

MINUTES

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

- Date:** December 11, 2019
- Time:** 9:00 a.m., CST
- Location:** Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243
- Members Present:** Stephen S. Galloway, D.V.M., President
Robert John Simpson, D.V.M., Vice-President
Leslie R. Wereszczak, L.V.M.T
Stephen M. Ladd D.V.M
Elizabeth B. Thompson, D.V.M
Nathan Scott Loxley, D.V.M
- Members Absent:** Doug Balthaser, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, Ex-officio Member
Beverly Ann Strong, Public Member
- Staff Present:** Kimberly Wallace, Executive Director
Lyndsey Boone, Board Manager
Shara Woodard, Board Administrator
Kathy Young, Board Administrator
Paul Richardson, Board Attorney

Upon the determination of a quorum being present, the Board meeting was called to order by Dr. Galloway at 9:00 a.m. CST.

Introductions

Dr. Galloway gave a brief explanation as to why we are there this morning. The Board is there to protect the public from unscrupulous acts from Veterinarians and Non-Veterinarians alike; their job is not to protect the profession, it's to protect the public.

Conflict of Interest

Board attorney, Paul Richardson, briefly went over the conflict of interest statement, which states that a Board member will identify and recuse themselves when a conflict of interest arises that will impair or impede, or give the appearance of impairing or impeding, his or her ability to make full, unbiased decisions or to provide full, unbiased service to the Board.

Call for Public Comment

The public will have the opportunity to make any comment about topics that are on today's agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to approve the August 7, 2019 minutes. The motion passed.

Legislative Updates

No legislative updates at this time.

Fiscal Report

Ms. McCormick went over the 2019 year end fiscal report. Mr. Butch Jack handed out a printout with 4 different scenarios on decreasing fees and how they will each impact the Board. Dr. Simpson made a motion to go with scenario 4, and decrease the biennial renewal fees from \$360 to \$300 for Veterinarians, \$90 to \$60 for Veterinary Medical Tech, \$100 to \$70 for Animal Euthanasia Tech, and \$160 to \$100 for Veterinary Facilities. Dr. Thompson seconded and the motion passed.

Investigations Report

Ms. Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator, provided a list of practitioners currently being monitored for compliance with disciplinary orders, suspended licenses, and revoked licenses, as well as an investigative report. For currently monitored practitioners, Veterinarians, there are three (2) under reprimand, eight (9) under probation, one (1) under suspension, and four (4) revocations; Veterinary Technicians, there are one (1) under Board order, two (2) under reprimand; Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians, there are no disciplinary orders; and Veterinary Facilities there are three (3) under Board Order, two (2) under reprimand and one (1) probation.

For the investigative report regarding Veterinarians, Investigations has received sixty (60) complaints in 2019; of those sixty complaints (60), one (1) was for abuse/neglect, one (1) for falsification of records, three (3) were for drugs, twenty-two (22) were for malpractice/negligence, five (5) were for unlicensed practice, twenty-one (21) were for unprofessional conduct, one (1) was for lapsed license, three (3) was for criminal conviction, one (1) practice beyond the scope, and two (2) that was outside of the investigative scope. Investigations has closed a total of sixty-two (62) complaints; seven (7) were closed for insufficient evidence to discipline, twelve (12) were closed and sent to OGC for formal discipline, thirty three (33) were closed with no action, three (3) was closed with a letter of concern and seven (7) were closed with a letter of warning. A letter of concern and warning are not reportable and not considered reportable discipline. Currently there are twenty nine (29) open complaints being investigated and/or reviewed.

For the investigative report regarding Veterinary Technicians, Investigations has received six (6) complaints in 2019; of those six (6) complaints, one (1) was for unlicensed practice, one (1) was for unprofessional conduct, three (3) was for lapsed license, and one (1) was outside the investigative scope. Investigations have closed a total of four (4) complaints; two (2) was closed and sent to OGC for formal discipline, one (1) was closed with no action, and one (1) was closed with a letter of concern. Currently there are two (2) open complaints being investigated and/or reviewed.

