

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
BOARD MEETING  
April 7, 2016**

**Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. ROLL CALL –**

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

Those present:

Patrick R. Bernard, DVM	Board President
John S. Emerson, DVM	Board Vice President
Fenton Lipscomb, DVM	Board Secretary-Treasurer
J. Edwin Davis, DVM	Board Member
William H. Green, DVM	New Board Member
Michael Tomino, Jr.	Board General Counsel
Wendy D. Parrish	Board Executive Director

Absent:

None.

Guests:

Trish Marullo, DVM, for LVMA

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Board Meeting February 4, 2016**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 4, 2016 Board meeting. Motion was made by Dr. Emerson to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Lipscomb, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND CONTRACTS**

- A. Ms. Parrish and Dr. Lipscomb presented the financial reports for the month of January and February 2016 for review. Following discussion and questions, motion was made by Dr. Davis to approve the financial reports as presented, seconded by Dr. Lipscomb, and passed unanimously by voice vote.
- B. **Letter of Agreement Renewal FY2016, 2017, 2018– American Association of Veterinary State Boards (VTNE)** – After review by legal counsel, Ms. Parrish again presented the proposed letter of agreement with AAVSB for the veterinary technician national examination (VTNE) for review. No monies are involved in this contract as the applicant pays the examination fee directly to AAVSB. Motion was made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Lipscomb to approve renewal of the contract. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**C. Accounting Services Contract FY2017 – Mary Sue Stages, CPA** – Ms. Parrish presented the proposed contract for accounting services for review. No changes were noted from the previous fiscal year contract for accounting services with a ceiling of \$5,000.00 per year. Motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Lipscomb to approve renewal of the contract. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**D. Contract Renewal FY2017 – Award Technologies, LLC (Website Consultants)** – Ms. Parrish presented the proposed contract with Award Technologies, LLC 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. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Lipscomb to approve renewal of the contract. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**E. National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NAVLE)** – Motion was made by Dr. Lipscomb, seconded by Dr. Davis to approve the use of the NAVLE and to again adopt passage of the NAVLE as a requirement for Louisiana veterinary licensure. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **V. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS**

**A. Case 16-0708 V – Consent Order** – Dr. Bernard was introduced as presiding officer for the proceeding. Dr. Emerson was recused as investigating Board member in the case. The respondent waived appearance at the hearing. Mr. Tomino presented the facts of the case, submitted exhibits for review, and a Consent Order for consideration by the Board. Upon conclusion of the presentation and questions, motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Lipscomb to accept the Consent Order which assessed a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00 for failing to practice veterinary medicine within the acceptable standards of veterinary medicine, more specifically, the spay procedure was improperly performed by failing to remove an entire ovary resulting in complications, and the payment of administrative costs. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**B. Case 16-0917 V – Consent Order** – Dr. Emerson was introduced as presiding officer for the proceeding. Dr. Bernard was recused as investigating Board member in the case. The respondent waived appearance at the hearing. Mr. Tomino presented the facts of the case, submitted exhibits for review, and a Consent Order for consideration by the Board. Upon conclusion of the presentation and questions, motion was made by Dr. Lipscomb, seconded by Dr. Green to accept the Consent Order which assessed a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00 for failing to practice veterinary medicine within the acceptable standards of veterinary medicine, more specifically, the surgical procedure to remove bladder stones found in the urethra was improperly performed by failure to remove gauze resulting in complications, and the payment of administrative costs. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **VI. DVM APPLICANT ISSUES**

*Motion was made by Dr. Lipscomb to go into executive session to discuss confidential matters regarding licensees and applicants not subject to public disclosure as per the law, seconded by Dr. Emerson, and passed unanimously by voice vote.*

*Upon conclusion of executive session to review and consider all items in VI, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Lipscomb, and approved unanimously by voice vote, to specifically address each item in the respective sections as follows:*

- A. Nicholas Lee Parente, DVM – Request Waiver of Retake of National Examination and Preceptorship Requirement** – 2007 graduate of Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in New York, and previously licensed in Ohio, and Michigan. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Parente, motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Lipscomb, to approve waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- B. John Gerard Peloso, DVM – Request Waiver of Retake of National Examination and Preceptorship Requirement** – 1987 graduate of Ontario Veterinary College, licensed in Florida, Maryland, New York, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Peloso, motion was made by Dr. Lipscomb, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- C. Meredith Kathleen Addison, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2015 graduate of LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in Nevada. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Addison, motion was made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Lipscomb, to approve waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- D. Kelsey Elizabeth Hanson, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2015 graduate of LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in Mississippi. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Hanson, motion was made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Lipscomb, to approve waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- E. Leslie Erin Hopes, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2015 graduate of LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed

- in Wisconsin. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Hopes, motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- F. Kirstin Maureen Keany, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2014 graduate of Oklahoma State University, licensed in Arizona and Tennessee. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Keany, motion was made by Dr. Lipscomb, seconded by Dr. Emerson, to approve waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- G. Justin Marc Strief, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2015 graduate of Mississippi State University, licensed in Mississippi. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Strief, motion was made by Dr. Lipscomb, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- H. Timothy Nathan Thibodeaux, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2013 graduate of LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in Nevada. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Thibodeaux, motion was made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Lipscomb, to approve waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- I. Amber Davidson, BVetMed – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2014 graduate of The Royal Veterinary College, licensed in Florida. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Davidson, motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Emerson, to deny waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided do not meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **VII. CONTINUED EDUCATION ISSUES**

- A. Understanding Diabetes (Human Medicine) (R.W. Gilbert, DVM)** – Following review of the request for LA DVM CE credits for participation in the program, motion was made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Davis, to deny the request as the program does not meet Board criteria for DVM CE credits. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- B. Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (Human Medicine) (D. Boggs, DVM)** – Following review of the request for LA DVM CE credits for participation in the program, motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr.

Lipscomb, to deny the request as the program does not meet Board criteria for DVM CE credits, nor has it been approved for DVM CE by another state veterinary board. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- C. **Law Review & Pharmacology Law/Tuskegee University (J.L. Heintz, DVM)** – Following review of the request for LA DVM CE credits for participation in the program, motion was made by Dr. Lipscomb, seconded by Dr. Emerson, to approve the request as the program meets Board criteria for DVM CE credits, and has been approved for DVM CE credits by other state veterinary boards. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### VIII. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES

- A. After consideration of a query received regarding the preceptorship program requirements for an out-of-state site, after motion by Dr. Lipscomb, properly seconded by Dr. Davis, the Board concluded that the out-of-state site must comply with LA law regarding records retention for five (5) years as a minimum standard to qualify as a preceptorship program site, which applies to a full program as well as a limited program.
- B. **Policy and Procedure** – None.
- C. **Practice Act, Rules/Related Matters/Declaratory Statements**

### IX. 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

3357	Daroca	Kelsey Leigh
3358	Fields	Barbara Sue
3359	Leonard	Christopher James
3360	Leonard	Mikala Dawn Myers
3361	Curran	Jennifer M.
3362	Elliott	Kathryn Elizabeth

#### CAET

9760	Bremer	Ashley Marie
9761	Achee	Hannah Rene
9762	Badeaux	Crystal Racheal
9763	Casson	Jaylon Lemias
9764	Pierce	Jamie Lin
9765	Sanderson	William Lynn
9766	Washington	Ramon Alvis
9767	DeClouette	Marleeta Leann

9768	Dellinger, Jr.	Ronald Neal
9769	Howard	Raymond Paul
9770	Meziere	Jonathan Duane
9771	Paynes	Tyler Clark
9772	Pelt	Salena Rachelle
9773	Petty	Jessica V.

- B. Annual Statistics Report** – Ms. Parrish presented annual statistics report per R.S. 49:968(K) for review. No action was taken on this item.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion was made by Dr. Emerson to go into executive session to discuss issues and receive legal advice regarding potential contested matters and personnel matters, seconded by Dr. Green, and passed unanimously by voice vote. Upon conclusion of discussion of the issues, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Lipscomb, seconded by Dr. Davis, and approved unanimously by voice vote.*

No action taken.

**XI. ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Board, motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Lipscomb, and passed unanimously by voice vote to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY FULL BOARD on June 2, 2016.

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Fenton Lipscomb, DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer