

**BOARD MEETING
LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

February 6, 2001

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:15 a.m. by the President, Dr. Adrienne A. Aycock and opened with a prayer lead by Dr. Lofton.

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. Edwin Davis	Board Member
Dr. Glenn Walther	Board Member
Kimberly Barbier	Board Administrative Director
Michael A. Tomino, Jr.	Board General Counsel

Guests:

Bland O'Connor	LVMA
Dr. Michael Strain	State Representative, District 74 & LVMA
Dr. Sophia Papageorgiou	DVM Applicant

III. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING – Case No. 00-1208.2V

The hearing scheduled for 9:30 am was postponed by request of the respondent due to medical reasons. The hearing has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2001.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 7, 2000

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 7, 2000 board meeting. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Davis, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT MATTERS

A. **Financial Reports – November and December 2000**

Dr. Lofton presented the financial reports for November and December 2000. After review and discussion, motion was made by Dr. Lofton to accept the financial statements, seconded by Dr. Gowan, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

VI. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES

A. **Rule Making**

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

2. Adoption of Rules: No rules were presented for adoption.

3. Consideration/ Review of New Rules

a. Rule 1039 – Consent Forms: Mr. Tomino and Dr. Gowan presented modifications to Rule 1039 as discussed at the December 5, 2000 board meeting. After discussion of the new version presented, motion was made by Dr. Lofton to accept the new version as presented with noted changes and reference to the AVMA's defining of emergencies in the Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics, seconded by Dr. Davis, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion was made by Dr. Walther to authorize the initiation of the promulgation process for Rule 1039 amendments, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. **Policy and Procedure**

1. Applications – Exam Dates and Employment: Ms. Barbier asked the Board to consider a policy/procedure for handling the applications submitted by applicants whose national examination scores are five years old or older but who, at the time of application, have not been out of school and working for a full five years. After discussion of this issue, motion was made by Dr. Gowan that these applications should be presented to the full Board for review, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Continuing Education

a. Use of Veterinary School Employment: The Board discussed the acceptance of employment verification at a veterinary school/teaching hospital in lieu of performance of the required 16 hours of continuing education for annual renewal of licenses to practice veterinary medicine in Louisiana. Motion was made by Dr. Gowan to apply the rules of Chapter 4 of the Veterinary Practice Act relative to continuing education which do not provide for an exemption for the use of veterinary school employment as acceptable CE, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

[At this time, the Board reviewed agenda item VII.C.3. relative to the above item.]

b. Policy Statement Review: The Board reviewed and discussed the current CE Policy Statement. No changes were made to the policy statement. The Board reiterated that CE should conform to the Board-approved CE Policy Statement and Board Rules for acceptable CE.

3. Board Forms

a. RED Valid License Verification: Ms. Barbier presented the Board with a revised Certificate of Previous Valid Licensure form for use in RED application. After review of the form presented, motion was made by Dr. Lofton to approve the revised form, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. Customer Satisfaction Questionnaire: Ms. Barbier presented the Board with a revised Customer Satisfaction Questionnaire. Mr. Tomino suggested some minor wording changes. Motion was made by Dr. Davis to approve the revised form with the changes suggested by Mr. Tomino, seconded by Dr. Gowan, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Practice Act-Related Inquiries/Declaratory Statements

1. Mr. Tomino presented an inquiry received from Dr. Mike Cummings regarding a licensed veterinarian hired by the local animal shelter. After preliminary discussion, the Board authorized Mr. Tomino to request more information for Board consideration at the April 5, 2001 board meeting.

