

MINUTES

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Date: August 7, 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
Elizabeth B. Thompson, D.V.M.
Nathan Scott Loxley, D.V.M.
Doug Balthaser, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, Ex-officio Member

Members Absent: Leslie R. Wereszczak, L.V.M.T., Secretary
Stephen M. Ladd, D.V.M.
Beverly Ann Strong, Public Member

Staff Present: Kimberly Wallace, Executive Director
Lyndsey Boone, 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.

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 is 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.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Balthaser, to approve the April 10, 2019 minutes. The motion passed.

Legislative Updates

Ms. Sara Warner of the Legislative Office provided the following legislative update.

Public Chapter 61

This act states that an entity responsible for an AED program is immune from civil liability for personal injury caused by maintenance or use of an AED if such conduct does not rise to the level of willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence.

This act took effect on March 28, 2019.

Public Chapter 69

This act removes the requirement that a certified animal massage therapist or a registered animal massage therapist post a surety bond.

This act takes effect July 1, 2019.

Public Chapter 229

This act allows healthcare professionals to accept goods or services as payment in direct exchange of barter for healthcare services. Bartering is only permissible if the patient to whom services are provided is not covered by health insurance. All barter accepted by a healthcare professional must be submitted to the IRS annually. This act does not apply to healthcare services provided at a pain management clinic.

This act took effect April 30, 2019.

Public Chapter 243

This act mandates that an agency that requires a person applying for a license to engage in an occupation, trade, or profession in this state to take an examination must provide appropriate accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Any state agency that administers a required examination for licensure (except for examinations required by federal law) shall promulgate rules in regard to eligibility criteria. This legislation was introduced to assist individuals with dyslexia.

This act took effect May 2, 2019 for the purpose of promulgating rules, and for all other purposes, takes effect July 1, 2020.

Public Chapter 245

This act prohibits any person who is not licensed or certified by the Board of Nursing from using the title "nurse" or any other title that implies that the person is a practicing nurse. The Board is empowered to petition any circuit or chancery court having jurisdiction to enjoin: (1) a person attempting to practice or practicing nursing without a valid license; (2) a licensee found guilty of any of the acts listed in 63-7-115; or (3) any person using the title "nurse" who does not possess a valid license or certificate from the Board.

This act took effect May 2, 2019.

Public Chapter 447

This act permits law enforcement agencies to subpoena materials and documents pertaining to an investigation conducted by the Department of Health prior to formal disciplinary charges being filed against the provider. This bill was brought by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

This act went into effect May 22, 2019.

Dr. Galloway had an inquiry on Chapter 69, he asked if it had been determined who administers the certification for Animal Massage Therapists and Registered Animal Massage Therapist. Ms. Warner had stated that at that time she was unaware of the answer to that question but she would get back to the Board with an answer.

Fiscal Report

Ms. French was asked to create a fee reduction scenario that brings the net carry over total for renewals to as close to zero as she could without putting our finances in the red and to present it with the Year-End report. As the Year-End report is not currently ready, Ms. French provided the fee reduction scenario to the Board for their review until the Year-End report at the December meeting.

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 and an investigative report. For currently monitored practitioners, Veterinarians, there are three (3) under reprimand, eight (8) under probation, one (1) under suspension, and four (4) revocations; Veterinary Technicians, there are zero being monitored; Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians, there are two (2) under reprimand; and Veterinary Facilities there are two (2) under reprimand and one (1) probation.

For the investigative report regarding Veterinarians, Investigations has received forty five (45) complaints in 2019; of those forty five complaints (45), one (1) was for abuse/neglect, two (2) were for drugs, nineteen (19) were for malpractice/negligence, four (4) were for unlicensed practice, sixteen (16) were for unprofessional conduct, one (1) was for lapsed license, one (1) was for criminal conviction, and one (1) that was outside of the investigative scope. Investigations has closed a total of forty four (44) complaints; five (5) were closed for insufficient evidence to discipline, eight (8) were closed and sent to OGC for formal discipline, twenty five (25) were closed with no action, one (1) was closed with a letter of concern and five (5) were closed with a letter of warning. A letter of concern and warning are not reportable and not considered reportable discipline. Currently there are thirty two (32) open complaints being investigated and/or reviewed.

For the investigative report regarding Veterinary Technicians, Investigations has received two (2) complaints in 2019; of those two (2) complaints, one (1) was for unprofessional conduct, and one (1) was for lapsed license. Investigations have closed a total of two (2) complaints; one (1) was closed and sent to OGC for formal discipline, and one (1) was closed with a letter of concern. Currently there are zero (0) open complaints being investigated and/or reviewed.

For the investigative report regarding Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians, Investigations has received zero complaints in 2019; closed zero (0) complaints and has zero (0) complaints open.

For the investigative report regarding Veterinary Facilities, Investigations has received a total of thirteen (13) complaints in 2019; of those thirteen (13) complaints, eleven (11) were for unlicensed practice, one (1) was for unprofessional conduct and one (1) was for lapsed license. Investigations have closed a total of three (3) complaints; one (1) was sent to OGC for formal discipline and two (2) were closed with no action. Currently there are two (2) open complaints being investigated and/or reviewed.

Administrators Report

As of August 5, 2019 we have the following number of active licensees:

Veterinarian	2,578
Veterinary Medical Technician	911
Veterinary Facility	840
Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician	308
Certified Animal Control Agencies	69
Certified Animal Chemical Capture Technicians	2
Animal Chemical Capture Certification	1

Since the last meeting, there have been forty six (46) voluntarily retired, one (1) on probation and twenty three (23) expired veterinarian licensees, two (2) voluntarily retired and ten (10) expired veterinary technician licensees, one (1) voluntarily retired and fourteen (14) expired certified animal euthanasia technician licensees, and thirteen (13) closed and six (6) expired veterinary facility premises permits. 52% of Veterinarians, 62% of Veterinary Technicians and 31% of Euthanasia technicians renewed online

Facility Inspection Status Report

For the months of April, May, June and July 2019 East, TN had a total of forty eight (48) facility inspections, Middle, TN had a total of thirty eight (38) facility inspections and West, TN had a total of fourteen (14) inspections, for a grand total of one hundred (100) facility inspections across the state.

On April 18, 2019, Lyndsey Boone went to University of Tennessee Martin for the Veterinary Boards Student Outreach Program to give a presentation to the senior veterinary technician class on the licensure process.

CSMD Report

Dr. Simpson attended the last CSMD meeting; nothing that was discussed applied to veterinary medicine and Dr. Simpson was elected Vice-Chair of the committee.

Applicant Interviews

Grace Ference

The Board reviewed a reciprocity application for a Veterinary Medical Technician license by **Grace Ference**. Ms. Ference was charged with a DUI in 2015 and theft in 2016 and convicted of reckless driving in 2019. Ms. Ference was invited to attend the Board meeting but was not present; she had previously appeared before the Board at their April 10, 2019 meeting and was asked to undergo a Tennessee Medical Foundation (TMF) evaluation to determine if she required treatment. Ms. Ference did undergo an evaluation by TMF and it was recommended that she sign an abstinence contract. TMF reached out to Ms. Ference after her evaluation to follow up with signing an abstinence contract, after a conversation about what that contract would cost/entail and Ms. Ference stated that she would not be able to afford the periodic drug screenings. TMF invited Ms. Ference to come to their office to discuss in further detail what options were available to her and how they could assist her and Ms. Ference stated she would think about it and call them back and never reached back out to TMF to discuss said options or an abstinence contract.

Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to close the application. The motion was then opened up for discussion. The Board called the TMF representative, Mr. Michael Todd to discuss the evaluation they conducted with Ms. Ference. Mr. Todd gave the history of their contact with Ms. Ference and went into detail about what an abstinence contract would entail. TMF's recommendation to the Board was that Ms. Ference completes an abstinence contract, based on her evaluation.

The Board took a vote and the motion to close to the file was denied. Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to deny her application. There was no discussion, the motion passed.

Ashley Ross, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a Veterinarian by **Dr. Ashley Ross**. Dr. Ross was present to answer any questions from the Board. Dr. Ross was convicted of a Class III felony in 2006. Dr. Galloway inquired if Dr. Ross had any job's pending, which she does, and then reviewed supplied medical documentation from Dr. Ross.

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

Brittany Buete, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a Veterinarian by **Dr. Brittany Buete**. Dr. Buete was present to answer any questions from the Board. Dr. Buete was convicted of a DUI in 2009, which is a Class I misdemeanor in Florida. Dr. Galloway inquired if Dr. Buete completed all of the requirements ordered by the court, which she had. Then Dr. Galloway asked Dr. Buete to give a personal explanation of the incident.

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

Paul Riedel, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a Veterinarian by **Dr. Paul Riedel**. Dr. Riedel was present to answer any questions from the Board. Dr. Riedel was convicted of a DWI in 2015, which is a Class I misdemeanor in Virginia. Dr. Galloway asked Dr. Riedel to give a personal explanation of the incident. Dr. Riedel stated that he has completed all of the requirements ordered by the court.

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

Waiver Requests

Seongkuk Park, D.V.M.

Dr. Park submitted a waiver requesting that the Board waive his requirement of needing to be actively practicing for three out of the last five years for an average of twenty-five (25) hours per week. Dr. Park had been working for three out of the last five years but his average working hours did not amount to twenty-five (25) hours per week. After discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to waive the active practice requirement and approve his application. The motion passed.

Erika Reid, D.V.M.

Dr. Reid submitted a waiver requesting that the Board waive her requirement of needing to be actively practicing for three out of the last five years for an average of twenty-five (25) hours per week as she has been away from practice for the last six (6) years taking care of her family; Dr. Reid did show that she has kept up with her continuing education during that six (6) year period. After discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Loxley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Simpson, to waive the active practice requirement and approve her application. The motion passed.

Easy Vet Clinic

Mr. Tim Schoenfelder, CEO of Easy Vet Clinic, notified the administrative office that their supervising veterinarian was no longer with their practice and submitted a request to the Board asking them to allow Easy Vet Clinic to use relief veterinarians as the supervising veterinarian in the interim until they could find a full time supervising veterinarian again. After discussion and review of all information, Dr. Loxley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Simpson, to deny the request. The motion passed.

The Board did say that they may use relief veterinarians only if the relief veterinarian signs a document stating that they understand that they are going to be responsible for any and all veterinary medicine that happens at the facility while they are the supervising veterinarian.

Animal Euthanasia Technician Training Course Requests

A request was submitted to have the Florida Animal Control Association's euthanasia training course as an approved course for certification as a euthanasia technician in Tennessee. After review of Florida Animal Control Association's training information and discussion, Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to approve the course. The motion passed.

OGC Report

Assistant General Counsel, Paul Richardson gave the OGC report:

Litigation

OGC currently has twenty three (23) open cases concerning the TBVME; and eleven (11) consent orders will be presented today.

Rules

Prescribing and Dispensing and TVMA inspection process rules are in internal review.

Consent Order – Banfield Pet Hospital, Premises Permit #1786

Mr. Paul Richardson, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. A representative for Banfield Pet Hospital was not present at the meeting for questions from the Board. Banfield Pet Hospital let their premises permit expire in November 2017 and operated without a premises permit until to June 2018, which is one month past the six (6) month grace period. Upon ratification of this order, Banfield Pet Hospital must pay one (1) Type C civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) representing a civil penalty for the month that Banfield Pet Hospital operated without a premises permit past the grace period for a total of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in civil penalties within one year of the ratification of this Consent Order. In addition Banfield Pet Hospital must pay the costs 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, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed.

Consent Order – Cat Clinic, Premises Permit#1166

Mr. Paul Richardson, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. A representative for the Cat Clinic was not present at the meeting for questions from the Board. The Cat Clinic had let their premises permit expire in September 2010 and was disciplined in April 2016 for operating without a premises permit until February 1, 2015. From February 2, 2015 to October 2018 the Cat Clinic operated without premises permit, for a total period of forty-four (44) months. Upon ratification of this order, the Cat Clinic must pay forty-four (44) Type C civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) representing a civil penalties for each month that they operated without a premises permit for a total of four thousand four hundred dollars (\$4,400.00) in civil penalties within one year of the ratification of this Consent Order. In addition the Cat Clinic must pay the costs 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, seconded by Dr. Balthaser, to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed.

Consent Order – Veterinary Services of Murfreesboro, Premises Permit#1218

Mr. Paul Richardson, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. A representative for Veterinary Services of Murfreesboro was not present at the meeting for questions from the Board. Veterinary Services of Murfreesboro let their premises permit expire in November 2017 and operated without a premises permit until August 2018, which is two month past the six (6) month grace period. Upon ratification of this order Veterinary Services of Murfreesboro must pay two (2) Type C civil penalties of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) representing a civil penalty for each month they operated without a premises permit past the grace period for a total of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in civil penalties within one year of the ratification of this Consent Order. In addition Veterinary Services of Murfreesboro must pay the costs 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. Loxley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed.

Consent Order – Companion Animal Hospital, Premises Permit#1347

Mr. Paul Richardson, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. A representative for Companion Animal Hospital was not present at the meeting for questions from the Board. Companion Animal Hospital let their premises permit expire in March 2018 and operated without a premises permit until July 2018, which is 10 month past the six (6) month grace period. Upon ratification of this order Companion Animal Hospital must pay ten (10) Type C civil penalties of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) representing a civil penalty for each month they operated without a premises permit past the grace period for a total of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in civil penalties within one year of the ratification of this Consent Order. In addition Companion Animal Hospital must pay the costs 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, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed.

Consent Order – Shawn Barnett, L.V.M.T.

Mr. Paul Richardson, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Ms. Barnett was not present at the meeting for questions. Ms. Barnett allowed her license to expire on April 30, 2017 and continued to practice on an expired license for twenty-six (26) months beyond the expiration date of the license, including the six month grace period allotted by the Board. Upon ratification of the order Shawn Barnett, L.V.M.T must pay twenty (20) Type C civil penalties of one hundred dollars (\$100) representing a civil penalty for each month she practiced without a license for a total of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in civil penalties within one year of the ratification of this Consent Order. Ms. Barnett must also pay the past due renewal fee of ninety dollars (\$90), the state regulatory fee of ten dollars (\$10), and the late renewal fee of eighty dollars (\$80) and establish compliance with the continuing education requirements. In addition Ms. Barnett must pay the costs 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, seconded by Dr. Balthaser, to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed.

Consent Order – John Curtis, D.V.M.

Mr. Paul Richardson, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Curtis was not present at the meeting for questions. Dr. Curtis owns and operates the Animal Clinic of Athens (“Clinic”). On May 26, 2018 an exam of Barkley (a mixed canine) by a veterinarian in the Clinic, the owner requested a prescription for Trifexis for heartworm protection. The owner states she was informed by clinic staff that she could purchase the medication from the Clinic, as she would not be provided a prescription for online pharmacy purchase. Dr. Curtis indicated that while he did not perform the examination of this particular patient, the Clinic’s prescription policy is to collect a prescription fee and offer a 1-year prescription following a complete physical examination of its patients. Further, that the Clinic offered a price if the prescription was found to be less expensive elsewhere. Upon ratification of this order, Dr. John Curtis agrees to have his license Reprimanded and must pay one (1) type C Civil Penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100), representing a civil penalty for Dr. Curtis’s refusal to honor the client’s request for a total of one hundred dollars (\$100) in civil penalties within one year of the ratification of this Consent Order. In addition Dr. Curtis must pay the costs 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, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed.

Consent Order - Matthew Field, D.V.M.

