

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
BOARD MEETING
February 2, 2012**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER – Thursday, February 2, 2012

Board President, Dr. Gary T. Levy, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Roll call was taken by Board Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. William H. Green, with the following results:

Those present:

Gary T. Levy, DVM	Board President
William H. Green	Board Secretary-Treasurer
Steven V. Slaton, DVM	Board Member
Patrick R. Bernard, DVM	Board Member
Michael Tomino, Jr.	Board General Counsel
Wendy D. Parrish	Board Executive Director

Those absent:

Mica F. Landry, DVM,	Board Vice President
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Guests:

Bland O'Connor, LVMA (11:45am-noon)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Meeting December 1, 2012

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 1, 2011 Board meeting. Motion was made by Dr. Bernard to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Slaton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND CONTRACTS

A. Financial Reports – November and December 2011

Board Secretary-Treasurer William Green, DVM and Ms. Parrish presented the financial reports for the months of November and December 2011 for review. Motion was made by Dr. Slaton to approve the financial reports as presented, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Special Legal Counsel Contract Review FY2012 – Ms. Parrish presented the contract as approved during the October 2011 Board meeting for special legal services by Sera Russell, Attorney, for review. The contract has a ceiling of \$5,000.00. No action was taken on this item.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

A. Case 04-0702D and 12-0706V– Proposed Consent Order (10:00a.m.) –

Motion was made by Dr. Green to go into executive session to discuss the character and professional reputation issues of the licensee, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Upon conclusion of executive session, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Slaton, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion was made by Dr. Slaton, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to accept the Consent Order as presented for this case. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Case 12-0907 I – Proposed Agreement (10:30a.m.) – *Motion was made by Dr. Bernard to go into executive session to discuss the character and professional reputation issues of the licensee, seconded by Dr. Slaton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.*

Upon conclusion of executive session, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Slaton, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion was made by Dr. Slaton, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to accept the Agreement as presented for this case. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Case 06-1026 D – Update (11:00a.m.) – *Motion was made by Dr. Bernard to go into executive session to discuss the character and professional reputation issues of the licensee, seconded by Dr. Slaton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.*

Upon conclusion of executive session, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Slaton, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion was made by Dr. Slaton, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to accept the Report as presented and continue enforcement of current order for this case. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote

VI. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES

A. Rule Making –

- 1. Final Rules 712, 1103, 1105, 1200, 1201, 1209, 1211 Alternative Therapy, Collaborative Practice, Preceptorship Week in Training, Temporary CAET** – Effective February 20, 2012, the Rules are amended and adopted to provide alternative therapy and collaborative treatment on animals by a qualified layperson and the parameters within which services may be provided under the direct supervision of the veterinarian; amend the week in training for preceptorship program to more closely follow actual hours of veterinary medical practice hours, and outline parameters for repeal of week(s) in training for non-compliant weeks(s) in training; repeal the temporary certification for the Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician due to the annual certification training program which is now being provided at dedicated, periodic intervals during the year at various sites throughout the state; and clarify pre-euthanasia restraint of animals. No action was taken.

B. Policy and Procedure

1. None.

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

1. **Active/Inactive Licensure Status** – The Board considered draft revisions to the existing rules implementing a limited number of five (5) times an applicant is eligible to take the national veterinary examination in Louisiana which is the standard in a fast growing number of states and as requested by the national examination agency used by all US states; to more clearly define the status of a Louisiana veterinary license as either active status or inactive status based on qualified retirement or disability; to define the reduced annual license renewal fee for a qualified retired or disabled licensee on inactive status, as well as to confirm the annual license renewal fee exemption for a licensee on active military duty; and to more clearly define the exemption from annual continuing education requirements for a qualified retired or disabled licensee on inactive status, and for a licensee on active military duty. Motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Slaton, to amend the rules as proposed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
2. **School Veterinarian Licensure** – Licensure issues were again discussed by the Board. Motion was made by Dr. Slaton, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to revisit this item at the next Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
3. **Dental Prophylaxis** - Dr. Joseph Dalgo's request regarding the Board adopting the American Veterinary Dentist Society's guidelines for a "dental prophylaxis" was discussed. Motion was made by Dr. Bernard, and seconded by Dr. Slaton, to inform Dr. Dalgo that the current Rules regarding dental standards will remain in effect. The current standards are minimal acceptable conduct in the provision of these services. It is important to note that the Board has not received any complaints from veterinary clients to date regarding alleged violations of the current dental standards. The veterinarian may explain to his clients the nature and effect of full dental services as compared to perhaps incomplete and less expensive services. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
4. **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Work/Consent Form for Sedation** - Dr. Gerard Salles' questions regarding 1) whether a veterinarian must offer pre-anesthetic blood work to every patient that undergoes general anesthesia, including young, healthy pets for spaying and neutering; and 2) whether a signed consent form for sedation (using dexdomitor and butorphanol) were discussed by the Board. Motion was made by Dr. X, and seconded by Dr. Y to inform Dr. Salles that the Board considers pre-anesthetic blood work prior to general anesthesia as the required proper standard of veterinary practice. However, the decision to have such performed, or not, rests with the informed client. Accordingly, pre-anesthetic blood work prior to general anesthesia must be explained and offered to the client prior to the general anesthesia. Such can be accomplished by a simple form which when signed by the client, either accepting or denying the pre-anesthetic blood work, properly documents the medical record if the matter is later raised by the client and then questioned by the Board. And, second, the Board has consistently concluded that sedation is included within the concept of general anesthesia thereby requiring a signed consent form by the client prior to administration. In comparison, a topical or local anesthetic does not require such a signed consent form. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. DVM APPLICANT ISSUES

- A. Audrey L. Poynor, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2010 graduate of Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in Florida. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Poynor, motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Slaton to approve waiver of preceptorship requirement as the documents meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed by majority vote.
- B. Debra Hagerman-Rogers, DVM – Request for Reconsideration of Waiver of Retake of National Examination and Preceptorship Requirement** – 1991 graduate of North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in North Carolina, Kentucky and Florida. Following review of the additional documentation submitted by Dr. Hagerman-Rogers, motion was made by Dr. Slaton, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to deny waiver of retake of the national examination and waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided do not meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required periods of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed by majority vote.
- C. George S. Martin, DVM – Request for Waiver of Retake of National Examination and Preceptorship Requirement Requirement** – 1977 graduate of University of Illinois School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in Colorado, Idaho, Arkansas and previously Louisiana. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Martin, motion was made by Dr. Slaton, seconded by Dr. Bernar, to deny waiver of retake of the national examination and waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided do not meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required periods of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed by majority vote.
- D. Rosey C. Kelley, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2009 graduate of LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in Colorado. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Kelley, motion was made by Dr. Slaton, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to approve waiver of preceptorship requirement as the documents meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed by majority vote.

VIII. PRECEPTORSHIP ISSUES

- A. Louisiana SPCA – Reconsideration for Application for Preceptorship Site Approval** - Following review of the additional documents and the request submitted by Louisiana SPCA, motion was made by Dr. Slaton, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to deny approval as the site does not meet the criteria required for an approved preceptorship program as found in an actual clinical practice setting which criteria is uniformly applied as required by law. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IX. RVT/CAET/RED ISSUES

- A. Audubon Nature Institute CAET Lead Status Issues** –Following discussion of the issues presented, the Board elected to invite the proposed supervising veterinarian and the interested CAET applicants to the next meeting to provide information to the Board for

its consideration regarding the proposed duties of the CAET in a facility other than a governmental animal control site, as well address concerns regarding Lead CAET status.

X. CONTINUING EDUCATION ISSUES

A. Texas Unites for Animals (H Cole, EBR Animal Control) – Following review of the request for CAET CE credits for participation in the Texas Unites for Animals program, motion was made by Dr. Slaton, seconded by Dr. Green, to allow 6 CAET CE credits. Motion passed by majority as follows: Yeas, Drs. Levy, Slaton, Green; Abstain, Dr. Bernard.

B. LA Basic Peace Officer Academy (A Seltz, CAET) – Following review of the request for CAET CE credits for participation in the LA Basic Peace Officer Academy, motion was made by Dr. Slaton, seconded by Dr. Green, to deny CAET CE credits for the presentation. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

XI. 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

3015 Chalyn Cynthia Fayard
3016 Luis Jorge Perez-Ortiz
3017 Mary Leona Bellosa
3018 Amanda Lyndale High
3019 Katherine Marie Manning
3020 Amanda Pigott Foxworth
3021 Amber Michelle Ferguson
3022 April Elizabeth Mackey
3023 Leslie Ann Andermann
3024 Alan Curtis Younkin
3025 Alicia Rose Goves Lindholm

RVT

8228 Anna Rae Cilleux
8229 Aimee Ann Giovengo
8230 Torri Rae Collins

CAET

9594 Durel Correli Richard
9595 Brittany Ann Gobert
9596 Emily Rae Helton
9597 Dwana Felder Fields
9598 Nathan Wayne Areno

B. CAET Program March 2012 – Dr. Levy volunteered to provide the veterinary training for the March 2, 2012 CAET Training program in Alexandria, LA, provided the minimum number of applicants is sufficient to hold the program.

XI. OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

None presented.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

No formal action was taken by the Board as a result of Executive Session.

XIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, motion was made by Dr. Slaton, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY FULL BOARD on April 5, 2012.

William H. Green, DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer