

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Minutes

Date: December 13, 2006

Time: 9:00 a.m., C.S.T.

Location: Iris Room
227 French Landing, Suite 150
Heritage Place MetroCenter
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Mary Welch, D.V.M., President
C. Maben Thompson, D.V.M., Vice-President
Thomas Edmonds, D.V.M., Secretary
Janet Jones, L.V.M.T
James C. Lyons, D.V.M.
Ron Wilson, D.V.M., Ex-officio Member
Robbie Bell, HRB Director, Ex-officio Member

Members Absent: Marie Gordon, Consumer Member
Tiffani Rogers, D.V.M.

Staff Present: Lisa Lampley, Board Director
Rita Buckner-Shelton, Board Administrator
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney
Robert Taylor, D.V.M., Board Consultant/Inspector

Upon roll call and determination of a quorum being present, the Board meeting was called to order by Dr. Welch at 9:05 a.m.

Welcome to New Board Member

Dr. Welch welcomed Ms. Janet Jones, LVMT, to the Board. Ms. Jones' term expires on July 31, 2007. Ms. Jones fills the vacancy created by Ms. Mary Ann Grell's resignation from the Board.

Conflict of Interest Policy

Ms. Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney, reviewed the conflict of interest policy and stated that a signed copy of the policy was included in each member's board book. Ms. Armstrong introduced Mr. Christopher Larkin, Assistant General Counsel, to the Board. Mr. Larkin will be **another** litigating attorney for the Board in the near future.

Approval of Minutes

After reviewing the minutes from the August 24, 2006 board meeting, Dr. Thompson motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Edmonds seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rules Status Report

Mr. Jerry Kosten, Regulations Manager, reported that a rulemaking hearing was held on November 2, 2006 regarding continuing education requirements/procedures, and rules pertaining to the refund of monetary fines and civil penalties as per Public Chapter 716. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson to ratify the proposed rule changes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Edmonds. The motion carried.

Election of Officers

A motion was made and seconded to nominate the following:

President – Mary Welch, DVM
Vice-President – C. Maben Thompson, DVM
Secretary – Thomas Edmonds, DVM

The motion carried.

Progress Report – Timothy Dalpiaz, DVM

As per the terms of the Order ratified by the Board on April 19, 2006, Dr. Dalpiaz appeared before the Board to present proof of continuing education and other requirements for maintaining licensure.

Progress Report – Richard Hinson, DVM

As per the conditions of licensure ratified by the Board on August 24, 2005, Dr. Hinson appeared before the Board to present proof of continuing education and other requirements for maintaining licensure.

Progress Report – Merlin Shuck, DVM

As per the terms of the Order ratified by the Board on December 8, 2005, Dr. Shuck appeared before the Board to present proof of continuing education and other requirements for maintaining licensure.

Progress Report – Mark Roberts, DVM

As per the terms of the Order ratified by the Board on April 19, 2006, Dr. Roberts appeared before the Board to present proof of continuing education and other requirements for maintaining licensure.

Progress Report – Thomas Crawford, DVM

As per the terms of the Order ratified by the Board on August 24, 2006, Dr. Crawford appeared before the Board to present proof of staff training including an employee manual and staff training attendance sheet and other requirements for maintaining licensure.

Order of Compliance – Charles Beauchamp, DVM

Dr. Beauchamp appeared before the Board pursuant to a petition for an Order of Compliance and provided proof of compliance with the terms of the Agreed Order issued by the Board on December 11, 2003. Dr. Lyons made a motion, seconded by Dr. Edmonds, to lift the probation and grant the Order of Compliance. The motion carried.

Contested Case – John Harris, DVM

Dr. John Harris, DVM, was present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Brandi Bozarth, Assistant General Counsel, represented the State. The proceedings were presided over by Administrative Law Judge Leonard F. Pogue, III. Dr. Welch recused herself from the hearing. Dr. Harris was charged with practicing veterinary medicine without a **current** license. Ms. Rita Buckner-Shelton, Board Administrator, testified that Dr. Harris' license expired on November 30, 2002 and was reinstated on September 19, 2006. Dr. Harris testified on his own behalf.

Upon deliberation, the Board found the Respondent guilty of practicing veterinary medicine on a lapsed license. Dr. Edmonds made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lyons, to assess total civil penalties in the amount of \$4,700.00 and costs of the proceedings. The motion carried.

Contested Case – Wilbur Higgs, DVM

Dr. Wilbur Higgs, DVM, did not appear before the Board and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Brandi Bozarth, Assistant General Counsel, represented the State. Administrative Law Judge Leonard F. Pogue, III, presided over the hearing. Ms. Bozarth submitted proof that Dr. Higgs had been duly notified of the hearing and moved for default. The motion for default was granted.

Dr. Higgs was charged with violating previous board orders by failing to appear before the Board as per the Order effective January 15, 2004. Ms. Lea Phelps, Disciplinary Coordinator, presented testimony regarding notification to Dr. Higgs of the requirements of the Order.

Upon deliberation, the Board moved to accept the findings presented by the State and found the Respondent guilty of violating a previous Board order. Dr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lyons, to revoke Dr. Higgs' license to practice veterinary medicine and assess total civil penalties in the amount of \$1,000.00 and costs of the proceedings. The motion carried.

Consent Order – Kristy Carrington, LVMT

Ms. Kristy Carrington, LVMT, was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Brandi Bozarth, Assistant General Counsel, presented a Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Ms. Carrington's license to practice as a veterinary medical technician expired on August 31, 2003.

On or about January 23, 2006, Ms. Carrington pled guilty to Willful Abuse of an Adult, a Class A misdemeanor. On or about June 8, 2006, the Tennessee Board of Nursing revoked the Respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Tennessee and in states that have entered into the Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact and also placed the Respondent on the Abuse Registry. Ms. Carrington's license to practice as a veterinary medical technician was revoked and she was assessed costs of the proceedings. Dr. Edmonds made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lyons, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

Agreed Order – Jackie Brown, Unlicensed

Ms. Jackie Brown, Unlicensed, was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Brandi Bozarth, Assistant General Counsel, presented an Agreed Order to the Board for ratification. Ms. Brown performed dental procedures on horses not owned by her from 1992 through 2004. During this period, Ms. Brown floated teeth and/or performed routine dentistry on approximately forty (40) to fifty (50) horses not owned by her in 2004. Ms. Brown was assessed total civil penalties in the amount of \$3,600.00 and costs of the proceedings and ordered to immediately cease and desist the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine, specifically equine dental procedures. Dr. Edmonds made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to accept the Agreed Order. The motion carried.

Letter of Reprimand – Mark Steeley, DVM

Dr. Mark Steeley, DVM, was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Brandi Bozarth, Assistant General Counsel, presented a Letter of Reprimand to the Board for ratification. Dr. Steeley failed to provide complete medical records, including x-rays, when requested by the patient's owners. Dr. Edmonds made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lyons, to accept the Letter of Reprimand. The motion carried.

Letter of Reprimand – Danny King, DVM

Dr. Danny King, DVM, was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Brandi Bozarth, Assistant General Counsel, presented a Letter of Reprimand to the Board for ratification. Dr. King's record of an animal's care that died as a result of complications from declawing was incomplete and inadequate and failed to provide sufficient information to the subsequent treating veterinarian. Dr. Lyons made a motion, seconded by Dr. Edmonds, to accept the Letter of Reprimand. The motion carried.

Consent Order – Sharon Folsom, DVM

Dr. Sharon Folsom, DVM, was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Nicole Armstrong, Assistant General Counsel, represented the State. Pursuant to a settlement agreement reached previously by the Board's screening panel, Ms. Armstrong presented a Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Welch recused herself. Dr. Folsom performed emergency medical procedures to revive a canine that had just been administered euthanasia drugs at the request of the canine's owners. Dr. Folsom acted without the knowledge or consent of the canine's owners; concealed the fact of the canine's revival from its' owners; signed a condolence card mailed by the veterinary hospital to the canine's owners; took the canine home with her on several occasions; renamed the canine; and attempted to find someone to adopt the

canine. Dr. Folsom's license to practice veterinary medicine in Tennessee was placed on probation for two (2) years with the following conditions: must attend a live presentation, lecture-format continuing education seminar on the subject of professional ethics by December 31, 2007 with such seminar approved for two (2) hours of continuing education credit; must appear at December 2007 board meeting to either produce documentation of completion of the ethics seminar or show proof of registration for attendance at a qualifying ethics seminar by December 31, 2007; and must appear before the Board at the December 2008 meeting to request that the Board issue an order reflecting the Respondent's successful compliance with all of the conditions and restrictions imposed by this probation. Dr. Lyons made a motion, seconded by Dr. Edmonds, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

Consent Order – James Kuhlmann, D.V.M.

Dr. James Kuhlmann, DVM, was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Nicole Armstrong, Assistant General Counsel, represented the State. Pursuant to a settlement agreement reached previously by the Board's screening panel, Ms. Armstrong presented a Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Welch recused herself. Dr. Kuhlmann improperly restrained a canine while attempting to remove stitches from the canine's ears. The canine became unresponsive and stopped breathing and the Respondent was unable to revive it. Dr. Kuhlmann's license to practice veterinary medicine in Tennessee was placed on probation for two (2) years with the following conditions: must comply with all appropriate standards of care for the practice of veterinary medicine, with particular attention paid to the proper restraint of animals and the appropriate methods for handling aggressive or panicked animals; Any complaints received and/or investigations conducted related to Respondent's practice during the period of probation will be reviewed in conjunction with this Order to determine whether further disciplinary action is appropriate. Dr. Lyons made a motion, seconded by Dr. Edmonds, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

Consent Order – Ellis Hodgson, DVM

Dr. Ellis Hodgson, DVM, was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Nicole Armstrong, Assistant General Counsel, represented the State. Pursuant to a settlement agreement reached previously by the Board's screening panel, Ms. Armstrong presented a Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Welch recused herself. Dr. Hodgson failed to maintain appropriate controlled drug inventories as required by the Drug Enforcement Administration and falsified the records of at least four (4) clients by recording the prescription and administration of controlled substances for client animals that Respondent diverted for his personal use. Dr. Hodgson's license to practice veterinary medicine in Tennessee was suspended for a six-month period and he must personally appear before the Board at the August 2007 meeting and provide proof of completion of continuing education requirements for calendar year 2006 and submit an advocacy report from the Tennessee Medical Foundation (TMF) attesting to his participation in and compliance with the Tennessee Medical Foundation Physicians Health Program/Caduceus Group treatment program. In June 2007, following the conclusion of the six-month period of suspension, the license shall be placed on probation for a period of five (5) years (until August 2012) with the following conditions and restrictions: Respondent shall not own or operate a solo veterinary practice during the probationary period; shall only practice under the indirect supervision of another veterinarian licensed and in good standing in Tennessee; shall provide a copy of this order to the supervising veterinarian and such supervising veterinarian

must send a letter to the Board's administrative staff within thirty (30) days of the onset of Respondent's employment; Respondent shall continue his participation in and compliance with the treatment program; both Respondent and the TMF shall immediately provide written notification to the Board of any violation of the terms of his aftercare contract; shall submit a quarterly written report from the TMF attesting to his continued participation in and compliance with his aftercare contract; and Respondent must appear before the Board at the August 2012 meeting to request that an Order of Compliance be issued. Dr. Edmonds made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lyons, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

Consent Order – Harry Markham, DVM

Dr. Harry Markham, DVM, was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Nicole Armstrong, Assistant General Counsel, represented the State. Pursuant to a settlement agreement reached previously by the Board's screening panel, Ms. Armstrong presented a Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Welch recused herself. Dr. Markham began operating a mobile veterinary facility in September 2004 without a premises permit. He applied for a premises permit in February 2006 and the permit was approved on April 26, 2006. Dr. Markham was assessed total civil penalties in the amount of \$850.00. Dr. Lyons made a motion, seconded by Dr. Edmonds, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

Consent Order – Jerry Truitt, DVM

Dr. Jerry Truitt, DVM, was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Nicole Armstrong, Assistant General Counsel, represented the State. Pursuant to a settlement agreement reached previously by the Board's screening panel, Ms. Armstrong presented a Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Welch recused herself. Dr. Truitt administered euthanasia drugs to a canine at the request of the canine's owners. Dr. Truitt monitored the canine during the administration of the euthanasia drugs and informed the canine's owners that the animal had died. Respondent had the canine removed from the examination room and began emergency medical procedures to revive the animal. Dr. Truitt acted without the knowledge or consent of the canine's owners; concealed the fact of the canine's revival from its' owners; signed a condolence card mailed by the veterinary hospital to the canine's owners; and did not record the medical intervention to revive the canine in the medical records. Dr. Truitt's license to practice veterinary medicine in Tennessee was placed on probation for two (2) years with the following conditions: must attend a live presentation, lecture-format continuing education seminar on the subject of professional ethics by December 31, 2007 with such seminar approved for two (2) hours of continuing education credit; must conduct training for all staff by December 31, 2007 documented by a sign-in sheet; must create an employee handbook for use at the staff training which describes the responsibilities and duties for each staff position including the associated ethical responsibilities; must appear at December 2007 board meeting to either produce documentation of completion of the ethics seminar or show proof of registration for attendance at a qualifying ethics seminar by December 31, 2007; must produce a copy of the employee handbook created for staff training; must provide documentation that the staff training was conducted or documentation that the staff training session is scheduled to be completed before December 31, 2007; must appear before the Board at the December 2008 meeting to request that the Board issue an order reflecting the Respondent's successful compliance with all of the conditions and restrictions imposed by this probation. Dr. Edmonds made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lyons, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

2007 Board Meeting Dates

The board reviewed and established the following 2007 meeting dates:

January 30 & 31*

April 18 & 19

August 22 & 23

December 12 & 13

* Meeting to conduct contested case hearing

Discussion – Implementation of the “Controlled Substance Database”

Ms. Robbie Bell and Dr. Lyons reviewed and discussed with the board the implementation of the Controlled Substance Database. This program was established by the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of Schedule II, III, IV & V controlled substances. The program requires a dispenser who is licensed by the State and who dispenses controlled substances within or from outside of the State of Tennessee to register with the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy and submit the required information. Data collection will begin for all dispensers on December 1, 2006. The initial reporting deadline is December 25, 2006. Collected database information will be available in April, 2007.

Report – American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Conference

Dr. Welch attended the annual AAVSB Conference September 15-17, 2006 in Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Welch gave a summary of the topics and issues discussed at the meeting. A written summary of the meeting and a copy of the AAVSB financial statement were included in the board books.

Position Statements – Consulting Veterinarian/Continuing Education/Change of Address

A motion was made by Dr. Edmonds, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to adopt a position statement regarding the statutory exemptions for licensure for a consulting veterinarian and a licensed veterinarian residing near the border of a neighboring state. The practice of veterinary medicine in the state of Tennessee requires a current license from the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. No person may be called into this state as a consulting veterinarian unless licensed as a veterinarian in another state and acting under the direct supervision of a Tennessee licensee. (Pursuant to the Board’s law, Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-133(a)(2) and (7)) “Direct supervision” means that the licensee is on the premises and assumes responsibility for the consulting veterinarian. The Tennessee licensee is responsible for notifying the Board’s administrative office of the name of the consulting veterinarian and the date(s) and location of the consultation. The request for consulting services must be for a specific case and can only be made by Tennessee licensed veterinarians, not by individual consumers. Any one or more of the following would constitute a violation of the exemption(s): Opening an office or appointing a place to do business within Tennessee; Printing or using letterhead or business cards that reflect a Tennessee address; Advertising the existence of a practice address in Tennessee; Establishing an answering service in Tennessee; Separate billing for consulting services; Providing consulting services for more than ten (10) calendar days per year. The Board has the authority to discipline

any practitioner or facility which, after investigation and proper hearing, has been found guilty by the Board of a violation of board statutes/rules. The motion carried.

The Board moved to table the discussion and adoption of position statements regarding the action to be taken on any licensee who is non-compliant with or fails to respond to an audit conducted by the Board for compliance with continuing education requirements and the failure by a licensee to notify the Board of a change of address.

Office of General Counsel (OGC) Report

Ms. Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney, reviewed the report with the Board. There are currently two sets of rules under review at the Office of the Attorney General and a roll call vote scheduled for this meeting regarding continuing education requirements/procedures and the refund of monetary fines and civil penalties as per Public Chapter 716. The Office of General Counsel currently has thirty-one (31) open cases pertaining to the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

Investigations and Disciplinary Report

Ms. Lea Phelps, Disciplinary Coordinator, reviewed the reports with the Board. There are currently seventeen (17) open complaints in the Office of Investigations. An analysis of newly filed complaints categorized by allegation and month received and by geographical area and month received was included. The disciplinary report indicated that twenty-eight (28) individuals are currently being monitored for compliance with Board orders.

Ms. Phelps also thanked Dr. Mary Ergen, DVM, Board Consultant, for participating in the recent training held for board investigators. Dr. Ergen conducted a workshop regarding veterinary facilities and veterinary facility inspection items.

Discussion – Facility Inspections/Non-Compliance Status

Dr. Matt Povlovich, representing the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA), addressed the Board regarding concerns pertaining to the facility inspection process and the establishment of an appeals process for facilities found in non-compliance with minimum standards at the time of inspection. Dr. Povlovich stated that the need for consistency among the inspectors was the main concern of licensees. Ms. Armstrong advised the Board that **the law does not allow the Board to grant exemptions from premises permits or exceptions from premise permit inspection requirements, and that there is no appeals process available.** The Board contracts with inspectors to conduct facility inspections to ensure the minimum standards as established in the board rules are met by all facilities. Ms. Lampley and Dr. Taylor, DVM, Board Consultant/Inspector, stated that a meeting with the inspectors was held on November 9, 2006 to discuss the inspection process in general, review/revise inspection forms and discuss areas of concern. The importance of the need for consistency during the inspection process was discussed and recommended compliance/non-compliance guidelines were established at the meeting which should further ensure consistency during inspections and in the determination of the status of compliance or non-compliance of the facility at the time of inspection. Ms. Lampley stated that she is always willing to discuss specific concerns regarding an inspection with the facility owner/supervising veterinarian and requested that any and all concerns be

brought to her attention at any time. The board thanked Dr. Povlovich for his attendance and input at the meeting.

Dr. Robert Taylor, Board Consultant/Inspector, reviewed the inspection report. A total of one hundred twenty (120) inspections were conducted during the period of August, 2006 – November, 2006.

Director's Report

Ms. Lampley welcomed Ms. Janet Jones, LVMT and Dr. Tiffani Rogers, DVM to the Board. Unfortunately, Dr. Rogers was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Jones fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Ms. Mary Ann Grell, LVMT. Ms. Jones' term expires July 31, 2007. Dr. Rogers replaces Dr. Leland Davis, DVM, and her term expires July 31, 2011. Appreciation was again expressed to Dr. Davis for his service and contributions to the Board. The Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) will be administered to eleven (11) candidates on January 19, 2007. The examination application process for the VTNE changed this year. The examination application and payment are now submitted directly by the candidate to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB.) The AAVSB purchased the ownership of the examination from Professional Examination Services (PES) in May, 2005.

The following status report was provided:

Total Active Licensees as of November 30, 2006:

Veterinarians:	1,705
Veterinary Medical Technicians:	338
Veterinary Facilities:	596
Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians:	170
Certified Animal Control Agencies:	47

The Health Related Boards (HRB) policy on patient safety was also reviewed and endorsed by the Board.

Financial Report

A copy of the financial report was available for review. The report reflected a \$27,654.29 Current Year Net at June 30, 2006 and a \$-130,209.78 Cumulative Carryover at June 30, 2006.

Legislative Report

Ms. Armstrong reviewed the status of the following legislation:

Public Chapter No. 558 – Grants authority to boards of allied healthcare professions to enter into grants, agreements, scholarships or other arrangements with other agencies for the purpose of evaluating the workforce in order to provide a basis for improving the delivery of quality healthcare.

Ms. Armstrong stated that this legislation would apply to veterinary medical technicians.

Continuing Education Course Approval

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

A request from **The Butler Company** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours each for meetings to be held on January 2, 2007 and January 4, 2007. The respective topics are **“Overlooked Ideas for Increasing Your Clinic’s Bottom Line”** and **“Consolidating Your Inventory to Decrease Your Overhead”**.

A request from **CSC South and Miltex** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a seminar featuring **techniques of proper cleaning, maintaining and preparation of surgical instruments; performing and charting a dental exam; and new innovations in surgical instruments** held September 19, 2006.

A request from **Clone Tennessee** for approval of ten (10) continuing education hours for attendance at the seminar entitled: **“Canine Reproduction, Whelping & Puppy Intensive Care”** to be held on January 20 – 21, 2007 in Gordonsville, TN.

A request from **Dana Glass, DVM**, for approval of continuing education hours for a course entitled **“Mid-America Toxicology Course”** held on April 23 – 28, 2006 in Kansas City, MO.

A request from **Hamilton County Veterinary Medical Association** for approval of eight (8) continuing education hours for the **“Small Animal CE Program”** held December 3, 2006 in Chattanooga, TN.

A request from **Jackson Pet Emergency Clinic, LLC** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation entitled **“Fraud Detection in Veterinary Practices”** to be held February 8, 2007 in Jackson, TN.

A request from **Merial** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation entitled **“Changing Vaccine Technology”** held August 17, 2006 in Knoxville, TN.

