriculum for LA DVM CE credits. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## VII. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES

**A. General Update - November 2017 NOI for Act 76 requiring CDS/CE and Non-Veterinarian Practice Ownership.** Per rule-making procedure, the LBVM reviewed comments received and the draft reply to such comments, as well as the draft report to the proper public officials regarding the comments and LBVM's intended action. Motion made by Corley, seconded by Emerson, to proceed with the rule-making procedure for adoption of proposed revised rules without any changes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**B. Policy and Procedure** - Pursuant to the Declaration of Emergency called by Governor Edwards on January 17, 2018 regarding the winter storm/icy conditions, the protocol established by State law and Rule 309 was followed and Dr. Robbins, State Veterinarian, was contacted with the inquiry regarding any need for out-of-state veterinarians to address the need for veterinary care. Dr. Robbins responded that none are needed at this time, and that he would further contact the LBVM if such changed. No further contact was received. No action taken.

**C. Practice Act, Rules/Related Matters/Declaratory Statements –**

1. Inquiry from LVMA regarding pre-approval of CE programs sponsored by LVMA. Per the review and decision of the LBVM, it concluded that the CE Rules do not require pre-approval for CE regarding the "general" annual renewal requirement of 20 hours for veterinarians as presented by their professional association, LVMA. However, pre-approval by the LBVM is expressly and specifically required for the 3 hours of CE currently mandated by Act 76 (and proposed Rule 403) regarding controlled dangerous substances as defined therein, as well as any CE regarding annual renewal for registrants (RVTs) and/or certificate holders (CAETs) presented by the LVMA. As denoted, the LVMA is a professional association of veterinarians and not RVTs, nor CAETs. Motion made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Emerson, regarding the LBVM's decision. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. Inquiry from Darryl Bubrig, Jr., DVM, regarding licensed veterinarian's ability and mechanics to query the LA Pharmacy Board's Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). At the present time, the veterinarians are exempted from participating in the PMP. It was suggested for Dr. Bubrig to contact the LA Pharmacy Board, which has jurisdiction over the subject matter, with his question. No action taken. It is noted that participation in the PMP would grant access to veterinarians to query the data base.

3. Inquiry from Chris Hayes, DVM, regarding his client who relocated to Texas and his providing a prescription for Tramadol to be filled by a Texas pharmacy. Dr. Hayes was informed that the Texas Pharmacy Board has proper jurisdiction over the Texas Pharmacy, and it was suggested that he contact the Texas Board of Pharmacy and/or a Texas pharmacy with his question regarding a CDS prescription by a LA licensed veterinarian. No action taken.

4. Inquiry from Kim Gusman, DVM, regarding presentation of a stray feline earlier found in Florida and presented by the client. A microchip was found. Specific facts are significant in these matters. At the present time, there is no legal requirement to microchip small animals, nor mandatory reporting of current ownership in the event of a transfer of ownership. It is also the Board's understanding that there exists no one central data bank or reporting entity providing current ownership information. Per the described scenario, it was a stray in the Jacksonville, Florida neighborhood presented for examination to Dr. Gusman. In short, the Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) is with the person presenting the cat in this particular matter. She may wish to address the matter with her client to see if she wants to pursue an attempt to find the prior owner or not. Per the law/ethics requirements, Dr. Gusman may only divulge VCPR information if the client consents, or if she is authorized by the law to do so, such as a local ordinance/law or a court order (subpoena). The LBVM cannot provide an advisory opinion on local ordinance/law or a court order. Documentation in the chart of what occurs (client's decision) may be beneficial during a review of the records should the issue present itself during an inquiry, if one arises in the future. No action taken, but these matters will continue to be reviewed on a case by case basis.

## **VIII. 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**

3530	Theis	Kara Marie
3531	Hernandez Mendoza	Kriscelle Angeline
3532	Durci	Lela Danielle
3533	Golshahi	Yasmin
3534	Jarrett, III	Keith Ardel
3535	Oubre	Olivia Kathryn
3536	Kincheloe	James Michael
3537	Ramos	Sara Joyner
3538	Goranova	Milena Greta Alexandrova

#### **Faculty DVM**

Faculty 114	Woolcock	Andrew David
Faculty 115	Gines Zarza	Jose Alberto
Faculty 116	Hanzlicek	Andrew S.
Faculty 117	Fries	Ryan Christopher
Faculty 118	Clapp	Kemba Shani

#### **RVT**

8407	Alexander	Kara A.M.
8408	Harris	Sarah Elizabeth
8409	Jurisich	Jenna Danielle
8410	Blanchard	Joy Raechelle
8411	Watts	Stephanie Brooke

#### **CAET**

9852	Joiner	Marchello Dion
9853	Bourgeois	Brooke Lauren

### **B. Management Services Agreement (A Younkin, DVM) (1:00pm) – A**

Management Services Agreement was reviewed as submitted by Dr. Younkin pursuant to Rule 1015.B. The proposed Agreement is between Management Services Agreement, Amended and Restated, Community Veterinary Clinics (Management Company) and Vinicus Vet Services (formerly Gentle Doctor - Texas)–Wellness and Preventative Care Clinics operating as VIP Care and PetVet Clinic. After LBVM review, it was concluded that the wording of the Management Services Agreement at issue, in general, meets the minimal requirements of Rule 1015.B; however, the LBVM cannot state that the actual interpretation and application of its provisions in the future by the parties will necessarily comply with Louisiana law. As stated to Dr. Younkin, the LBVM does not provide advisory opinions nor legal advices/negotiations to its licensees on such issues. He was also advised that the Management Services Agreement, Amended and Restated, at issue, and its practical and legal implementation, must comply with Louisiana law regardless of its reference to any other states' laws. Motion made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Cataldo,

regarding the LBVM's decision to approve the Agreement. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

There was no action taken.

**X. ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Board, motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Emerson, and passed unanimously by voice vote to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY FULL BOARD on April 5, 2018.

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James Corley, DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer