

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
BOARD MEETING  
October 7, 2004**

**Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER -**

Board President, Dr. Glenn Walther, called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.

**II. ROLL CALL -**

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

Those present:

Glenn Walther, DVM	Board President
Lon Randall, DVM	Board Vice President
Patrick Bernard, DVM	Board Secretary-Treasurer
J. Edwin Davis, DVM	Board Member
Michael Tomino, Jr.	Board General Counsel
Wendy Parrish	Board Administrative Director

Absent: None

Guests: None

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. August 5, 2004

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 5, 2004 Board meeting. Motion was made by Dr. Bernard to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Davis, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. August 26, 2004

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 26, 2004 Public Hearing. Motion was made by Dr. Bernard to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Davis, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND CONTRACTS**

A. **Financial Reports -**

July 2004 and August 2004

Dr. Bernard and Ms. Parrish presented the financial reports for July and August 2004 for review. Discussion was made regarding current interest rates on certificates of deposits, revenues received in FY2005 to date and additional legal fees required due to complaint cases and rulemaking activities. Following review, motion was made by Dr. Davis to approve the financial reports as presented, seconded by Dr. Randall, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. **FY2006 Budget/Maximum Employee Pay Raise Amount -**

Ms. Parrish presented financial history of maximum employee pay raise amounts for the last four fiscal years. Motion was made by Dr. Randall, seconded by Dr. Davis to allow a maximum employee pay raise amount for FY2006 of 10%. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

*Motion was made by Dr. Randall to go into executive session with legal counsel to discuss increased workload regarding the current legal contract, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote. Ms. Parrish was not in attendance during the executive session. Upon conclusion of discussion of the issues, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and approved unanimously by voice vote.*

C. Legal Counsel Contract – Ms. Parrish was asked to investigate potential alternative contracting for legal services with Mr. Tomino including issues related to employment alternatives. Potential employment terms were discussed. Ms. Parrish is to present these findings to the Board and to Mr. Tomino for consideration at the December 2004 Board meeting.

**V. Default in Payment of Fines/Costs Set Forth in Case #03-1031.2V**

**- J. L. Garrett, DVM**

This item was removed from the agenda per Mr. Tomino and Dr. Walther.

**VI. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES**

**A. Policy and Procedure**

Proposed Board Meeting Dates – Ms. Parrish presented proposed Board meeting dates for 2005. Motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard to accept the 2005 Board meeting dates as proposed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**B. Practice Act-Related Matters/Declaratory Statements**

Mr. Tomino presented for consideration a declaratory statement to Karen Ordogne, DVM regarding aftercare. Motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to accept the proposed statement as presented. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

*Motion was made by Dr. Randall to go into executive session to discuss issues and receive legal advice regarding potential contested 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. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and approved unanimously by voice vote.*

**C. Rule Making**

1. Rule 1015 – Management Services Contracts (formerly franchise arrangements) – Motion was made by Dr. Davis and seconded by Dr. Bernard to accept the proposed rule amendments processed through standard rulemaking procedures regarding criteria for veterinary

management services contracts following comments from the public hearing held on August 26, 2004 and as presented by Mr. Tomino, with changes as noted by the board and final draft review by Dr. Walther. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Rule 1515 – Registered Equine Dentists – Motion was made by Dr. Davis and seconded by Dr. Randall to approve the proposed rule amendments as presented by Mr. Tomino which clarify proper training, examination and employment of lay persons and registered veterinary technicians in regards to equine dentistry in Louisiana. Emergency Rule procedures are conditioned on the availability of a training program through LSU-SVM approved by the Board. If such a training program is not available at the present time, then the Board will proceed with standard rulemaking procedures. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **VII. DVM ISSUES**

**A. J. Alvin Garon, DVM – Affidavit of Retirement, status change** – Following review of affidavit and supporting documentation provided by Dr. Garon, motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard to approve request for status change to **Inactive Retired**. Motion passed by voice vote.

**B. Robert L. Rollins, DVM – Affidavit of Retirement, status change** – Following review of affidavit and supporting documentation provided by Dr. Rollins, motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Davis to approve request for status change to **Inactive Retired**. Motion passed by voice vote.

**C. Walter Low, DVM – Affidavit of Status, Request to Waive CE and Renewal Fee –**

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

*Upon conclusion of discussion of the issues, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and approved unanimously by voice vote.*

Following review of request and documentation submitted by Dr. Low, motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to waive CE requirements for renewal year 2005, waive renewal fee, and to accept and approve status change to **Inactive Incapacitated**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**D. Pamala Coker, DVM – Request for Waiver of CE (active military vs. defense contract)** – Following review of documentation provided by Dr. Coker regarding duties overseas for defense contract with Signature Science, motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to allow a 90 day extension for acquisition of CE credits

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following notice of Dr. Coker's return to the U.S. from military duty. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**E. Antoine Saacks, III, DVM - Request Extension for CE Requirements -**

Following review of documentation provided by Dr. Saacks, motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to grant a 90 day extension through December 30, 2004 for acquisition of CE credits, and waiver of late renewal fee. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**F. Rachel E. Heart, DVM - Request for Approval of CE Credits -** Following review of documentation provided by Dr. Heart regarding 94 credit hours received from participation in the Chi Institute, alternative medicine/therapy courses, motion was made by Dr. Randall, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to approve 4 credits of CE hours, with an extension of 90 days through December 30, 2004 to acquire the remainder of CE requirements, and waiver of late renewal fee. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**G. Frank Klimitas, DVM - Affidavit of Status -**

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

*Upon conclusion of discussion of the issues, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and approved unanimously by voice vote.*

