

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
BOARD MEETING  
April 6, 2006**

**Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER -**

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

**II. ROLL CALL -**

Roll call was taken by Board Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Mica F. Landry, with the following results:

Those present:

Lon Randall, DVM	Board President
Patrick Bernard, DVM	Board Vice President
Mica F. Landry, DVM	Board Secretary-Treasurer
William H. Green, DVM	Board Member
Glenn Walther, DVM	Board Member
Michael Tomino, Jr.	Board General Counsel
Wendy Parrish	Board Administrative Director

Absent:

None.

Guests:

Bland O'Connor, LVMA  
Patrick Thistlethwaite, DVM, LVMA

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Board Meeting February 2, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 2, 2006 Board meeting. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Special Board Meeting February 11, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 11, 2006 Special Board meeting. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND CONTRACTS**

A. **Financial Reports** - January 2006 and February 2006

Ms. Parrish and Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Landry presented the financial reports for the months of January and February 2006 for review. Following discussion, motion was made by Dr. Bernard to approve the financial reports as presented, seconded by Dr. Green, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. **Contract Renewal FY2007- Greg Brown, CPA** - Ms. Parrish presented the proposed contract for accounting services for review. No changes were noted from the

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previous fiscal year contract with a ceiling of \$5,000.00 per year. Motion was made by Dr. Walther, seconded by Dr. Bernard to approve renewal of the contract following review of all state mandated provisions for contracts by Mr. Tomino. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. **Contract Renewal FY2007- 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. Walther, seconded by Dr. Landry to approve renewal of the contract following review of all state mandated provisions for contracts by Mr. Tomino. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. **Letter of Agreement Renewal FY2007- 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. No changes were noted from the previous year contract. Motion was made by Dr. Walther, seconded by Dr. Landry to approve renewal of the contract following review of all mandated provisions for state contracts by and for the protection of the state board Mr. Tomino. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. **Contract Renewal FY2007- American Association of Veterinary State Boards (VTNE)** – Ms. Parrish presented the proposed 2-year contract for national veterinary technician examination services for review. New ownership and standard provisions for state contracting were discussed. Ms. Parrish was directed to confer with Mr. Tomino concerning review of provisions to meet all state requirements and for the protection of the state board. Motion was made by Dr. Walther, seconded by Dr. Bernard to approve renewal of the contract following review of all state mandated provisions by Mr. Tomino. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **V. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS**

A. **Case No. 06-0808V** - Dr. Randall was introduced as presiding officer for the hearing. Dr. Bernard recused himself as investigating Board member in the case. The members of the Hearing Panel consisted of Dr. Randall, Dr. Landry, Dr. Green and Dr. Walther. 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. Walther, seconded by Dr. Green, 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. Landry to return to open session, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was reopened to the public.

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

**B. Case No. 05-0322V** - Dr. Randall was introduced as presiding officer for the hearing. Dr. Green was recused as investigating Board member in the case. The members of the Hearing Panel consisted of Dr. Randall, Dr. Bernard, Dr. Landry and Dr. Walther. 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. Landry, seconded by Dr. Bernard, 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. Walther to return to open session, seconded by Dr. Landry, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was reopened to the public. Motion was made by Dr. Walther, seconded by Dr. Bernard to not accept the Consent Order as presented for this case based on the determination that the laceration to the cat was not of such a degree (size, location and type) as to render the veterinarian/employee groomer's action below the minimum level of acceptable conduct due to the severe matting of the animal's coat. Motion passed with the following voice vote: Dr. Randall - nay, Dr. Bernard - nay, Dr. Landry - nay, Dr. Walther - nay.

**C. Case No. 05-0322V** - Dr. Randall was introduced as presiding officer for the hearing. Dr. Landry was recused as investigating Board member in the case. The members of the Hearing Panel consisted of Dr. Randall, Dr. Bernard, Dr. Green and Dr. Walther. 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. Walther, seconded by Dr. Bernard, 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. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was reopened to the public. Motion was made by Dr. Walther, seconded by Dr. Bernard to accept the Consent Order as presented for this case. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **VI. EQUINE DENTISTRY (LVMA) -**

Dr. Thistlethwaite and Bland O'Connor, representing Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association, were introduced to the Board. Dr. Thistlethwaite presented opinions and views gathered by LVMA from Louisiana veterinarians with regard to equine

dentistry. Discussion was made concerning equine dentistry continuing education, future training programs at LSU-SVM, oversight by veterinarians, equine dentistry at the race tracks vs. general equine dentistry needs throughout the state, proposed legislative bills pertaining to the practice of veterinary medicine, and current requests by certain individuals/groups for changes in Board rules with regards to limited equine dentistry.

Upon conclusion of presentation and discussion, Dr. Thistlethwaite stated that the LVMA supports the continued Board-approved training program for limited equine dentistry for laypersons and Registered Veterinary Technicians employed by veterinarians at LSU-SVM for a period of time for careful consideration of current standards, and that the association does not support separation of oversight by veterinarians, nor changes to the current rules at this time. Mr. O'Connor and Dr. Thistlethwaite then left the meeting.

## **VII. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES**

### **A. Policy and Procedure -**

1. Request for expansion of CE Credits for administrative work/emergency preparedness, query regarding LSU-SVM "Educational Umbrella", and request for wallet-size veterinary licenses (R Poirrier, DVM) - Following review of Dr. Poirrier's requests and query, motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Walther, to approve the proposed response submitted by Mr. Tomino. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

1. **Bovine/Equine Eyeliner Tattooing (C Bass)** - Following review of Ms. Bass's query on bovine/equine eyeliner tattooing by laypersons in Louisiana, motion was made by Dr. Walther to accept the proposed response presented by Mr. Tomino, seconded by Dr. Bernard. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
2. **Veterinary Medical Compounding (L Penton, DVM)** - Following review of Dr. Penton's query regarding veterinary medical compounding in Louisiana, motion was made by Dr. Walther for Mr. Tomino to prepare a response, subject to Board member approval, directing Dr. Penton to the Louisiana Pharmacy Board and/or other pertinent regulatory agencies for proper response to her inquiry, seconded by Dr. Bernard. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
3. **Veterinary Care Home Visits (D Fontenot, DVM)** - As no further information was forthcoming from Dr. Fontenot following two requests per February 2, 2006 Board meeting, Mr. Tomino was directed to request Dr. Fontenot's attendance at the June 2006 Board meeting in order to properly provide information relative to his inquiry for proper Board

response. Motion was made by Dr. Landry, seconded by Dr. Walther to invite Dr. Fontenot to the next Board meeting. Motion was approved by majority with Dr. Green dissenting. Motion was made for Dr. Walther, seconded by Dr. Bernard for Mr. Tomino and Dr. Green to propose rule changes at a future Board meeting with regard to classification of practice/facilities and related matters. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. **Review of legal standards regarding request for waiver of retaking of national veterinary licensing examination and waiver of preceptorship requirement.**

**C. Rule Making**

1. **Rule 400 and 403 - DVM Continuing Education** - Motion was made by Dr. Landry, seconded by Dr. Green, to direct Mr. Tomino to present proposals for rule revisions as discussed in the number and categories of approved DVM continuing education credits at a future Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
2. **Rule 701 - Veterinary Medical Recordkeeping** - Rule revisions deferred to June 2006 Board meeting.
3. **Rule 303 - Waiver to Retake the National Veterinary Licensing Examination -**

**VIII. DVM ISSUES**

**A. Frank Klimitas, DVM - Request for Waiver of CE Requirement-** Following review of documentation provided by Dr. Klimitas and in consideration of his particular circumstances, motion was made by Dr. Walther, seconded by Dr. Landry, to waive the 16 CE credit requirements for renewal year 2006-2007. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**IX. DVM APPLICANT ISSUES**

**A. Milissa Quirk, DVM - Request for Waiver of Preceptorship and Retaking of National Examination Requirement** - Following review of documentation submitted by Dr. Quirk, 1998 graduate of Ross University, successful passage of national licensing examination in 1997, licensed in Texas, motion was made by Dr. Walther, seconded by Dr. Green, to deny waiver of retaking of the national examination due to lack of proof of 5 years full-time veterinary practice preceding application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**A. John Patrick Baugh, DVM - Request for Waiver of Preceptorship and Retaking of National Examination Requirement** - Following review of documentation submitted by Dr. Baugh, 2001 graduate of Texas A&M, successful passage of national licensing examination in 2001, licensed in Texas, motion was made by Dr. Walther, seconded by Dr. Bernard, to deny waiver of retaking of the national examination due to

lack of 5 years full-time veterinary practice preceding application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**X. CONTINUING EDUCATION ISSUES**

**A. DVM CE - Request to Consider Changes to CE Requirements (D Koetting, DVM)** - Review was made of Dr. Koetting's request for consideration of changes to CE requirements. This subject matter was previously cited for review under Item VII C.1.

**B. CAET CE - Local Rabies Control Authority/Texas, Zoonosis Control (Caddo Parish Animal Control/M Dale, DVM)** - Request for consideration of 5 CAET CE credit hours. Following review of the documentation presented, motion was made by Dr. Walther, seconded by Dr. Landry, to approve 5 CE credit hours for CAETs for participation in the program. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**C. DVM CE - Epidemiology Master Degree Program at LSU Health Science Center, New Orleans (S. Anderson, DVM)** - Request for consideration for CE credits for full time enrollment in epidemiology curriculum. Following review of the material presented, motion was made by Dr. Landry, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve 4 hours CE credits for participation in Epidemiology studies in human medicine/Public Health. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**D. CAET CE - Texas Animal Control Association Seminar (Alexandria Zoo/L Laskoski, CAET)** - Request for consideration of 6 CAET CE credit hours. Following review of the documentation presented, motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Landry, to approve 6 CE credit hours for CAETs for participation in the program. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**E. DVM CE - AgERT/USDA-Homeland Security/Agriculture Emergency Response Training Program (M. Lea, DVM)** - Request for consideration for 30 CE credits for participation in training programs for AgERT/USDA in 2006. Following review of the material presented, motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Walther to approve a maximum of 12 CE credits for veterinary medicine credits and 4 CE credits in administration/management for participation in the program. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**F. DVM CE - LSU National Center for Biomedical Research & Training, Academy of Counter-Terrorism (P Sinclair, Sr. Program Coord.)** - Request for consideration for 24 CE credits. Following review of the material presented, motion was made by Dr. Landry, seconded by Dr. Walther, to approve up to 16 CE credits for participation in the February 2006 program. 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

2630	Karl Charles Maritato
2631	Stephen Bruce Bryan
2632	Trevor Theadore Zachariah

RVT

8130	Grady Lee Cade, II
8131	Nadine Elizabeth Gary
8132	Adrienne Marie Duet

CAET

9290	Diane Jackson Williams (Reissue)
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**B. April Newsletter Draft** - Ms. Parrish presented a draft of the proposed April 2006 newsletter. Motion was made by Dr. Walther, seconded by Dr. Landry to approve the draft following final review by Dr. Walther of edited articles. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**C. AAVSB - NAVLE Security Violations** - Ms. Parrish presented information regarding recent security violations from other state NAVLE candidates as reported by AAVSB. No action was taken on this item.

**D. VTNE Administration Change Query** - Ms. Parrish presented a query from AAVSB regarding proposed changes to VTNE administration. Motion was made by Dr. Landry, seconded by Dr. Walther, to respond that Louisiana required no changes to present procedures at this time. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**E. Limited Equine Dental Training at LSU-SVM** - Mr. Tomino presented updated information and proposals from LSU-SVM regarding limited equine dentistry training for laypersons and Registered Veterinary Technicians employed by veterinarians in June 2006, as well as proposed CE credits for Registered Equine Dentists. Ms. Parrish was instructed to confer with Mr. Tomino and LSU-SVM for details to be posted in the April 2006 newsletter.

**F. DVM Wallet-Size License Cards** - Ms. Parrish presented a draft of new wallet-size license cards for DVMS. Motion was made by Dr. Walther, seconded by Dr. Landry, to include the cards with the 2006-2007 renewals at no charge for the initial issue. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**XII. ADJOURN**

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There being no further business before the Board, motion was made by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

MINUTES REIVEWED AND APPROVED BY FULL BOARD ON June 1, 2006.

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Mica F. Landry, DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer