

**BOARD MEETING  
LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**August 2, 2001**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Past-Board President, Dr. Adrienne Aycock, called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m. An opening prayer was lead by Dr. Robert Lofton.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken by the Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Edwin Davis, with the following results:

Those present were:

Dr. Robert Lofton	Board Vice-President
Dr. Edwin Davis	Board Secretary/Treasurer
Dr. Glenn Walther	Board Member
Dr. Adrienne Aycock	Past-Board President
Kimberly Barbier	Board Administrative Director
Michael A. Tomino, Jr.	Board General Counsel

Absent:

Dr. George Gowan	Board President
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Guests:

Dr. Pat Thislewaite	Vice-President, LVMA
Dr. William French	
Kim Gervais	Registered Ultrasonographer

**III. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING - Case No. 00-0124V**

Dr. Aycock was presiding officer. Dr. Davis recused himself as the investigating Board Member. Dr. Warford had waived her right to attend the hearing. Mr. Tomino presented the facts of the case of the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine vs. Jennifer Warford, DVM. Mr. Tomino then presented a Consent Order that had been presented on behalf of the Board to and agreed on by Dr. Warford. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to enter executive session for deliberation of the case, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The executive session for deliberation was closed to the public and only those Board Members on the panel were present.

Motion was made by Dr. Lofton to return to regular session, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was reopened to the public. Motion was made by Dr. Walther that the Board accept the Consent Order as presented, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote of a quorum of the Board; In Favor: Dr. Walther, Dr. Lofton, Dr. Aycock; Opposed: None.

*[The Board continued with agenda item number V. The Board returned to agenda item IV at 9:30 am after completion of agenda item VII.C.1.]*

**IV. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING – Case No. 00-1208.2V**

Dr. Aycock was presiding officer. Dr. Lofton recused himself as investigating Board Member. Dr. John Davis was introduced and introduced the individuals accompanying him as witnesses. The witnesses were sworn in and sequestered. Opening statements were presented. Mr. Tomino presented the facts of the case of the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine vs. John P. Davis, Jr., DVM. Dr. Davis presented his case. Closing statements were presented. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to enter executive session for deliberation of the case, seconded by Dr. Davis and passed unanimously by voice vote. The executive session for deliberation was closed to the public and only those Board Members on the panel were present.

Motion was made by Dr. Davis to return to regular session, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was reopened to the public. The Final Judgment reached by the Board was read into record by Dr. Aycock.

*[The Board continued with agenda item VII.C.2.]*

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 7, 2001**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 7, 2001 board meeting. Motion was made by Dr. Davis to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**VI. FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT MATTERS**

**A. Financial Reports – May and June 2001**

Dr. Lofton discussed the item of petty cash and year-end regarding legal expenses being generally within budget. Ms. Barbier explained the large credits shown on

the June 2001 financial statements relative to reimbursement for damage losses in the office from the water incident in March. Ms. Barbier presented the financial reports for May and June 2001 and explained some of the year-end totals and the budget for fiscal year 2001. After review and discussion, motion was made by Dr. Walther to accept the financial statements, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

## VII. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES

### A. **Rule Making**

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

2. Adoption of Rules

a. Rule 1039 – Consent Forms – Motion was made by Dr. Davis to formally adopt amendments to Rule 1039 as published in the April 2001 Notice of Intent and authorize Ms. Barbier to publish the final rule in the August 2001 *Louisiana Register*, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. Consideration/ Review of Proposed Rules/Amendments – None were presented.

### B. **Policy and Procedure**

1. Procedure – DVM Continuing Education (CE) – Ms. Barbier and Dr. Lofton presented documentation submitted for acceptance as CE for renewal. Ms. Barbier explained the present policy she had been using since her employment of accepting verification of a licensee as the presenter of a CE program and the acceptance of the actual presentation time plus half time for the licensee's preparation for the program he presented. Ms. Barbier also presented documentation submitted for acceptance as CE for renewal relative to a licensee who presents lectures to fourth year veterinary students from LSU-SVM at his place of employment, a research center. The Board will no longer accept these situations for continuing education. Mr. Tomino was instructed to put together a written policy for review and adoption at the October 2001 board meeting. Ms. Barbier was instructed to contact some other state boards to see what their positions are on this issue and forward any information to Mr. Tomino. Motion was made by Dr. Lofton to review the present policy and revisit the issue at the October 2001 board meeting, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The Board agreed to accept the

presented CE for renewal this year and to send these individuals a letter with the new policy after the October meeting.

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

1. New Issues – No new issues were presented.

*[The Board deferred agenda item VII.C.2 until later in the meeting and continued with agenda item VIII.A.1 for discussion. The Board returned to item VII.C.2 after completion of agenda item IV.]*

2. Reviews

- a. Ultrasonography – Dr. William French – Dr. French presented information with regards to his previous request for the utilization of the skills and services of registered human ultrasonographers to go out to veterinary clinics requesting an ultrasound on a patient and performing the ultrasound under direction of the attending veterinarian on site. The ultrasonographer would not be making diagnoses or treatment recommendations. The scans and/or videos would be forwarded back to Dr. French for his review, diagnosis findings and recommendation back to the attending veterinarian as a consultant. Ms. Gervais explained her registration and certification as a human ultrasonographer through a national association/board and the requirement for CE to retain her certification. Ms. Gervais noted that there is a corporation, Sound Technologies or Sound Vet Company out of California (website – soundvet.com), who is doing exactly what she and Dr. French is proposing in California, Texas (Dallas), Georgia (Atlanta), New Jersey, Michigan (Detroit), and Florida that she knows of. She had spoken with someone she knew in the company to see if they had gone through the state veterinary regulatory boards in the states and was told they definitely did not. She has heard that they are planning to come into Louisiana. Ms. Barbier was instructed by the Board to check with these states. The Board took no action at this time. The issue will be considered and revisited at a future board meeting.

- b. Rabies Campaigns – Dr. William Marcello – Dr. Aycock requested to add this item to the agenda. This issue had been reviewed by the Board at a previous board meeting and a response was to be sent out from Mr. Tomino after review and approval by Dr. Aycock. Dr. Aycock had concerns with regards to the Board's initial position. Mr. Tomino read aloud the previous request received from Dr. Marcello and the Board's previous response that is under review. After discussion, revisions were made to the previous response and Mr. Tomino was instructed to send the letter after review and approval of the letter by Dr. Aycock or Dr. Lofton.

*[The Board continued with agenda item VIII.A.2.]*

*[The Board discussed agenda item VIII.A.1 after item VII.C.1.]*

## **VIII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

### **A. Applicant Issues**

1. DVM – Dr. Kristine Tischer – The Board reviewed the employment documentation submitted by Dr. Tischer for acceptance to waive retaking of the national examination with regards to her out-of-date national examination scores. Dr. Walther presented his findings after review of the presented documentation. After discussion, motion was made by Dr. Lofton to deny acceptance of the presented employment documents to waive retaking of the national examination relative to the requirement set by Board Rules 303.B.4, seconded by Dr. Gowan, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

*[The Board took a short break and then returned to agenda item IV. The Board returned to item VIII.A.2 after completion of agenda item VII.C.2.b.]*

2. DVM – Dr. Eric Lombardini – The Board reviewed the request of Dr. Lombardini regarding the preceptorship requirement. Dr Walther noted that what Dr. Lombardini indicated he had done does not meet the requirements of a preceptorship. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to deny the request as a substitution of the preceptorship and require that an eight week preceptorship at a Board approved facility must be fulfilled towards licensure, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **B. Continuing Education Review - CAETs**

1. Disease Control in the Animal Shelter and Recognizing Animal Neglect – The Board reviewed information submitted by Natchitoches Animal Control regarding two in-house programs to be presented by a local veterinarian, Dr. David James. After review of the information, motion was made by Dr. Davis to approve the program for CE, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. LACA Chemical Capture Course – Ms. Barbier presented verbal requests from CAETs to use the Board-approved Chemical Capture Training Course presented by LACA for CE. The program is approved by the Board for Lead CAET Designation and Animal Control Officer training. After discussion, motion was made by Dr. Walther to approve the program for CE, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. Board's Euthanasia Technician Training Course – Ms. Barbier presented verbal requests from CAETs to use the Board's training course for euthanasia technicians for CE. After discussion, motion was made by Dr. Walther to approve the program for CE, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote. Ms. Barbier verified that the CAET applying for the course for CE may only take the course and not be required to take the full certification exam. The CAET is only required to submit a complete/notarised application form and pay the course fee; no other documentation will not be required.

4. LACA Alternative Trapping & Nuisance Wildlife – The Board reviewed and discussed the information submitted. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to approve the program for CE, seconded by Dr. Davis, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. AHA Horse Abuse Investigator School – The Board reviewed and discussed the information submitted from Janet Pippins, Tangipahoa Parish Animal Control. Motion was made by Dr. Davis to accept this program as CE for Ms. Pippins this year, seconded by Dr. Walther, and passed unanimously by voice vote. Ms. Barbier was instructed to send Ms. Pippins a letter reminding her that information on CE programs should be submitted for Board review and pre-approval prior to her attendance in the event that a program would not be accepted by the Board.

**C. Review of August Newsletter Items**

The Board reviewed the items presented for the August 2001 newsletter. After some revisions, the Board approved the items for publication in the newsletter.

**D. Other matters Properly Brought Before the Board**

No other miscellaneous matters were brought before the Board.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Wall certificates were presented for signature for the following new licenses/certificates issued since the June 7, 2001 board meeting:

<u>DVM License No.</u>		<u>Issued</u>
2347	Bridget Michaele Barthelemy, DVM	6/14/2001
2348	Andrea Carol Morgan, DVM	6/20/2001
2349	Amanda May Normand, DVM	6/29/2001
2350	Tiffany Lormand Burnette, DVM	7/5/2001
2351	Foster Dare Lott, III, DVM	7/10/2001
2352	Melanie Suzette Bevere, DVM	7/12/2001

2353	Philip Michael Stanley, DVM	7/19/2001
2354	Renee' Thompson Carter, DVM	7/19/2001
2355	Michael Edward Blotner, DVM	7/24/2001

<u>RVT Certificate No.</u>	<u>Issued</u>	
8094	Victoria Ann Menzies, RVT	7/12/2001

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dr. Walther to enter executive session for discussion of miscellaneous legal issues and other matters properly brought before the Board, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The executive session was closed to the public. Motion was made by Dr. Walther to return to regular session, seconded by Dr. Lofton, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was re-opened to the public. No formal actions were taken and no motions were made.

X. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 pm.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY FULL BOARD ON OCTOBER 4, 2001.

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J. Edwin Davis, DVM  
Board Secretary/Treasurer