Following review of request and documentation submitted by Dr. Klimitas, motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Davis, to waive CE requirements for renewal year 2005, and to accept and approve status change to **Inactive Incapacitated**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**H. Martin Spindel, DVM - Affidavit of Retirement, status change -** Following review of affidavit and supporting documentation provided by Dr. Spindel, motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard to approve request for status change to **Inactive Retired**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**I. Chris Cahill, DVM - Request for Approval of CE Credits -** Following review of documentation provided by Dr. Cahill regarding credit hours received from participation in the Chi Institute, alternative medicine/therapy courses, motion was made by Dr. Randall, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve 7 credits of CE hours (this renewal year only), with an extension of 90 days through December 30, 2004 to acquire the remainder of CE requirements, and waiver of late renewal fee. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**J. Elaine A. Frederick, DVM - Affidavit of Status -**

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

*Upon conclusion of discussion of the issues, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and approved unanimously by voice vote.*

Following review of request and documentation submitted by Dr. Frederick, motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Davis, to waive CE requirements for renewal year 2005, and to accept and approve status change to **Inactive Incapacitated**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**K. Melburn Stephens, DVM – Request to Waive CE Requirements and Renewal Fee (Active Military)** - Following review of request and documentation, and in accordance with Senate Concurrent Resolution 104 and Rule 405, motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Randall, to waive CE requirements for renewal year 2005 and renewal fee. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**L. David S. Kilpatrick, DVM, DABVP – Request to Extend CE Requirement –** Following review of request and documentation submitted by Dr. Kilpatrick, motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to extend CE requirements for renewal year 2005 for 90 days through December 30, 2004, and waive late CE fee. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**M. Jeffery P. Artall, DVM - Request to Waive Late Renewal Fee –** Following review of request and documentation submitted by Dr. Artall, motion was made by Dr. Randall, seconded by Dr. Davis, to deny waiver of late renewal fee. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **VIII. DVM APPLICANT ISSUES**

**A. Mark J. Acierno, DVM, DACVIM – Request for waiver of out-of-date examination and preceptorship requirement**  
– 2000 graduate of Mississippi State School of Veterinary Medicine, previously licensed in New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey, diplomate of ACVIM, currently employed at LSU-SVM. Motion was made by Dr. Randall, seconded by Dr. Bernard to accept the documentation of work history to be equivalent to full time active practice for five years immediately prior to application with the Board. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**B. Patricia Coan, DVM, DACLAM – Request for waiver of out-of-date examination and preceptorship requirement** –1986 graduate of Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in Alabama, diplomate of ACLAM, currently employed at Tulane University Vivarial Science and Research. Discussion was held regarding Dr. Coan’s particular employment history, duties and experience.

Motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard to accept Dr. Coan's employment history and experience to be equivalent to full time active practice for five years immediately prior to application with the Board. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**C. Barbara L. Reitz, DVM - Request for waiver of out of date examination.** - 1987 graduate of Michigan State University, formerly licensed in Michigan. Following review of documents submitted by Dr. Reitz regarding education and employment history (no practice of veterinary medicine or CE since 1995), motion was made by Dr. Randall, seconded by Dr. Davis, to deny request for waiver of out-of-date national examination. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**D. Ashley Geoghegan, DVM - Request for waiver of preceptorship requirement -** 2000 graduate of LSU-SVM, licensed in Texas, having served as a veterinarian in the U.S. Army August 2000 through August 2004. Following review of documents submitted by Dr. Geoghegan, employment history, and experience, Dr. Geoghegan's particular employment history and experience were found to be equivalent to full time active practice for 90 days immediately prior to application with the Board. Motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to waive the preceptorship requirement. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **IX. CONTINUING EDUCATION ISSUES**

**A. CAET CE - Request for approval of Animal Cruelty Investion Training, Level I and II, by Connie Lindley, DVM (Calcasieu Parish Animal Control) - October 1-2, 2004, Fayette, AR, for 6 credit hours.** Motion was made by Dr. Randall, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to approve the course for 6 hours of CAET CE credits. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**B. DVM CE - Following review of request for approval of participation by Denise Porte, DVM, in animal behavior studies in the Don Low/California Veterinary Medical Association Practitioner Fellowship in Davis, CA, motion was made by Randall, seconded by Dr. Davis to approve 4 credit hours of continuing education.** Motion passed unanimously by voice 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**

2544	Dacques Colden Pourciau
2545	Corrine S. Brown
2546	Wendy Marie Hancock
2547	Becky Kay Bourque

2548	Stacy Lane VanHorn
2549	Rechelle Lynn Diaz
2550	Haley Frances Burke
2551	Peter Jacob Bondy, Jr.
2552	Stacey Harris Daigle
2553	Jennifer L. Dvis Kenwood
2554	Daniel Paul Beaver
2555	Emily Kate Edwards
2556	Maya Michelle Bewig
2557	Cynthia DeLia Lang
2558	Alaine Donnes Lafaso

**RVT**

8118	Danielle Kathleen Sanders
8119	Tiffany Ann Etheridge
8120	Jessica Erin Hudspeth

**CAET**

9328	Steven John Phillippe
9329	Tebbes Quivonne Henderson
9330	Caroline Toerner Coffey
9331	Crystal Michelle Collins
9332	Arbunia Michelle Larkins
9333	Valerie Sue Robinson
9334	James L. Efferson
9335	Janet Gayle Parker
9336	Karin Leah Sagona
9337	Loretta Mary Deville
9338	Tracy V. Lapeyrouse
9339	Holly Rae Taylor

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7006	Kenneth Clay Witt
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**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. No issues presented -**

**XII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Board, motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:23p.m.

MINUTES REIVEWED AND APPROVED BY FULL BOARD ON December 2, 2004.