

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**Board Meeting**  
**February 8, 2012**  
**Professional Licensing Boards**  
**237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA**  
**9:30 a.m.**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA.

**Members Present:**

Edsel Davis, DVM  
Larry Corry, DVM  
Beckey Malphus, DVM  
John Sundstrom, DVM

**Others Present:**

Amelia Baker  
Anita Martin  
Kim Candler  
Jeanette Leeks  
Opie Bowen  
Carol White  
Scott Piper, GVMA  
Karen Capps, GVTAA

**Open Session**

Dr. Davis established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. was called to order at 9:31 a.m. Visitors were introduced.

**Approval of minutes from the December 7, 2011 Board meeting**

Dr. Malphus made a motion to approve as amended. Dr. Corry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**License to Ratify**

Dr. Malphus made a motion to approve the list of licenses to ratify. Dr. Corry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Correspondence from Dr. John Pascoe re: Candidate Nomination for Upcoming Open Positions including AAVSB Board of Directors**

Dr. Malphus briefed the Board on the actions/functions of the AAVSB. Dr. Malphus encouraged the other board members to become active in this organization. Dr. Malphus states a scholarship is provided by the organization for one board member per board member to attend the annual meeting in September. This issue will be placed on the April 2012 agenda for the board to consider nominations.

**Discussion of revision to Board Rule 700-8-.01 Unprofessional Conduct to be specific on electronic records**

The ownership of the patient records was discussed extensively. The Board viewed this issue as informational and stated no changes to the rules are required at this time. Assistant Attorney, Amelia Baker will review the issue and advise the board in the future.

**Correspondence from Deborah Busch**

Respond to Ms. Busch that the Board appreciates her follow-up in this matter; however the Board cannot advise her further.

**Law Examination review and revision if needed**

The Board viewed as informational.

**Correspondence from Carole C. Miller, DVM, PhD, DACT re: if CE classes meeting the LEAP requirement**

Respond to Dr. Miller that the Board does not review or approve CE programs for individual practitioners. All LEAP courses must be Board approved and courses she has taken do not appear to be applicable as LEAP is for Georgia laws and rules.

**Rule Variance from Damion Asselin re: Board Rule 700-6-.01(3a) Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians.**

Dr. Malphus made a motion to approve. Dr. Sundstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Rule Variance request from Patricia E. Edwards, D.V.M. re Board rule 700-7-.03- Continuing Veterinary Education.**

Dr. Sundstrom made a motion to approve. Dr. Malphus seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Executive Director's Open Session – Ms. Anita Martin**

- Ms. Martin shared with the Board she is retiring on 3-30-12.
- Ms. Martin discussed SB 445 with the Board. Ms. Baker stated that the Attorney General's office is not commenting publically on the legislation. Dr. Malphus provided remarks based upon her attendance at the Secretary of State meeting last week. The Board recommended a letter be sent to Secretary of State Kemp, Governor Deal and Speaker Ralston stating that the Veterinary Board opposes this proposed reorganization and has severe concerns over public protection. The Board has conducted itself with purpose and that purpose cannot be fulfilled by non-veterinarians. Veterinarians are in the best position to make a determination over qualifications for licensure and standard of care. The letter will be signed by the entire board.

**Miscellaneous**

- Scott Piper shared with the Board that representatives of the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA) are scheduled to meet with Secretary Kemp on Monday, 2-13-12, at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Piper requested that any board members who were available to attend please let him know.
- The Board held an election of officers  
Dr. Malphus nominated Dr. Davis for President, Dr. Sundstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.  
Dr. Corry nominated Dr. Sundstrom for Vice-President, Dr. Malphus seconded and it carried unanimously.

Drs. Malphus and Davis will serve on the Investigative Committee and Dr. Sundstrom will serve as an alternate Investigative Committee member.

Dr. Corry will review all continuing education applications.

- Dr. Davis read a poem for Ms. Martin's retirement and the Board shared with her how much they appreciated all that she has done for them.

### **Executive Session**

Dr. Malphus made a motion, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) to review complaints. Voting in favor of the motion was Dr. Corry.

#### **Appointments:**

10:30 a.m. – B.D.T. – Veterinary Technician Applicant - The board recommend approval.

#### **Applications:**

1. D.M.A. – Endorsement Applicant – The Board recommended applicant cannot endorse as Florida does not register or license veterinary technicians. Dr. Corry recommended the Board discuss revision to Board Rule 700-6-.01 Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians.
2. W.L.B. – Veterinary Technician Applicant – The Board recommended scheduling an appointment with the board for the April 2012 meeting.
3. J.C.P. – Foreign Trained Veterinarian Application – The Board recommended approval.
4. E.R.E. – Veterinarian Applicant – The Board recommended scheduling an appointment with the board for the April 2012 board meeting.
5. E.W.P. – Reinstatement Applicant – The Board recommended reinstatement under policy to be accepted upon receipt.

#### **Executive Director's Report – Ms. Anita Martin**

- Ms. Martin presented to the Board an application from J.M. and stated applicant still needs his license verification from Alabama. The Board recommended reinstating under policy and accepting upon receipt.

#### **Attorney General's Report – Ms. Anita Martin**

- Ms. Baker provided an update on the cases in her office. Ms. Baker provided for acceptance a Private Consent Order on R.P. Ms. Baker discussed referring T.B., DVM and R.W., DVM to the Attorney General's office for revocation. Ms. Baker stated in lieu of revocation licensees can voluntarily surrender their license.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

Dr. Malphus provide information she received from Dr. Bohn on a call from Chris young, DVM concerning C.B., DVM who has had his federal accreditation suspended. The Board recommended to open and close a case with a Letter of Concern stating the Board must received information from the Federal Veterinarian when the case is completed.

#### **Investigative Committee report – Drs. Davis and Malphus**

**VET110047** – The committee recommended closing the case.

**VET110054** – The committee recommended referring to the Attorney General’s office for a Private Consent Order.

**VET110076** –The committee recommend referring to the Attorney General’s office for a Private Consent Order.

**VET110084** – The committee recommended closing with no violation.

**VET120015** – The committee recommended closing with a letter of concern.

**VET120021** – The committee recommended sending case to Dr. Thompson to serve as a peer reviewer.

**VET120022** – The committee recommended sending case to Dr. Downs to serve as a peer reviewer.

**VET120028** – The committee recommended closing with a letter of concern.

**VET120038** – The committee recommended closing with a letter of concern.

**VET120039** – The committee recommend checking with Fannin County to see if subject was arrested, if no criminal action close case.

**VET120041** – The committee recommended closing with no violation.

**VET120043** – The committee requests additional information from the complainant in this case. Also schedule DVM for an investigative interview.

**VET110105/VET110091** – The committee recommended acceptance of a private consent order.

**VET120025** – The committee recommended closing with a letter of concern.

**VET120034** – The committee recommended sending case to Dr. Creamer to serve as a peer reviewer.

**VET100070** – The committee recommend denial of the request to return to practice.

**VET100020** – The committee recommended accepting Cease and Desist orders from Jessica Wisner and Mary Wisner.

**VET120020** – The committee recommended accepting a Voluntary Cease and Desist Order from Florence Haines.

**VET120019** – The committee recommended accepting a Voluntary Cease and Desist Order from Marcie Sellers.

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| <b>Open Session</b> |
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Dr. Davis declared the Board back into Open Session. Dr. Corry made a motion to approve all of the recommendations from executive session. Dr. Sunstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Malphus motioned to adjourn, Dr. Corry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Carol White, Board Secretary  
 Minutes edited by Anita O. Martin, Executive Director