For the investigative report regarding Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians, Investigations has received one (1) complaints in 2019; of those one (1) complaint, one (1) for unprofessional conduct; closed zero (0) complaints and has one (1) complaints open that is being investigated or reviewed.

For the investigative report regarding Veterinary Facilities, Investigations has received a total of zero (0) complaints in 2019; zero (0) complaints have been closed. Currently there are zero (0) open complaints being investigated and/or reviewed.

Administrators Report

As of December 10, 2019 we have the following number of active licensees:

Veterinarian	2,582
Veterinary Medical Technician	961
Veterinary Facility	851
Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician	308
Certified Animal Control Agencies	67
Certified Animal Chemical Capture Technicians	2

Since the last meeting, there have been fifty two (52) licensed, eleven (11) voluntarily retired, and thirty four (34) expired veterinarian licensees; licensed seventy two (72), zero (0) voluntarily retired and twenty (20) expired veterinary technician licensees; licensed thirty (30), eleven (11) closed and eight (8) expired veterinary facility premises permits; twenty six (26) certification expired and twenty six (26) certified Euthanasia Technician; and two (2) permits expired for animal control agency. 52% of Veterinarians, 62% of Veterinary Technicians and 31% of Euthanasia technicians renewed online

Facility Inspection Status Report

For the months of August, September, October, and November 2019, East TN had a total of eight (8) facility inspections and thirty-three (33) renewal premise permits; Middle TN had a total of eight (8) facility inspections and forty-three (43) renewal inspections; and West TN had a total of eleven (11) inspections and fifteen renewal inspections, for a grand total of one hundred (151) facility inspections across the state.

CSMD Report

Dr. Simpson attended the last CSMD meeting; nothing that was discussed applied to veterinary medicine.

Applicant Interviews

Jeanette Jiricek D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a Veterinarian by **Dr. Jeanette Jiricek**. Dr. Jiricek was present to answer any questions from the Board. Dr. Jiricek was convicted of a DUI in 2014. Dr. Galloway asked Dr. Jiricek to give a personal explanation of the incident and explain why it would not happen again. Dr. Baron made a comment regarding this being a one-time occurrence.

Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to approve the application. The motion passed.

Charles Nash D.V.M.

The Board reviewed a waiver request for the application for licensure as a Veterinarian by **Dr. Charles Nash**. Dr. Nash was present to answer any questions from the Board. Dr. Nash is licensed in other states and was requesting a waiver for the documentation of actively practicing for 3 of the last 5 years. After discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to defer until the April Board meeting, instructing Dr. Nash to obtain 60 hours in clinical competency with an emphasis in bovine work, as well as locate a supervising veterinarian and provide documentation of such for review at the next meeting.

Faren Healey, C.A.E.T.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a Euthanasia Technician by **Faren Healey**. Ms. Healey was present to answer any questions from the Board. Ms. Healey was convicted of a DUI in 2016. Dr. Galloway asked Ms. Healey to give a personal explanation of the incident and explain why it would not happen again. Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wereszczak, to approve the application. The motion passed.

Meredith Stevens L.V.M.T.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure by reciprocity as a Veterinarian Technician by **Meredith Stevens**. Ms. Stevens was contacted via conference call to answer any questions from the Board. Ms. Stevens obtained a license in Indiana in 2006, came to Tennessee and was operating without a Veterinary Technician license in the State of Tennessee from 2011-2016, then obtained a Veterinary Technician license in Georgia in 2016, came back to Tennessee to continue to work without a license 2017-2019. Dr. Galloway asked Ms. Stevens to give a personal explanation of the incident. Ms. Stevens stated that she was informed by others in her profession that obtaining a license was not required in Tennessee. Dr Simpson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wereszczak to deny the application. Motion failed. Dr. Ladd then made a motion to accept her request for licensure, no second. Motion failed. Dr. Loxley then made a motion to accept contingent on proof of continuing education for 2017, 2018, & 2019 (12 hours per year), Dr. Simpson seconded. The motion passed.

OGC Report

Assistant General Counsel, Paul Richardson gave the OGC report:

Litigation

OGC currently has seventeen (17) open cases concerning the TBVME; and two (2) Consent Orders will be presented today.

Rules

Prescribing and Dispensing, as well as TVMA inspection process Rules, are in the Governor's Office for review.

Consent Order – Lisa Michelle Martin D.V.M. #5032

Mr. Paul Richardson, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Martin was not present at the meeting for questions from the Board. On or about July 20, 2018 Matthew Frederick transported the patient to Animalia for a liver biopsy. During the procedure, Ms. Martin punctured the patient's gallbladder. Ms. Martin completed the procedure and extubated the patient. Ms. Martin did a recheck ultrasound that showed fluid in the abdomen. Patient became lethargic. Ms. Martin contacted Dr. Au at Blue Pearl Pet Hospital to discuss findings. Dr. Au advised an abdominal surgery with likely removal of gallbladder. Ms. Martin notified owner of patient's condition. Owner transferred patient to Blue Pearl Animal Hospital, where an emergency cholecystectomy was performed. Patient was placed on ventilation, experienced multiple cardiac arrest, organ failure, and began to experience renal failure. After patient was revived multiple times, the owner informed them to allow the patient to expire. Ms. Martin has since completed fourteen (14) hours of CE in soft tissue diagnostics at the Academy of Veterinary Imaging Ultrasound Education Program in December 2018. Ms. Martin is assessed One Type B Civil Penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for one violation of the Veterinary Practice Act for a total of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in civil penalties. Ms. Martin should also show proof of fourteen (14) CE hrs related to ultrasound education taken in 2018. Ms. Martin must also pay the cost of prosecuting this case to the extent allowed by law, the maximum amount for the assessment of costs shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and all costs must be paid in full within sixty (60) days from the issuance of the assessment of costs. Dr. Simpson made a motion, second by Dr. Ladd to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed.

Consent Order – Dennis Harris D.V.M. #2151

Mr. Paul Richardson, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Harris was not present at the meeting for questions from the Board. Dr. Harris is the owner and supervising veterinarian at Veterinary Services Chapel Hill in Chapel Hill, Tennessee. Dr. Harris regularly issues Certificates of Veterinary Inspections ("certificate") during his normal course of business. The process of obtaining a certificate is that Dr. Harris examines the animal(s), his assistant, Kristina Fernandez writes the certificate(s) and he signs it. Dr. Harris has signed certificates in advance of and absent a simultaneous examination of the animal and he acknowledged that he has issued certificates for individual animals and herds, absent an examination, on at least two separate occasions without an examination. Dr. Harris also pre-signed certificates, to be issued at animal sales; the pre-signed forms were kept in a drawer behind the assistant's desk and issued as clients visited Dr. Harris's office to retrieve them. The date placed on certificates is reflective of the dates the clients would pick up the certificates and not the dates of the proposed examinations. Dr. Harris did not maintain additional medical records on the animals and herds that were purportedly inspected for sale, with his records being limited to the copy of the inspection certification and receipt for payment of the inspection. In a second course of events, Dr. Harris improperly sold rabies vaccines to clients who could not bring their animals into his office, to be administered at the clients' homes by the clients. Dr. Harris acknowledged that on occasion he sold rabies vaccinations to farmers who could not bring their animals into his office, he issued rabies certificates without the manufacturer's name, lot number, or expiration date listed on the certificates and his computer records did not reflect the documentation of either the lot numbers, or the expiration dates of said certificates. A Williamson County Animal Control officer visited the facility and requested a list for vaccinations and information on rabies tag numbers, manufacturer and lot numbers for each vaccination provided by Dr. Harris. Staff members were only able to provide a lot number from one bottle, stating that the practice buys it in bulk, so all administered vaccines would have the same lot number. Staff was unable to

explain the conflicting dates of administration of vaccines in multiple records of the same patient. Two separate certificates issued for the patient named Alaska's Winter Treasure lists different owners on each certificate, different ages, the same color, same weight and one of the records has a tag number while the second record does not. Upon ratification of this Order Dr. Dennis Harris agrees to have his license placed on probation for a period of twelve (12) months. During probation, Dr Harris shall have three (3) quality assurance checks conducted on his records and his expenses. Checks shall occur with sufficient time to submit results to the Division no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the nearest scheduled Board meeting. Dr Harris shall appear at each meeting to answer any inquiries the Board may have regarding his records. Failure to comply with Probation may subject Dr. Harris to additional disciplinary action up to and including revocation. Dr. Harris must complete at least fifteen (15) hrs of CE courses related to Ethics, Recordkeeping, USDA Standards, Veterinary Office Management and Supervision. These hours are to be completed in addition to the hours required to maintain licensure as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in the State of TN. Proof of the completion of the additional hours must be submitted with twelve (12) months of the ratification of this Consent Order. Dr. Harris must pay two (2) Type A civil penalties of five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) each, representing a civil penalty for each instance that Dr Harris allegedly issued a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection without conducting an examination of the subject of the certificate. Dr Harris shall also pay one (1) Type B civil penalty of five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) representing one instance of alleged failure to keep medical records on clients. The total civil penalty assessment is one thousand, one hundred dollars (\$1100.00) which must be paid in full within twelve (12) months of the ratification of this Consent Order. Dr. Harris must pay the actual and reasonable costs of prosecuting this case to the extent allowed by law, including but not limited to all costs assessed against the Board by the Department's Office of Investigation. These costs shall be established by an Assessment of Costs prepared and filed by counsel for the Department. The maximum amount for the assessment of costs shall be \$3,000.00. All costs must be paid in full within sixty (60) days from the issuance of the Assessment of Costs. Dr. Ladd made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed.

Discussion and Action of Rulemaking Hearings, Rule Amendments and Policies

Executive Director, Kimberly Wallace, presented the following Policy to the Board for clarification on the CE for Veterinary Medical Technician as proposed by Dr. Clark. The current rule states that Veterinary Technicians have to obtain 12 CE per year, but does not specify on what those hours must be in. Dr. Clark presented two (2) options on how the CE hours should be split up per year. The Board discussed both options and made the decision to go with option number one (1).

1730-03-.12 CONTINUING EDUCATION.

(1) Hours Required

(a) In order to renew a license, the licensee must obtain twelve (12) hours of continuing education each calendar year. Six (6) hours must pertain to the medical, surgical, and/or nursing care of animals. Six (6) hours may pertain to an area of special interest in veterinary medicine in fields other than the medical, surgical, and/or nursing care of animals, including but not limited to practice management and state and federal regulatory programs. A maximum of four (4) hours may be obtained in a multimedia format as defined in part (3)(d)2. of this rule.

Dr. Loxley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to accept option one (1) of six (6) CE of clinical and six (6) CE of practice management hours for veterinary medical technicians each calendar year. Motion passed.

Dr. Simpson presented a policy change to the Board that would remove parts of Rule 1730-01-.21. The Rule is part of Prescribing, Dispensing, or Otherwise Distributing Pharmaceuticals. The new Rule that Dr Simpson is presenting would be:

(b), a veterinarian, pursuant to appropriate protocols or veterinary orders, may prescribe or dispense drugs for an animal when such prescribing or dispensing is consistent with sound veterinary practice, an example of which is as follows:

For an animal/patient of another veterinarian for whom the prescriber is taking calls or an associate veterinarian for whom the prescriber has verified the appropriateness of the medication

Dr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to remove the rest of this current rule.

Executive Director, Kimberly Wallace, brought to the Board the need to create a Rule Amendment Taskforce. This taskforce would serve to review and propose amendments to Rule or Policy for topics such as euthanasia recertification, veterinary facilities, vet tech CE reciprocity, and vet tech terminology, that are deemed necessary. Dr. Simpson, Dr. Thompson, and Ms. Wereszack were voted to serve on the Task Force. Ms. Wereszack made a motion, seconded by Dr. Simpson, to create the Task Force. Motion passed.

Executive Director, Kimberly Wallace, presented to the Board for clarification on the Veterinary Technician job amendment procedure. Per current procedure, if an applicant refers to themselves as a “Veterinary Technician” on their application for licensure, when they have not been licensed as such, they are given the opportunity to write in to the Department and amend their title to a “Veterinary Assistant”. Dr. Galloway wants the Board to send a letter to licensed veterinarians and facilities to encourage them to stop calling unlicensed employees “Veterinary Technicians”. Dr. Simpson wants to send a letter to Veterinary Technicians informing them that Veterinary Technician is a protected title in the State of Tennessee and only licensed individuals can use this title, while giving them instructions on how to report if they notice this title is being misused. Executive Director, Kimberly Wallace, and Board attorney, Paul Richardson, will draft letters including information regarding the Veterinary Technician being a protected title and noting that the title represents an expected level of competency and education. This letter should also include that they must be licensed to be called “Veterinary Technician,” regardless of education and if they do not stop using the title erroneously, disciplinary action will ensue. General Counsel will be drafting a letter for the Board to review at the next meeting, and a motion will be made at that time.

Agreed Citations

Erica Fuller, LVMT

Ms. Boone presented to the Board an Agreed Citation for Erica Fuller, LVMT. Ms. Fuller failed to maintain proper CE credits, as she was short five-and-a-half (5.5) hours for 2017. Ms. Fuller has agreed to remit a civil penalty in the amount of Two Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars (\$275.00) and provide proof of five-and-a-half (5.5) hours of continuing education.

Dr Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd to ratify the Agreed Citation. Motion passed.

Nicole Mitchell, DVM

Ms. Boone presented to the Board an Agreed Citation for Dr. Nicole Mitchell, DVM. Dr. Mitchell failed to timely renew the license and proceeded to work on a lapsed license past the six (6) month grace period. Dr. Mitchell agreed to pay the civil penalty of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for practicing on a lapsed license for 9 months.

Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd to ratify the Agreed Citation. Motion passed.

Richard A Jones, DVM, Cool Springs Veterinary Associated, PLLC

Ms. Boone presented to the Board an Agreed Citation for Dr. Richard Jones, DVM. Dr. Jones is the Director of the licensed Veterinary Facility of Cool Springs Veterinary Associated, PLLC. Dr. Jones failed to timely renew his license. Dr. Jones agreed to pay the civil penalty of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for operating a veterinary facility in this state on a lapsed license for a period of nine (9) months.

Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd to ratify the Agreed Citation. Motion passed.

Ratifications

A motion was made by Dr. Simpson, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to approve the presented list of newly licensed/certified or reinstated veterinarians, veterinary medical technicians, veterinary facilities, certified animal euthanasia technicians, and certified animal control agencies. The motion was passed.

Veterinarians –Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Adams Susan Marie	Erkman Allison Ann	Onan Dennis Kyle
Arnold Jesse	Hasse Kayla	Opp Stephanie Renee
Bledsoe Nicole Elizabeth	Hays Kelsey Lynn	Park Brian Seongkuk
Brunagan Courtney Renee	Hurley Brian Christopher	Patterson Gilbert R
Buete Brittany	Johnson Justin Taylor	Reid Erika Elena
Claus Kimberly	Mcvey Katherine	Rice Nancy Caudill
Collins Samantha	Morgan Phillip Seth	Riedel Paul
Demarco Antonio Aldo	Nielsen Elizabeth	Ross Ashley
Sherman Kirstin Melanie	Wood Brett	Mitchell Nicole Nowlin
Siegfried Justine	Boyd Kelli Lynn	Ray Tonnie Marie
Smith Christopher Dahlquist	Fleer Katryna Anne	Roberts Mark A
Smith Walter C	Johnson Jennifer Joy	Sworts Dale
Steffes Kayla	Matlock Jessica Nelle Miner	Tyree Patrick Scott
Sulfridge Travis Jordan	Mcanally Kathleen N	Williams Timothy A
Ulrich Charles Paul	Mccreary Katharine Lakin	Wood Jill C
Whipple Kellie Michelle	Mchugh Howard L	Chaudoin Nathaniel Thomas
Dougherty John P	Murray Susan Stevenson	Tindell Brandon Edwin
Kaetzel David L		

Veterinary Medical Technicians – Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Ahleman Dannielle Alicia		
Albright Kelsey	Cheek Shelbie	Hansel Jordan Mackenzie
Artis Elisabeth	Cochran Abbey Marie	Hansen Winter Virginia Mae
Birge Briana Beth	Cole Brittany Leann	Hartnett Kelsey Marie
Bledsoe Grace Marie	England Autumn	Hazelett Gabriel Lucia
Briley Mary Kathryn	Fraley Mercedes Michelle	Hicks Nicolette Keating
Brock Demi Alexis	Gibson Katelyn N	Huddleston Jennifer Loree
Brooks Alicia Marie	Gilliam Bailey	Hunter Charleigh
Burcham Emily Renea	Granstaff Mickaela Maughon	Joslyn Kerigan
Carpenter Rachael Whitten	Grant Samantha Kelly	Judd Samantha
Carter Stephanie Virginia	Gutierrez Joanna	King Meagan Nicole
Chapman Shannon Lee	Haas Caroline	Lares-Yezek Dylan
Leach Laura	Mcmillan Kristi	Mcmullan Susanne S
Mitchell Ashlyn Nicole	Mucciolo Christine Anne	Neal Anna Chelsea
Nowack Samantha	O'Donnell Shannon	Olds Jamie Alexis
Parrish Valerie Grace	Parrott Kayla Joy	Patrick Meariah
Patterson Lauren	Phillips Tanaya Lynn	Pitts Renee
Porter Taylor	Prior Mercedes	Robison Laura Aguayo
Rydingsward Morgan	Scott Ariel Faith	Sheldon Madeline Rose
Smith Amanda	Smith Izora	Smith Kiley Simone
Staley Autumn Nicole	Stevenson Magen Leigh	Turner Kenneth Scott
Wright Sarah Anne	Yalda Averi	Yoder Lydia Powers
Barnett Shawn Teri	Glenn Lori Nicole	Lowrance Maranda Beth
Crutcher Shannon Joann	Ingram Cynthia Lynn	Luttrell Kira Noel
Fuller Erica Lynne	Merren Antoinette Marie	Lyons Demetria Annette

Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians – Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Bowen Jacob Anthony	Hooper Kevin Michael	Peterson Bryan Philip
Bowman Lara Machele	House Chelsea Danielle	Rizzo Jennifer Aniela
Burgess Kelly Elizabeth	Kenney Alexander C	Rutherford Danielle
Combs Charity Rose	Mcneil Stephen A	Sherrill Mosiah Fae
Dotson Megan Allison	Miller Taryn Dallas	Sutton Morgan Mechelle
Dunn Alyn Lane	Muirhead Sarah Marie	Tollefson Katelyn
Evans Jonathan Thomas	Nichols Beverly Caroline	Velazquez Jasmine S
Foster Amanda	Oliver Troy Nicholas	Weyers Heather Jeannette
Ealy Amy Denease	Ledbetter Zachary Samuel	

Veterinary Facilities

Beauchamp Animal Hospital	Ooltewah Veterinary Hospital	Petvax Midtown
Bluegrass Veterinary Clinic Llc	Park City Veterinary Clinic	Petvax Raines Road
Bluff City Veterinary Specialists	Pet Village Of Brentwood	Plateau Animal Hospital
Boyd'S Creek Animal Hospital	Petvax Bartlett	Southern Veterinary Partners Llc
Cooper Veterinary Practice	Petvax Cordova	The Pet Hospitals Lakeland
Fort Henry Animal Hospital	Petvax East Memphis	Thunder Road Veterinary Services
Memphis Veterinary Specialists And Emergency		Townsend Animal Clinic Llc
Mobilevet Memphis Llc	Petvax Germantown	Veterinary Internal Medicine Ref
Veterinary Services	Vip Petcare	
Vip Petcare	Clinton Animal Hospital	
Vip Petcare	Cool Springs Veterinary Associates Pllc	
White House Animal Hospital		
The Humane Educational Society Inc Of Chattanooga Tenn		

Continuing Education Course/Request Approvals

The following requests for approval of continuing education hours were reviewed:

A request from **Upstate Vet** for approval of seven (7) continuing education hours for the “**Asheville Fall DVM CE**” over pain and substance abuse held October 27, 2019 in Asheville, NC.

A request from **BluePearl Veterinary Partners** for approval of one (1) continuing education hours for the presentation “**Pancreatitis**” held on October 6, 2019 in Franklin, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for the course “**Update on Equine Respiratory and Core disease**” held September 11, 2019 in Knoxville, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of eight (8) continuing education hours for the course “**Zoetis Equine Vet Tech Boot Camp**” held January 22, 2020 in Franklin, TN.

A request from **Hill’s Pet Nutrition** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for the presentation “**Chronic Diarrhea in the Dog**” and “**Feeding Tubes and Enteral Nutrition: Not Just for the Yellow Cat**” held on November 2, 2019 in Memphis, TN.

A request from **Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health**, for approval of seven (7) continuing education hour for the presentations “**Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome**”, “**Equine Asthma and Equine Airway**”, and “**GI Endoscopy Techniques**” held on October 11, 2019 in Murfreesboro, TN.

A request from **Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health** for approval of five (5) continuing education hours for the presentation of “**Cattle First Forum**” held on December 4, 2019 in Hopkinsville, KY.

A request from **Nashville Veterinary Specialist** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for
“**Veterinary Ethics**” held on December 10, 2020 in Clarksville, TN
“**Veterinary Ethics**” held on December 11, 2020 in Nashville, TN
“**Surgery**” held on January 14, 2020 in Nashville, TN
“**Pathology**” date to be determined in Clarksville, TN
“**Dermatology**” held on March 10, 2020 in Nashville, TN
“**Neurology**” held on April 14, 2020 in Nashville, TN
“**Internal Medicine**” held on May 12, 2020 in Nashville, TN
“**Cardiology**” held on September 15, 2020 in Nashville, TN
“**Oncology**” held on October 13, 2020 in Nashville, TN
“**Critical Care**” held on November 10, 2020 in Nashville, TN

A request from **Merck** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for the presentation “**Infectious Disease Management**” held on May 13, 2019, in Columbia, TN.

A request from **Dairyland Hoof Care Institute** for approval of twelve (12) continuing education hours for the presentation “**Teaching and Integrated Approach to Hoof Health**” held on March 30, 2020 to April 3, 2020, in Baraboo, WI.

A request from **Chemical Capture** for twenty (20) continuing education hours for the presentation “**Wildlife Handling and Chemical Immobilization for Zoo and Wildlife Professionals**” held March 10-12, 2020 in Blacksburg, VA.

A request from **BluePearl** for two (2) continuing education hour on “**Surgery of the Small and Large Intestine**” held in February 2020 in Tennessee.

A request from **OnlineContinuingED LLC** for approval of the following presentations:

“**Veterinary Acupuncture 201**” for six (6) CE hours
“**Veterinary Acupuncture 202**” for six (6) CE hours
“**Veterinary Acupuncture 203**” for six (6) CE hours
“**Veterinary Acupuncture 204**” for twelve (12) CE hours
Held on various dates online.

Martha Killen, DVM

Dr Killen made a waiver request to the board to be allowed to obtain her 2019 continuing education hours online due to health reasons and not being able to travel.

Cristy Maves, DVM

Dr. Maves made a waiver request to the board to be allowed to obtain her 2019 continuing education hours online due to health reasons and not being able to travel.

The subcommittee reviewed the continuing education course and waiver requests and Dr. Loxley, seconded by Dr, Thompson, made a motion to approve the continuing education requests minus item H, which was 2 CE hours given by Dr. Simpson on Veterinary Ethics with the Nashville Veterinary Specialist. Motion passed.