2. Mr. Tomino presented an inquiry received from Dr. Kelly Chapman regarding selling telezol xylazine to a client for use in capturing deer on the client's deer farm. After discussion, Mr. Tomino was instructed to inform Dr. Chapman, after review of

the response by Dr. Aycock, that he cannot sell quantities of telezol xylazine to a layperson for his use when ever needed.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

A. **Applicant Issues**

1. DVM – Dr. Sophia Papageorgiou: The Board reviewed application information regarding Dr. Papageorgiou's passing CCT score being over five years old but Dr. Papageorgiou not having been practicing as a licensed veterinarian for a full five years. Motion was made by Dr. Lofton to accept a type 2 application from Dr. Papageorgiou and her out-of-date passing CCT score, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Applicant for Examination With No Social Security Number: Mr. Tomino presented general information regarding a possible applicant who wants to apply through Louisiana to take the NAVLE but who does not have a social security number. This applicant has applied and been accepted by the NBEC to take the NAVLE through another state, but that state recently informed the applicant that her application with them was denied because she does not have a social security number so she can not take the NAVLE through them. She has requested to apply to take the NAVLE through Louisiana. After discussion of this issue, motion was made by Dr. Walther to inform this individual that she may apply for licensure in Louisiana using the most permanent valid ID number she has (i.e. national ID #, passport #, Visa #) in lieu of a social security number; a photocopy of the ID card, passport or Visa must be attached to the application; motion was seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Tomino was instructed to research the legality of requiring, by rule, applicants for licensure (and examination) to have a social security number.

B. **Licensee Issues**

1. RVT – Erin Wilcox: The Board again reviewed the request of Ms. Wilcox to reinstate her cancelled RVT certificate. Mr. Tomino informed the Board that the question brought up at the October 2000 board meeting regarding this request has been settled. Motion was made by Dr. Davis to reinstate Ms. Wilcox's cancelled certificate upon payment of all delinquent renewal and renewal late fees, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Continuing Education

1. CAET – R. Carrier, Church Point Animal Control: The Board reviewed and discussed the request of Mr. Carrier to work with a local veterinarian and use video tapes to satisfy the required six hours of CE. Motion was made by Dr. Lofton to deny this request and inform Mr. Carrier of any programs already approved by the Board, seconded by Dr. Davis, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. VIN, On-line CE Programs: The Board reviewed the request of VIN to remove the four-hour limitation cap on approved on-line CE programs established by the Board in its CE Policy Statement. Motion was made by Dr. Davis to deny this request and reiterated the Board's current approved CE Policy Statement limiting the use of on-line CE programs to four-hours annually, seconded by Dr. Gowan, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

[Agenda item VII.C.3. was discussed in relation to item VI.B.2.a.]

3. M. S. Gill, DVM: Ms. Barbier was instructed to send Dr. Gill a letter informing her of the Board's decision on agenda item VI.B.2.a.

[The Board returned to agenda item VI.B.2.b.]

D. Proposed Web Site

Ms. Barbier presented information she had gathered regarding development of a web site. The Board reviewed this information and the proposed format. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to authorize Ms. Barbier to contact and work with web site masters (EATEL, Onesium, Intersurf) to get quotes for development of a web site, seconded by Dr. Gowan, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Other matters Properly Brought Before the Board

1. The Board recognized Dr. Michael Strain. Dr. Strain informed the Board of two Bills coming up during the 2001 Regular Legislative Session. House Bill No. 48 for authorization to use dogs on leashes to trail wounded or unrecovered deer. House Bill No. 8 providing for the crime of illegal ownership of pit bull dogs. Some general discussion was held regarding the Legislative Session and State Government.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Wall certificates were presented for signature for the following new licenses/certificates issued since the December 7, 2000 board meeting:

<u>DVM License No.</u>		<u>Issued</u>
2327	Melburn G. Stephens, DVM	01/02/2001
2328	Danah L. Dunaway, DVM	01/19/2001
<u>RVT Certificate No.</u>		<u>Issued</u>
8092	Kim R. Prejean, RVT	12/21/2000
<u>RED Certificate No.</u>		<u>Issued</u>
7005	Kenneth Bret Richards, RED	01/16/2001

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Dr. Walther 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. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote. Upon return to the public record by motion of Dr. Gowan, seconded by Dr. Davis, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the Board took no action regarding miscellaneous legal issues or other matters properly brought up; and there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY FULL BOARD ON APRIL 5, 2001.

Robert Lofton, DVM
Board Secretary/Treasurer