

**BOARD MEETING  
LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**April 20, 2000**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by the President, Dr. Dick C. Walther.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by the Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. George Gowan with the following results:

Those present were:

Dr. Dick Walther	Board President
Dr. Adrienne Aycock	Board Vice-President
Dr. George Gowan	Board Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Robert Lofton	Board Member
Dr. Edwin Davis	Board Member
Kimberly Barbier	Board Administrative Director
Michael A. Tomino, Jr.	Board General Counsel
Dr. Michael Strain	State Representative, District 74 & LVMA
Chris LeGrange	LVMA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 3, 2000

Dr. Gowan moved to accept the minutes of the February 3, 2000 board meeting as presented, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT MATTERS

**A. Financial Reports**

The financial reports for January and February, 2000 were presented by Dr. Gowan for Board review. Dr. Davis moved to accept the financial reports as presented, seconded by Dr. Aycock, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES

A. **Rule Making**

1. General Update: The Board has no rule promulgation in progress.

2. Adoption of Rules: The Board has no rule promulgation in progress.

3. Consideration of New Rules

a. Chapter 11 - Preceptorship Program: The Board reviewed proposed rule amendments and deferred until the June 2000 board meeting pending further revisions by Dr. Lofton, Mr. Tomino, and Ms. Barbier.

*[At this point, Ms. Barbier requested the Board consider the following issue.]*

Ms. Barbier presented the question, if an individual (student) is going to perform his/her full eight week preceptorship at the same facility but will be doing the first four weeks, then take off a four week block, and then return to the same facility to complete the last required four weeks, does this individual have to turn in separate agreement form, evaluation forms (practice & preceptee), and attendance logs on this one facility for each session attended. The Board authorized the board office to accept only one set of paperwork for the full eight week preceptorship at a single facility even with a break between two sessions.

*[The Board continued with agenda item V.A.3.b.]*

b. Dispensing & Prescribing Drugs: Dr. Lofton presented proposed new rules for Board review. Upon Board discussion and changes, the proposed rules were returned to Dr. Lofton and Mr. Tomino for further revision and deferred until the June 2000 board meeting for final draft presentation.

c. Anesthesia/Surgical and Euthanasia Consent Forms: Dr. Lofton presented proposed new rules and sample consent forms for Board review. Upon Board discussion and changes, the proposed rules were returned to Dr. Lofton and Mr. Tomino for further revision and deferred until the June 2000 board meeting for final draft presentation.

d. Chapter 8 - RVTs: Dr. Aycock requested this item be deferred to the June 2000 board meeting pending further drafting.

*[At this point, Dr. Strain requested the Board allow the following update.]*

Dr. Strain updated the Board regarding his contact with the School of Veterinary Medicine and other technical schools in the state regarding development of more veterinary technology courses to train veterinary technicians. Dr. Strain reported that they have found great interest among the schools on this issue and he will continue to work towards development of more accredited veterinary technician programs. Dr. Aycock volunteered to assist.

*[The Board continued with agenda item V.B.1.]*

**B. Policy and Procedure**

1. Revised CAET Application: Ms. Barbier presented the Board with a revised CAET application form for Board review along with other forms included in the CAET application packet. Upon review, Dr. Davis moved to approve the application form for use by applicants for the CAET course and exam, and temporary and full CAET certification, seconded by Dr. Gowan, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

*[At this point, Ms. Barbier requested the Board review the following item.]*

Ms. Barbier presented the Board with a packet she had put together to send to the present third-year veterinary students at LSU-SVM. Ms. Barbier explained that due to the change in the national exam administration procedure (NBE & CCT to NAVLE), she had been unable to go to the school and speak with the third-year students regarding application for examination and licensure with the Board. Ms. Barbier proposed to send the presented introduction letter and procedure information regarding application for examination, licensure, and the preceptorship requirement along with application and preceptorship packets. After review of the information, the Board authorized Ms. Barbier to distribute the packet to third-year students.

Ms. Barbier also presented the Board with information she had received that some of the present fourth-year students are of the opinion that as long as a practice is approved as a preceptor, they can go and perform a preceptorship there. These students do not know that there are separate forms to be completed in order to be able to start a preceptorship. The Board authorized the board office to get information to these students regarding the proper procedure for registering to do a preceptorship.

*[The Board continued with agenda item V.C.1.]*

**C. Practice Act-Related Inquiries/Declaratory Statements**

1. Refusal to Euthanize Upon Owner's Request: The Board reviewed a declaratory statement request submitted by Dr. Robert Gros regarding a veterinarian's refusal to euthanize an animal as requested by the animal's owner when the veterinarian does not feel justified in doing the procedure. The Board also reviewed a draft response prepared by Mr. Tomino. Dr. Lofton moved to accept the prepared response and authorize Mr. Tomino to send it on behalf of the Board, seconded by Dr. Aycock, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Consultation Via Internet: The Board reviewed a declaratory statement request submitted by Dr. Tina Kemper regarding a California veterinarian providing consultation via the internet to clients living in Louisiana that contact her website. The Board also reviewed a draft response prepared by Mr. Tomino. Dr. Davis moved to accept the prepared response and authorize Mr. Tomino to send it on behalf of the Board, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **D. National Examinations**

1. NBEC Agreement Review Update: Mr. Tomino presented to the Board for review his suggested revisions to the NBEC agreement for use of the NAVLE examination for DVM licensure. Dr. Aycock moved to accept Mr. Tomino's changes and authorize Mr. Tomino to contact the NBEC with these contract revisions on behalf of the Board, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

#### **A. Applicant Issues:**

1. DVMs:

a) M. Cornett: The Board reviewed the request and submitted documents from Dr. Cornett regarding her recently out dated passing national exam scores (taken 12/94). Dr. Aycock moved to accept the passing NBE and CCT scores and Dr. Cornett's type 2 application status (DVM practicing less than five years), seconded by Dr. Gowan, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

*[The following DVM application was presented at this time.]*

G. Veazey: The Board reviewed the request and submitted documents from Dr. Veazey regarding her recently out dated passing national exam scores (taken 12/94). Dr. Aycock moved to accept the passing NBE and CCT scores

and Dr. Veazey's type 2 application status (DVM practicing less than five years), seconded by Dr. Gowan, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

*[The Board continued with agenda item VI.A.1.b.]*

b) G. L. Luna: The Board reviewed the request of Dr. Luna regarding acceptance of her recently completed Master's program in Avian Medicine in lieu of her completion of the required preceptorship toward licensure. The Board noted that it did not issue licenses in specialties. Dr. Gowan moved to deny the request and require Dr. Luna to perform and complete the required eight week preceptorship at a Board-approved facility prior to receiving Louisiana licensure, seconded by Dr. Davis, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

c) G. Peterson: The Board reviewed the request of Dr. Peterson, a Ross graduate, regarding acceptance of her recently completed clinical experience performed at LSU-SVM as required for her to complete the ECFVG program. The Board noted that she would need to obtain instruction in practice administration and management as required by the Board's preceptorship program. Dr. Davis moved to deny her request and require Dr. Peterson to perform and complete the required eight week preceptorship at a Board-approved facility prior to receiving Louisiana licensure, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **B. Licensure Issues**

1. DVM - Reverse Suspensions: The Board reviewed a list of DVM licenses that had previously expired and were suspended, but had recently been completed and were now current. Dr. Gowan moved to reverse the suspension of the licenses for Scott Buetelschies, DVM #1852, Kay C. Ferranzano, DVM #2204, W. R. Kilgore, DVM #1235, Kirkland Mosing, DVM #1496, and John Parsons, DVM #1632, seconded by Dr. Aycok, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Board noted that with the recently amended rules regarding renewals, the Board would no longer be taking formal action to suspended non-renewed (expired) licenses. So in the future, the Board would no longer take formal action to reverse suspensions of previously expired licenses upon their being completed and made current.

**C. LACA Chemical Capture Course**: This item was not discussed. Information for the proposed Chemical Capture Course had not been received from LACA prior to the board meeting.

Ms. Barbier informed the Board of the untimely death of Mr. Roicy Duhon, CAET, Director of the Lafayette Animal Control Facility, and President of LACA.

The Board asked Dr. Walther to send condolences to Mr. Duhon's family on behalf of the Board.

**D. AAVSB Issues:** The Board reviewed items Ms. Barbier had noted in a recent AAVSB newsletter regarding the AAVSB website changes, veterinary medical advice over the internet, and species specific exams.

**E. Newsletters to DVMs and CAETs:** The Board reviewed newsletter items prepared by Ms. Barbier and reviewed by Mr. Tomino.

**F. Storage Space:** Ms. Barbier presented information regarding storage space/facilities for Board consideration. Ms. Barbier requested the Board allow the board office to acquire some sort of storage space for all the old, boxed files presently being stored around the Board's administrative office. Dr. Lofton moved to authorize Ms. Barbier to acquire a storage room on the fourth floor of the building presently occupied by the Board's administrative office for storage, seconded by Dr. Davis, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

*[Dr. Davis moved to adjourn for lunch at approximately 12:00 noon, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote. Upon return from lunch approximately one hour later, the board meeting continued with agenda item VII.]*

## VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Dr. Aycock to enter executive session to discuss matters of contracts, personnel review, miscellaneous legal issues and advice as needed, and any other items properly brought up, seconded by Dr. Gowan, and passed unanimously by voice vote. Upon return to the public record by motion of Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Aycock, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the Board took the following action:

### **A. Contracts:**

1. Legal - M. Tomino Amendment: Dr. Davis moved to amend Mr. Tomino's contract for legal service by \$50,000 to cover the remainder of his present contract with the Board through fiscal year 2001 (June 30, 2001), seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Legal - W. Shows: Dr. Gowan moved that the Board not contract with Mr. Shows for legal services as there is no further need for his services, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. Accounting - G. Brown, CPA: Dr. Aycock moved that the Board again approve Mr. Brown, CPA, to provide monthly accounting service and in the event any contract changes are requested by Mr. Brown, Dr. Walther, Board President, and Dr. Gowan, Board Secretary/Treasure, be authorized to conduct negotiations and accept on behalf of the Board any reasonable changes, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

*[Ms. Barbier presented the following for review and acceptance.]*

Auditor - McRight & Associates - Addendum from the Legislative Auditor:  
Dr. Gowan moved to accept the contract addendum for audit services, seconded by Dr. Aycock, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

*[The Board continued with agenda item VII.B.]*

**B. Personnel Review - T. Turner:** Dr. Gowan moved to accept Ms. Barbier's favorable 90-day review of Ms. Turner's performance and the recommended 3% merit raise, seconded by Dr. Aycock, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**C. Miscellaneous Legal Issues:**

1. Payment of appeals costs update.
2. Preceptorship special consideration request and proposed rule amendments.
3. General complaint review and processing procedures.
4. AAVSB-VIVA - National Disciplinary Database.

**D. Other Matters Properly Brought Up in Executive Session:**

1. DVM concerns regarding prescriptions via internet and mail order.
2. Clarification of Practice Act
  - a) Application fee charges - one time with initial applications and with any applications that have to be re-made due to time (i.e. after two year since initial application).
  - b) CAET CE requirements - (1) to go into effect for year 2002 renewals; CAET will be required to obtain CE between July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001 to renew in renewal period July 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001; (2) individuals

completing the CAET course and receiving full certification will not be required to obtain CE for the next renewal.

c) DVM renewal notifications general issues.

3. Reinstatement of Previously Voluntarily Surrendered DVM License: Previous Board policy regarding voluntarily surrendered licenses that were voluntarily surrendered less than five years prior to reinstatement request be allowed to pay all back renewals to bring license current. Recent case found that the license had been expired for four year (since 1991) prior to the voluntary surrender of the license in 11/95. Board policy changed to require any licensee who previously voluntarily surrendered a Louisiana license, no matter the date surrendered, to re-apply for licensure.

4. Acceptance of military animal control officer's request to take state CAET training course and receive state certification.

#### IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Wall certificates were signed for new licenses/certificates issued since the February 3, 2000 board meeting.

#### X. ADJOURN

Dr. Davis moved to close the meeting, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 pm.

APPROVED BY:

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Adrienne Aycock, DVM  
Vice-President