Mr. Paul Richardson, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Field was not present at the meeting for questions. Dr. Field was employed as a surgical resident at the Memphis Veterinary Specialists. Macie (“Patient”), a Miniature Australian Shepherd, was recovering from a lobectomy surgery performed by Dr. Emmett Chase Atwood. The surgery was without complications and patient was transferred to Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at 2:17pm, where Dr. Field and Dr. Emily French, the surgical intern, was assigned to provide post-operative care. Patients that were transferred to the treatment ward post-operatively were to be cared for by the technician staff. Any patients that remained overnight were tended to by the overnight technician staff, which was to communicate any concerns regarding patient condition to Dr. French. The Patient’s medical records indicated vitals were to be obtained at 4:00pm, 8:00pm, 12:00am and 4:00am. The flowsheet indicated that the respiratory rate was to be checked hourly. Medical records reflect Patient’s respirations as “panting” at 4:00pm; however no staff member recorded any additional vital signs. Dr. Field maintains he examined Patient before leaving at 6:00pm but the medical records do not reflect any post-surgery examinations by Dr. Field. At 8:00pm, a veterinary technician contacted and informed Dr. French that Patient was panting heavily and was hyperthermic at 104 degrees. Vitals were obtained by a veterinary technician at that time. In response to learning of Patient’s labored breathing and elevated temperature, Dr. French ordered 0.6 mg/kg Midazolam to treat Patient; this amount exceeded the recommended dosage of Midazolam at 0.01-0.5mg/kg. Dr. French maintained the slightly higher dose was chosen in order to overcome the agitation that was described by the technician staff. No explanation was offered as to why vitals were not obtained for nearly six hours. Shortly following the administration of Midazolam, Dr. French was contacted and informed the Patient and developed respiratory complications. Dr. French ordered that Patient be transferred into the oxygen unit immediately, that Patient’s blood pressure be obtained, that the thoracotomy tube be evaluated and that an oxygen saturation reading be taken. The records do not reflect an oxygen saturation assessment being taken. MVS protocol, though unwritten, dictated that when the surgical intern was informed of a change in the condition of a patient hospitalized overnight, the surgical intern was to contact their immediate supervisor. In this instance, Dr. French’s immediate supervisor was Dr. Matthew Field; Dr. French contacted Dr. Field at approximately 8:40pm after being informed by the technician staff that the Patient’s condition had deteriorated briefly but had stabilized with provision of supplemental oxygen therapy. Dr. French had advised Dr. Field that she had administered Midazolam to the Patient but did not advise him of the dosage. Dr. Field instructed Dr. French to continue oxygen therapy and that she did not need to make any adjustments in therapy or take any further actions at that time since the Patient appeared to be responding well. It was not until after the death of the Patient that Dr. French informed Dr. Field of the dosage of Midazolam that she had given; when asked during an interview by the Board’s investigator Dr. Field acknowledged that the dosage of Midazolam was on the higher end of the dosage limits. At about 9:30pm Patient went into respiratory arrest and although life saving measures were initiated, neither Dr. French nor Dr. Field visited the facility to evaluate Patient, nor did Dr. Field contact the veterinary technicians to gather information himself. The Patient passed at 10:00pm and Dr. Field failed to notify

owner of complications at any point prior to Patient's death. Upon ratification of this order, Dr. Matthew Field agrees to an Advisory Censure of his license, per Rule 1730-01-.13 and Board policy, and must pay one (1) type B Civil Penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500), representing one civil penalty for engaging in behavior in such a manner as to have a direct impact on the care of a client for a total of five hundred dollars (\$500) in civil penalties within one year of the ratification of this Consent Order. In addition Dr. Field must pay the costs of prosecuting this case to the extent allowed by law, the maximum amount for the assessment of costs shall be two thousand dollars (\$2,000) 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, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to accept the Consent Order. After discussion among the Board and the attorney about the stipulations of fact, the motion failed. Since the failure to accept the Consent Order the Board gave guidance to the attorney to bring more stipulation of facts before them by answering some of the following questions- why was there not a veterinarian present at the facility in the ICU, what was the actual complaint, who is the primary attending veterinarian on the case?

Consent Order - Emily French, D.V.M.

Mr. Paul Richardson, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. French was not present at the meeting for questions. Mr. Richardson stated that the stipulations of facts were the same as the previous consent order except that she was the surgical intern at Memphis Veterinary Specialists. Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to deny the Consent Order. The motion passed. The Board gave the same guidance to the attorney as the previous consent order.

Consent Order - James Fullerton, D.V.M.

Mr. Paul Richardson, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Fullerton was not present at the meeting for questions. Dr. Fullerton has been an associate and supervising veterinarian at Mobley Veterinary Clinic in Nashville, Tennessee. On or about October 8, 2018 the dog Ethel was brought to the Clinic for surgery to remove a perianal tumor and for dental cleaning. Following the surgery for the tumor Ethel was moved to the dental room and was subsequently placed on a different anesthesia machine. The pop-off valve on the second machine was closed and the bag on this machine overinflated and caused Ethel to go into cardiac arrest. CPR was administered, however, Ethel expired. An employee of the Dr. Fullerton, Amanda Farrell, was the veterinary technician responsible for administering anesthesia to Ethel. Ms. Farrell failed to check the pop-off valve of the anesthesia machine in the dental room before transferring Ethel, as this was not on the facilities checklist. Dr. Fullerton, in his supervisory role, failed to detect the circumstances leading to or make adjustments to the equipment prior to this incident. The facility has updated its checklist to prevent future occurrences of the aforementioned incident. Upon ratification of this order, Dr. James Fullerton agrees to have his license Reprimanded and must pay one (1) type A Civil Penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500), representing a civil penalty for failure to properly supervise, for a total of five hundred dollars (\$500) in civil penalties within one year of the ratification of this Consent Order. In addition Dr. Fullerton must pay the costs 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. Balthaser recuses himself. Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed.

Consent Order - Dennis Harris, D.V.M.

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. 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 the lot numbers nor 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 name 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 and must pay two type A Civil Penalties of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) representing each instance that he allegedly issued a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection without conduction an examination of the subject of certificate, one (1) type B Civil Penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) representing one instance of alleged failure to keep medical records on clients, for a total civil penalty assessment of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) which must be paid in full within one year of the ratification of this Consent Order. In addition Dr. Harris must pay the costs of prosecuting this case to the extent allowed by law, the maximum amount for the assessment of costs shall be three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and all costs must be paid in full within sixty (60) days from the issuance of the assessment of costs. Dr. Balthaser recused himself. Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to deny the Consent Order. There was discussion among the Board member as to what additional conditions should be put in the order as they felt it was especially egregious. The motion passed. The Board gave guidance to the attorney to add to the Consent Order that they would like Dr. Harris to be under supervised probation by having someone inspect his records on a periodic basis and take continuing education courses in medical records and food safety.

Consent Order - Natasha Jones, D.V.M.

Mr. Paul Richardson, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Jones was not present at the meeting for questions. Dr. Jones was employed at Animal Hospital of Signal Mountain in Signal Mountain, Tennessee. On or about January 22, 2018 the office manager at the Animal Hospital of Signal Mountain maintains that she discovered Dr. Jones' records for patients did not accurately reflect the care provided and that respondent was self-administering Tramadol for at least one (1) year because of stress, personal problems and pain from knee, foot and other health issues. Dr. Jones's employment at Animal Hospital of Signal Mountain was subsequently terminated. In 2018 Dr. Jones underwent a substance use evaluation, successfully completed a substance use treatment program and is under a five (5) year monitoring and advocacy contract with the Tennessee Medical Foundation (TMF). Upon ratification of this order Dr. Natasha Jones agrees to have her license placed on Probation with the following terms: Dr. Jones's probationary period shall run concurrent with the term of the TMF monitoring agreement and should her monitoring agreement with TMF be extended, the term of probation of her license shall be extended to run concurrent with the new term of the TMF monitoring agreement. Dr. Jones shall maintain compliance with all of the terms of the TMF monitoring agreement and the advocacy of TMF until the completion of the monitoring agreement and any amendments thereto. Dr. Jones must pay the costs 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, 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 until the Rulemaking process is completed and rule is in effect.

The Board will accept source documents obtained and collected by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) on behalf of licensees and applicants through the AAVSB Veterinary Application for Uniform Licensure Transfer (VAULT) service in the form of a credential packet. The credential packet must be transferred from the AAVSB directly to the Board Administrative Office to complete a license application file. The AAVSB will

retain all original documents and the Board Administrative Office will accept the credential document package only if accompanied by a signed summary cover letter from the AAVSB.

Acceptable documentation transferred through this service includes, but is not limited to: a notarized copy of a birth certificate or passport; a notarized copy of a marriage license, divorce decree, or other name-change document; an official letter of good standing/license verifications for current and past jurisdictions; official transcripts; and national examination scores.

Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to accept the policy. The motion passed.

Executive Director, Kimberly Wallace, presented the following Policy to the Board for clarification on who needs premises permits. The reason for this policy is that that veterinarian, Dr. Cross, is currently renting space for her veterinary business inside another veterinary facilities building that has its own premises permit. Dr. Cross is not an employee of the facility, the only one with access to this space, keeps all records separate from the larger facilities records and is not under the supervision of anyone at the facility. Since Dr. Cross's business is completely separate from the facility that the space is rented from, she will need her own premises permit.

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-12-139(a), any person who owns or operates a premise where a licensed veterinarian practices or where the practice of veterinary medicine occurs shall apply for and secure a premise permit from the board prior to providing any services that would subject the provider of those services to licensure under the Tennessee Veterinary Practice Act.

If the owner or operator of a veterinary facility rents, leases, or uses space within the control of a separate, licensed veterinary facility on an ongoing basis, the owner must obtain a separate premise permit prior to providing any services that would subject the provider of those services to licensure under the Tennessee Veterinary Practice Act. If the owner or operator fails to renew the premise permit, the facility shall be assessed one Type C civil penalty of \$100.00 for each month that the facility engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine beyond the six-month grace period.

If the owner or operator fails to obtain initial licensure, the facility shall be assessed one (1) Type B civil penalty of \$200.00 for each month that the facility engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine without a license. If a facility is owned and/or operated by a licensee(s) in partnership with one or more laypersons, the licensee(s) shall be responsible for the payment of any assessed civil penalties.

Dr. Loxley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Simpson, to accept the policy. The motion passed.

The attorney and administrative office let Dr. Cross know that she would need to submit an application for her own premises permit within sixty (60) days; Dr. Cross then submitted a request to the Board to waive the two hundred thirty five dollar (\$235) application fee for the premises permit due to financial hardship of caring for an aging family member. After discussion and the review Dr. Cross's waiver letter, Dr. Loxley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Simpson, to deny the waiver request. The motion carried. Dr. Balthaser made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to give Dr. Cross a thirty day extension so submit her premises permit application. The motion passed.

Agreed Citations

Ms. Lyndsey Boone present three (3) Agreed Citations to the Board for their review, **Kristal Stanfield, L.V.M.T., Howard McHugh, D.V.M., Jennifer James, D.V.M.**, for working on expired licenses past the six month grace period. After review of the citations, Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Balthaser, to ratify the Agreed Citations. The motion passed.

Dr. Simpson inquired if we had to charge veterinary technician one hundred dollars (\$100) for every month past the six month grace period. Per rule we are allowed to charge no less than fifty (\$50) to no more than one hundred (\$100) dollars. Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to only charge fifty dollars (\$50) per month for working on a lapsed license past the six month grace period. The 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, certified animal control agencies, and the approved applications/waivers of Dr. Ashely Ross, Dr. Brittany Buete, Dr. Paul Riedel, Dr. Seongkuk Park and Dr. Erika Reid. The motion was passed.

Veterinarians –Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Alford Kathleen	Dozier Alyssa	La Flamme Margaret
Allen Mallory	Eubanks Kaitlyn Paige	Lackner Petra A
Anderson Katherine Taylor	Evans Emma	Larson Benjamin
Anderson Sara Louellen	Evans Helen Mary	Lawson Phillip Brent II
Badenhop Jenna Nicole	Everett Matthew Deason	Lehman Kathleen Marie
Barrick Miranda Lynn	Evola Maria	Logan Alexandria Pauline
Bartulewicz Danielle	Francis Taylor Lee	Longoria James David
Beason Emily Camille	Franks Jamie Rose	Lundquist Sarah Anne
Beaty Sarah L.	Frey Taylor Marie	Maldonado Rios Claudia A.
Bello Kaitlyn	Frost Christina Keohane	Mansolino Carter
Benham Caroline Knox	Gibson Cody Dillon	May Ricci Marie
Betkowski Timothy James	Giglio Tracey Michelle	Mcclanahan Jeffery Frank II
Betts Jared	Giles Ryan	Mckoy-Nwachukwu
Bhakta Heather Lynne	Godine Caroline Elisabeth	Chinyere Ariel
Blank Carolyn Nicole	Goldin Kate	Mcleod Stephanie
Bridger Rhett	Gripshover Ellie May	Mendez-Valle Kathleen
Broomell Elizabeth	Guest Emily Elizabeth	Nicole
Alexandra	Haddock Sean	Mielo Meaghan
Brown Alexandra Ann	Hannon Briana Royalty	Minaldi Michael
Broyles Catherine Barron	Hendrix Madeleine Viktoria	Mitchell Freele
Crowe	Henry Hana Mariko	Moser Lesley Marie
Brzozowski Amanda Rae	Higgins Madonna M	Mundy Lauren Nicole
Bunn Holly Christine	Holdridge Julie	Newton Brandon Michael
Cain Lauren	Holland Kristin Elizabeth	North Ann Neely
Caldwell James Marcus	Holscher Courtney Lynn	Noseda Megan Renee
Cantrell Nika Le'Shea	Hudson Jeffery Logan	Nowack Sarah Jett
Carrier Katherine Annabel	Huling Megan Elizabeth	O'Connell Caroline Ann
Cassello Cassidy	Hurley Mary Grace	Owens Cameron Douglas
Castillo Emma M	Hutchins Josey Frazier	Pace Teresa Lyn
Colussi Jennifer Anne	Ichikawa Kate Miyoshi	Pasquinelly Victoria Maria
Compton Samantha	Jackson Antonio D	Patten Briana
Cone Andrew	Jackson Sydney	Peck Stephanie
Conner Chelsea	James Elizabeth Nealy	Pedersen Alisha Potter
Cook Martha Jackson	James Jennifer Whitney	Penick Kaylee Beth
Crocker Claire Suzanne	Jarrin Yopez Pablo Roberto	Pisharath Harshan R
Croom Laura Elizabeth	Johnson Meah Michelle	Poppell William Taylor
Cryer James Norman	Jones Charles Alan	Reese Ethan Thomas
Culligan Caitlin Maureen	Jordan Andrew Tyler	Reeves Ashley Michelle
Currie Katlyn Gloria	Keener Whitney	Riehm Michelle Deanna
Davis Andrew Tyler	Killingsworth Mary Kathryn	Roberts Brian
Davis Kelsey Joanne	Waites	Rodriguez Kayley
Davis Lynae	Kimball Kathleen	Rohling Ryan James
Decook Casey Rae	Kirby Brittany	Rubenstein Raena
Decozio Eva-Maria Barbara	Kirchberg Kathryn Gray	Ruffner Kirstin
Deweese Marydell Brown	Kramer Brittany Marie	Rushing Raina Lynn
Dill Kristen Elizabeth	Krigbaum Michael Allen	Sanders Omega
Dion Janine Elizabeth	Kuza Agatha	Scott Breanna Jayne

Seo Alessandra T
Shaw Molly Kate
Sherman Michelle Audrey
Sherrill Christina M.
Shirley Logan
Simpson Averil Elizabeth
Smith Michelle Dawn
Sosebee Caroline
Souliere Kristyn
Spivey Lauren
Stocks Christian David
Stocks Mary Miller
Tatrn Aimee

Tenny Lisa
Thomas Meaghan Kelly
Thomas Roger C.
Thompson Michael Austin
Thornton Olivia Jolee
Tocci Lynel
Tyler Bethany
Van Schaik Marika Bettina
Viens Nikita Louise
Voiles Jessica Nicole
Wallner Olivia Diane
Ward Lori Leigh
Weaver Lisa Sherwood

Weber Sara
Weidman Jess Andrew
Whitfield Emrick Lynn
Wickware Taylor Mae
Wielgus Kayla Marie
Willenborg Danielle
Williams Kamrae
Wolf Jason C.
Woolsey Justin
Yoshida Michelle
Zalek Megan Louise

Veterinary Medical Technicians – Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Ashmore Gabrielle
Ballard Ashley Marie
Bear Chelsea Leeann
Blackwell Tabitha Marie
Carranza Lillian Joe
Chacin-Figueroa Paola
Andrea
Conner Jennifer Nicole
Cox Margaret Anne
Doyle Riley Patrick
Fritz Rachel Mae
Guenther Emily

Haley Jacklin Danielle
Harding Danyelle
Jones Miracle Eleasah
Jones Molly Ann
Keating Eileen Patricia
Macy Ashlyn
Matthes Emily Nicole
Mcswain Taylor Lynn
Mitchell Kristine Lee
Muskat-Thomas Caitlyn
Plunkett Mary Catherine
Potts Mackenzie Kiana

Short Mary Ann
Smith Rebecca
Stanfield Kristal Nichole
Stender Bria Nicole
Stewart Brandie Michelle
Taylor Amy Elise
Thomas Leigha Paige
Vise Joanna
Williams Cameron Leigh
Zimmerman Crystal

Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians – Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Brady Mary Caitlin
Cramer Brittany M
Drouhard Ryan Paul
Hawks Kimberly Christi
Hicks Courtney Renee
Hunley Ashley
Kaske David John
Kirk Misty Lashea

Peterson Caleb James
Phillips Zachary James
Roberts Chase
Smallwood Jennifer Ann
St. John Erica Simone
Thomas Jr. Eddie Lee
Vann Leah Gail
West Aaron Douglas

Veterinary Facilities

Animal Care Veterinary
Hospital
Appalachian Animal Clinic
Crossroads Pet Professionals
Llc
Forest Park Animal Clinic
Llc
Jackson Square Animal
Clinic
Pet Hospital Llc

Kindness Counts Clinic
Southern Veterinary Center
Vca Creekside Animal
Hospital
Vip Petcare
Central Veterinary Hospital
At Washington Pike
Companion Animal Hospital
Of Fountain City Pc

Concord Road Animal
Hospital
Creekwood Veterinary
Hospital
Dogwood Animal Hospital
Wolftever Pet Hospital Llc

Continuing Education Course/Request Approvals

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

A request from **Elanco Animal Health** for approval of six (6) continuing education hours for the **“2019 Annual Women’s Retreat”** over practice management and disease state held May 1-3, 2019 in Muscle Shoals, AL.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for the presentation **“Update on Equine Respiratory and Core Disease”** held over various dates and locations in Tennessee in 2019.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of six (6) continuing education hours for the course **“2019 Reimaging Bovine Health Seminar”** held August 15, 2019 in Keeneland-Lexington, KY.

A request from **Vetoquinol** for approval of one and a half (1.5) continuing education hours for the course **“A Balanced Approach to Stress”** held June 26, 2019 in Memphis, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for the presentation **“Protect the Unprotected: Utilizing Advances in Parasitocides to Meet Pet and Pet Owner Needs”** held on various dates and locations in Tennessee in 2019.

A request from **BluePearl**, for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for the following presentations

“Urogenital Surgery”

“Assessing the Canine and Feline Urinary Tract with Ultrasound”

“Histiocytic Proliferative Disorders: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly”

“Dermatology Jeopardy”

“Enteropathies - Looking Outside the Box and New Treatment Options”

“The Ups and Downs Electrolytes”

“Recognizing and Treating Shock”

“Pre-existing Conditions and Anesthesia”

“Cytology of Lymphnodes”

“Common Toxicities in the Emergency Room” held October 6, 2019 in Nashville, TN.

And one (1) continuing education hour for a **“CPR”** course held on various dates and locations in Tennessee in 2019.

A request from **Nashville Veterinary Specialist and Animal Emergency** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for the following presentations

“Succeeding at Ophthalmic Exams and General Ophthalmic Case Presentations” held June 11, 2019

“Updates on Small Animal Nutrition” held September 19, 2019

And one (1) continuing education hour for the following presentations

“CPR Review and Hands on training for the Veterinarian”

“Cancer 101: From Head to Tail”

“Updates for the Surgery Technician”

“Updates for the Emergency Technician” held on various dates and locations in 2019.

A request from **Virbac Animal Health** for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for the seminar **“Antimicrobial Stewardship: Where do we go from here?”** held on various dates and locations in Tennessee in 2019.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for the presentation **“A New Approach to Canine Pruritus”** held on various dates and locations in Tennessee in 2019.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for the presentation “**Protect the Unprotected: Utilizing Advances in Parasiticides to meet Pet and Pet Owner Needs: Introducing ProHeart 12**” held on various dates and locations in Tennessee in 2019.

A request from **Merck Animal Health** for two (2) continuing education hours for the presentation “**Understanding the Transmission of Tick-Borne Pathogens**” held September 27, 2018 in Memphis, TN.

A request from **Veterinary Ophthalmology Services** for one continuing education hour for the following presentations

“**SOS for KCS**”

“**The Ophthalmic Examination**”

“**Ocular Emergencies**” held on various dates and locations in Tennessee in 2019.

A request from **Bayer Animal Health** for seven and a half (7.5) continuing education hours for the program “**Young Practitioners Advisory Council 2019**” held August 15-16, 2019 in Gatlinburg, TN.

The subcommittee reviewed the continuing education course requests and Dr. Loxley, seconded by Dr. Balthaser, made a motion to approve the continuing education requests, the motion passed.

Memphis Animal Services would like to provide continuing hours to veterinarians and veterinary technicians for volunteering at their clinic. When referencing §63-6-712, a veterinarian can earn up to four (4) hours annually and a veterinary technician can earn up to two point four (2.4) hours annually, which is equivalent to 20% of their total required annual continuing education; Memphis Animal Services is looking to the Board for clarification on the process. Dr. Galloway made a motion, seconded by Dr. Simpson, for Executive Director, Kimberly Wallace, to make a registration template for the continuing education providers and a continuing education certificate template. The motion passed.

Antoinette Merren, L.V.M.T., submitted a request to the Board to award her continuing education credits for the courses she’s taken in Austin Peay State University’s Management Program to allow her meet her continuing education requirements for reinstatement of her Tennessee license; she submitted a copy of her transcripts for their review. Dr. Loxley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Balthaser, to deny the request. The Board discussed that veterinary technicians are not required to take continuing education in specific subjects, so the fact that even though the courses she took were not specific in veterinary technology/medicine, management classes could still count. The administrative staff informed the Board that per Rule every three (3) credit hours are equal to fifteen (15) continuing education hours. The motion failed. Dr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to approve ‘MGT 3001 - Technology for Business’ which is a one (1) credit hour course for five (5) continuing education hours. The motion was called to a vote. Dr. Thompson and Dr. Loxley voted Yes while Dr. Simpson, Dr. Balthaser, and Dr. Galloway voted No. The motion failed. Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to approve one (1) three (3) credit hour management class per year (2017, 2018 and 2019) for a total of fifteen (15) continuing education hours per year. The motion passed.

Justin Woolsey, D.V.M., submitted a request to the Board to alter his continuing education requirements for the year 2020 as he will be out of the country during that year. Dr. Woolsey is requesting to be allowed to get up to twenty (20) hours of continuing education in person in the summer of 2019 at the American Veterinary Medical Associations annual conference and if he is still deficient hours after said conference to obtain them online in 2020. Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to approve the request. The motion passed.

Francis Baker, D.V.M., submitted a request to the Board to waive his sixteen (16) deficient hours for the calendar year 2017 for family health reasons after being randomly audited. Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to allow Dr. Baker to make up his sixteen (16) deficient hour in calendar year 2019 in addition to his already required twenty (20) continuing education hours without incurring any civil penalties. The motion passed.

Correspondence

Ms. Carolyn Park submitted the following question to the Board *“Is it permissible for non-veterinary pet care professionals to manually express a dog’s anal glands at customer requests? Or is anal gland expression something that should only be done by a veterinarian according to the Tennessee Practice Act?”*

The Board discussed the aforementioned questions and was not comfortable putting a blanket statement saying that a non-veterinarian should be allowed to do anal gland expression; they feel that it depends on the circumstances whether or not a non-veterinarian should be doing that process. Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to not answer the questions above. The motion passed. The Board stated to inform Ms. Park that the Board does not have an opinion.

American Association of State Veterinary Boards (AAVSB) submitted correspondence to the Board informing them of their annual conference being held in St. Louis, MO from September 26-28, 2019. The Board had already voted to send individuals to the meeting and it was decided that Board member Dr. Robert Simpson, Executive Director Kimberly Wallace, HRB Executive Director John Tidwell and the Attorney Paul Richardson would be attending the meeting. Dr. Simpson was declared to be the voting delegate at the conference. The 2020 Conference is going to be held in Portland, OR.

American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) submitted correspondence to the Board informing them that as of February 22, 2019 Austin Peay State University became an AVMA Veterinary Technology Program. They also submitted an updated list of foreign schools that are AVMA accredited; this list can be found on the AVMA’s website.

Presentations

American Association of State Veterinary Boards (AAVSB)

At the April 10, 2019 meeting the Board decided to go with the CE Broker program to assist with continuing education audits. The administrative staff found out after that meeting that the AAVSB was actually partnering with CE Broker as well. The AAVSB was present at the meeting to give a presentation to the Board on what their partnership with CE Broker will look like and how it will be beneficial to the Board to go through their ‘Racetrack’ program to assist with continuing education audits. Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, for the Board to use AAVSB’s ‘Racetrack’ program for continuing education audits, as it is still technically going through CE Broker. The motion passed.

Animal Care & Control Association of Tennessee (ACCAT)

At the April 10, 2019 meeting the Board requested ACCAT to bring a presentation on what a potential recertification course would look like for Euthanasia Technicians. Dr. Debrina Dills was present at the meeting to give the presentation to the Board. The course is being proposed to be a four (4) hour course that will only last half a day and to be taken within twelve months of the expiration of their certification with the Board as a requirement for renewal. This may be more preferable than implementing continuing education requirements. The attorney suggested that we may want to have a taskforce come together to discuss our options on what should be implemented for euthanasia technicians and to make potential redlines for a Rule Making Hearing. Dr. Simpson requested that the Board staff, attorney and Dr. Dills from ACCAT to discuss potential renewal/continuing education requirements for euthanasia technicians.

Dr. Walter Clark, advisor to the Board, inquired whether the Board would be open to other rule amendments that he has drafted and to share it with the Board at the December meeting. The Board was open to reviewing other rule amendments.

2020 Music City Veterinary Conference

The Board had a booth at last year's annual Music City Veterinary Conference held by the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association. The Board staff inquired if the Board would like to have a booth at the 2020 conference. Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to approve the Board to have a booth at the 2020 MCVC conference, gave a \$5,000 budget for supplies and for the Board staff to attend the conference. The motion passed.

2019 and 2020 Future Meeting Dates


December 11-12, 2019
April 8-9, 2020
August 5-6, 2020
December 2-3, 2020

Adjournment

There being no further business Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to move to adjourn at 1:57 p.m. The motion passed.



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



Date