A request from **Pfizer Animal Health** for approval of continuing education hours for the following events:

2.0 hrs. – **“Pain Management Wet Lab”** – September 14, 2006 – Murfreesboro, TN

1.0 hr. – **“Science of Sedation”** – June 15, 2006 – Nashville, TN

1.0 hr. – **“Effect of Vaccination on Experimental Infection with Bordetella Bronchiseptica in Dogs”** - August 15, 2006 - Smyrna, TN

A request from Trinity Communications on behalf of **Pfizer Animal Health** for approval of twelve (12) continuing education hours for the symposium entitled **“Maumee Bay Vet Symposium”** conducted August 29 - 31, 2006 in Oregon, OH.

A request from Trinity Communications on behalf of **Pfizer Animal Health** for approval of ten and one-half (10.5) continuing education hours for the **“Bovine Practitioner Symposium”** held December 1 - 2, 2006 in Bowling Green, KY.

A request from the **Regional Institute for Veterinary Emergencies and Referrals** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation on **“New Topics in Orthopedic Medicine”** including a hands-on section on **“Rehabilitation”** held on September 26, 2006.

A request from the **Tennessee Cattlemen’s Association** for approval of six (6) continuing education hours for the **“2007 Tennessee Cattlemen’s Association Annual Convention”** to be held January 26 – 27, 2007 in Pigeon Forge, TN.

A request from **Tennessee Veterinary Specialists** for approval of continuing education hours for the following events:

- 1.5 hrs. – **“Current Treatment Strategies for Canine Hip Dysplasia”** –
October 11, 2006 – Goodlettsville, TN
- 1.5 hrs. – **“Management of Portosystemic Shunts”** – October 27, 2006 –
Nashville, TN
- 1.5 hrs. – **“Medial Meniscus, to Release or Not to Release”** –
November 15, 2006 – Murfreesboro, TN

A request from **David Toplon, DVM**, for approval of thirty-four and one-half (34.5) continuing education hours for the **“2006 American Association of Zoo Veterinarians Annual Meeting”** held September 20 -24, 2006.

A request from **Vet-Dent CE Associates** for approval of continuing education hours for the following programs:

- 7.0 hrs. – **“The Complete Oral Prophylaxis”**
- 7.0 hrs. – **“Recognizing Oral Abnormalities in Dogs and Cats”**
- 4.0 hrs. – **“Choosing and Maintaining the Right Dental Instruments
and Equipment for Your Practice”**
- 3.0 hrs. – **“A Review of Oral-Dental Anatomy and Steps to Performing
a Thorough Oral Examination”**
- 3.0 hrs. – **“Feline Stomatitis: A Complete Review of a Frustrating
Disease”**
- 3.0 hrs. – **“Feline Odontoclastic Resorptive Lesions: A Complete
Review of Pathogenesis, Clinical Presentation, and
Treatment Options”**

A request from **Nelle Wyatt, LVMT**, for approval of fourteen (14) continuing education hours for the seminar entitled: **“Anxiety, Fear & Canine Aggression”** presented by **Puppyworks** held October 21 – 22, 2006 in Norcross, GA.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the request received from the Tennessee Cattlemen’s Association pending the receipt and review of the names of all speakers.

A motion to deny the request received from Vet-Dent CE Associates was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Edmonds. The motion carried. The board requested that the provider resubmit a request that contains all the **information required by Board rule Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-1-.12(3) needed for approval.**

A motion to approve all other courses was made by Dr. Welch and seconded by Dr. Lyons. The motion carried.

Dr. David Toplon, DVM, also requested an amendment to Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-1-.12 to include the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians and the American College of Zoological Medicine as approved sponsors of continuing education courses. The **B**oard agreed to the inclusion and this action will be presented to the Board at a later date for discussion and consideration of authorization of a rulemaking hearing pursuant to T.C.A. 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 63-12-105 and 63-12-106.

File Review/Ratification

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a certified animal euthanasia technician submitted by **Thomas D. Howard**. Mr. Howard answered “no” to conviction of a felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic offense. The criminal background check indicated **conviction of two misdemeanor offenses** in the State of Ohio. Dr. Edmonds made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to request Mr. Howard’s appearance for an interview at the next scheduled board meeting. The motion carried.

Upon review, the Board moved to ratify all newly licensed/certified or reinstated veterinarians, veterinary medical technicians, veterinary facilities, certified animal euthanasia technicians, and certified animal control agencies.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence for the Board to review.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Dr. Lyons made a motion, seconded by Dr. Edmonds, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Thomas Edmonds, DVM, Secretary

Date