The subcommittee reviewed the continuing education course request for Nashville Veterinary Specialist and Dr. Loxley, seconded by Ms. Wereszczak, made a motion to approve the continuing education request. Motion passed

Review, Approve/Deny Animal Euthanasia Technician Training Course Request

National Animal Care & Control Association

An Euthanasia Technician contacted our office and corresponded with Lyndsey Boone wanting to take this Euthanasia training course that had not been verified. When informed that this course had not been verified and approved by the Board, the applicant informed Ms. Boone that his coworker had taken the same course and gotten certified some time ago. Ms. Boone confirmed that this prior applicant's approval had been granted by previous Administrative Staff, and no details about the training course being previously approved by the Board could be identified. Ms. Boone has reached out to this organization to see if they would provide the information about their course and organization so the Board could review and determine if they meet the criteria to be approved, and the organization did not respond.

Dr Simpson made a motion to defer until such time that clarification can be obtained as to whether this course meets our qualifications. Motion was seconded by Dr. Loxley. Motion passed.

Correspondence

Ms. Ramona Crane submitted a letter referencing the NAVTA wanting to call veterinary technicians a "veterinary nurse". Dr Galloway states that it is not a Board issue and recommends sending her a copy of Public Chapter 245. Dr. Galloway recommends sending this issue to the Taskforce to determine if a Rule change is needed.

Steven Kellner sent information to the Board offering them the opportunity to take Drip Vet's online Veterinary Medical Record Keeping and Law and Ethics courses free of charge to see how easy it is for TN licensees to fulfill their disciplinary and CE requirements through Drip Vet's offerings. Dr Galloway determined that this correspondence was informational and no action was required.

AAVSB Information submitted as correspondence to the Board informing them of their annual meeting, with conference highlights from the last meeting, which was held in St. Louis, MO. The correspondence also included upcoming dates for conferences in 2020. A packet was also included for model regulations and the appropriate use of opioids and other controlled substances. It was determined by the Board that no action was required.

AAVAB Vet Tech Terminology information was sent in to the Board from Darla Wright with the AAVSB notifying that certain schools have changed their name to Veterinary Nursing and listing what those schools are. This was determined to be informational and no action is required.

AAVSB Policy Task Force Regulation Review information was submitted by James Penrod with the AAVSB notifying the Board of the new model regulations that have been drafted at their last meeting. This was determined to be informational and no action required.

Public Chapter 245 information was sent to reference the use of the term "nursing" and strengthening that protective title. This was determined to be informational and no action required.

ICVA Annual Report information was sent from the International Council for Veterinary Assessment informing the Board of the different tests that are available. This was determined to be informational and no action required.

Dr. Galloway wants to give Board members a plaque when they leave the Board at reasonable cost. Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson. Motion passed.

Conference Approvals

AAVSB- Board Basics and Beyond, April 17-18, 2020, Kansas City, Missouri
Motion made by Dr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Wereszack to send 1 staff member. Motion passed.

AAVSB- Annual Meeting, September 24-26, 2020, Portland, Oregon
Motion made by Dr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Wereszack to send 3 board members and 2 staff. Motion passed.

FARB- Forum, January 23-26, 2020, Colorado Springs, CO
Motion made by Dr. Loxley, seconded by Dr. Thompson to send 1 board member and 1 staff. Motion passed.

FARB- Regulatory Law Seminar, October 1-4, 2020, Reston, VA
Motion made by Dr. Simpson, seconded by Dr. Thompson to send 1 staff and 1 board. Motion passed.

CLEAR- Annual Conference, September 23-26, 2020, Seattle, WA
The Board decided not to send anyone to this conference as it conflicts with the AAVSB Annual meeting.

2020 Future Meeting Dates

April 8-9, 2020
August 5-6, 2020
December 2-3, 2020

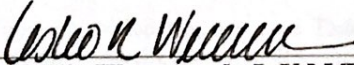
Board Elections

President: Dr. Galloway
Vice President: Dr. Simpson
Secretary: Ms. Wereszack

Dr Loxley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson to keep current officer positions. Motion passed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to move to adjourn at 1:02 p.m. The motion passed.



Leslie R. Wereszczak, L.V.M.T, Secretary

6/15/2020
Date