

**OHIO VETERINARY MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**January 14, 2004**

Dr. Jerry Lahmers, President of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board, called the January 14, 2004, meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. in the Board Room at 77 S. High Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio.

Call to Order

Dr. Lahmers directed the Executive Secretary to call roll:

Roll Call

Dr. Deborah Foster	absent
Dr. Janet Small	present
Dr. Darrell Gitz	present
Dr. James Burt	present
Janet Buck, RVT	present
Dr. Jerry Lahmers	present

Dr. Lahmers acknowledged the attendance of Heather Hissom, Executive Secretary, Donna Fickel, Secretary, and Martine Jean.

Attendance  
Staff, AAG

Dr. Burt moved to approve the December 10, 2003 Minutes. Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye, Dr. Burt- aye, Mrs. Buck-aye.

December 10, 2003  
Minutes approved

There was no President's report.

Pres. Rep.

There was no secretary's report.

Sec. Rep.

There was no OVMA liaison report.

OVMA liaison

Heather Hissom, Executive Secretary, reported that the directives from the last board meeting had been completed. Ms. Hissom gave the board a quarterly spending and budget update. Ms. Hissom stated that a letter from Veterinary Rehabilitation of Ohio had been sent to the board. The letter states that physical therapists work on the animals. Dr. Gitz moved to send a letter regarding the law and scope of practice. Mrs. Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye, Dr. Burt- aye, Mrs. Buck-aye. Ms. Hissom stated

Exec. Sec. Report

that several newsletters had been sent out including a letter from West Park Animal Hospital, National Board report and OAVT newsletter.

Mrs. Buck moved to acknowledge receipt of the following new complaints and the file numbers issued: New Complaints Acknowledged

- 03-04-143 Nicole Hill
- 03-04-144 OVMLB
- 03-04-145 Penny Touchman
- 03-04-146 Rebecca Leopold
- 03-04-147 Laura Jones
- 03-04-148 Brian Peshoff
- 03-04-149 Michael Bradley
- 03-04-150 Rose Baker
- 03-04-151 James Sumner
- 03-04-152 Marge Altmire

Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small-aye; Dr. Burt- aye, Mrs. Buck- aye.

Dr. Gitz moved to investigate alleged violations of R.C. 4741 in the case of 03-04-151, James Sumner. Mrs. Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- abstain; Dr. Small-aye; Dr. Burt- aye; Mrs. Buck- aye. 03-03-151 Invest.

Dr. Small moved to accept the patient records submitted by 02-03-135 Rudy Schneidhorst, DVM. Dr. Burt seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small-aye; Dr. Burt- aye; Mrs. Buck- aye. Patient Records

The Board acknowledged the 119's issued to 03-03-007 Susan Metz, DVM, 03-03-047 J. W. Crock, DVM, 03-03-072 Bharat Khemsara, DVM, and 03-03-068 Mark Parker, DVM. Ask. 119's

The Board acknowledged hearing schedules issued to 03-03-047 J. W. Crock, DVM. Ask. Hearing Schedules

Dr. Burt moved to approve the following continuing education courses for veterinarian: CE for vets

- MedVet–Glaucoma Diagnosis & Treatment–12/11/03– 1.25 hrs.
- Eastern OH VMA–Cranial Cruciate Ligament Rupture – 1/14/04 – 1.5 hrs.
- Veterinary Internal Med – CPC – 12/10/03 – 1 hr

Ohio Dairy Veterinarians – Annual Meeting – 1/9&10/04 – 9 hrs  
Buckeye Ranch – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Equine Lameness Symposium –  
1/24&25/04 – 14 hrs

Hancock Co. VMA

1. Vaccination Discussion – 11/11/03 – 1.5 hrs.
2. Radiation Therapy – 9/9/03 – 2.0 hrs.
3. Client Grieving & Communication–5/13/03 – 2.0 hrs.
4. Gastro Intestinal Surgery – 3/11/03 – 1.5 hrs.
5. Zoo Medicine Topics – 1/14/03 – 2.0 hrs.

Mrs. Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following  
roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye; Dr. Burt–aye; Mrs. Buck- aye. CE for RVTs

Mrs. Buck moved to approve the following continuing education  
courses for registered veterinary technicians:

VIN –

1. Veterinary Assistant Module I –1/9-2/27/2004–4.5 hrs.
2. Veterinary Assistant Module II –2/27-3/27/2004 – 4.5 hrs
3. Veterinary Assistant Module III – 4/16-5/15/2004 – 4.5 hrs
4. Veterinary Assistant Module IV – 5/21-6/19/2004 – 4.5 hrs.

Dr. Burt seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following  
roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small-aye; Dr. Burt- aye; Mrs. Buck-aye.

Dr. Burt moved to approve the following continuing education  
courses for veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians:

CE for vets &  
RVTs

INCE–Integrated Flea Control-1/31/04, 2/28/04 & 3/15/0 – 1  
hr. each

Lake Erie Seminars – 5/13-16/04 – 13 hrs

North Eastern Equine Practitioners Association

1. Equine Orthopedics – 9/11/03 – 2 hrs
2. Equine Reproduction – 3/11/03 – 2 hrs
3. Soft Tissue Surgery – 6/10/03 – 2hrs.
4. Field Service Emergencies – 11/13/03 – 1 hr

American Ferret Assoc. – Mgt of the Ferret for Veterinary  
Professionals – 11/8/03 – 8 hrs.

Veterinary Associates – AAHA Nat’l Staff Mtg Audio  
Conference – 11/20/03 -

North Coast Vet Spec –

1. Feline Intestinal Lymphoma – 11/10/03 – 1 hr
2. Update on Mast Cell Tumors – 11/17/03 – 1 hr
3. Clinical Case Conference – 11/24/03 – 1 hr
4. Anesthesia Discussion – 12/15/03 – 1 hr

VIN

1. Basic Fish Medicine – 3/3-4/14/2004 – 12 hrs
2. Practical Veterinary Dentistry – 1/26-3/8/2004– 12 hrs
3. Diagnostics for Feline Viral Pathogens – 2/25-3/10/04 – 4 hrs

Pfizer

1. Periodontal Disease in Dogs & Cats – 1/5&6/2004 – 5.50 hrs
2. Dairy Practitioner Tools for Tomorrows Opportunities – 11/15/03 – 6 hrs

American Assoc. of Bovine Pract- 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference- 9/17-20/03- hr/hr

Mrs. Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye; Dr. Burt- aye; Mrs. Buck- aye.

Dr. Small moved to approve licenses for the following: Vickey Brooks, Kelly Lance Thorsness, and Ava Marie Firth. Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye; Dr. Burt- aye; Mrs. Buck- aye.

Licenses App.'s

Dr. Burt moved to find no violation of R.C. 4741 in the case of 03-04-135, Richard Schultz. Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye; Dr. Burt- aye; Mrs. Buck- aye.

03-04-135  
No Vio.

Dr. Small moved to investigate alleged violations of R.C. 4741 in the case of 03-04-139, Elizabeth Jones. Dr. Burt seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye; Dr. Burt- aye; Mrs. Buck- aye.

03-04-139  
Invest.

Dr. Burt moved to investigate alleged violations of R.C. 4741 in the case of 03-04-142, Rita Jermann. Mrs. Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye; Dr. Burt- aye; Mrs. Buck- aye.

03-04-142  
Invest.

Dr. Burt left the meeting for discussion of the following case.

Dr. Gitz moved to table the case of 03-04-145, Penny Touchman, for additional information. Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye; Dr. Burt- abstain; Mrs. Buck-aye; Dr. Lahmers- aye.

03-04-145  
Table

Dr. Small moved that the Board go into executive session at 9:40 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the investigative reports. Dr. Burt seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye; Dr. Burt- aye; Mrs. Buck- aye.

Executive Session

Dr. Lahmers declared the Board out of executive session at 9:50 a.m.

Dr. Gitz moved to refer case 03-04-134, OVMLB, to the prosecutor in Fairfield County for practicing veterinary medicine without a license. Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye; Dr. Burt- aye; Mrs. Buck- aye.

03-04-134  
Refer to Pros.

Dr. Small moved to send thirty day compliance letters to Total Pet Care, Reynolds Rd. Animal Hospital, and Grabers Animal Hospital. Dr. Burt seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye; Dr. Burt- aye; Mrs. Buck- aye.

C/I letters

Dr. Gitz moved to remove the requirement of gowns from the compliance inspection form. Mrs. Buck seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye; Dr. Burt- aye; Mrs. Buck- aye.

Remove gowns  
from C/I

Dr. Small will contact the facilities for feedback regarding the compliance inspection procedure.

Contact clinics for  
Feedback on C/I

Dr. Burt moved to go into executive session at 10:05 a.m. to hear the AAG report. Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye; Dr. Burt- aye; Mrs. Buck- aye.

Executive Session

Dr. Lahmers declared the board out of executive session at 10:20 a.m.

The Board acknowledged and reviewed the correspondence received from Dr. Michael Cable, Thomas Knippenberg and Martha Hayes. The Board directed Ms. Hissom to respond to the request of Ms. Hayes.

Correspondence

Dr. Gitz moved to approve the euthanasia technician certification course submitted by the APL in Cleveland with changes submitted to the Board for approval. Dr Burt seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye; Dr. Burt- aye; Mrs. Buck- aye.

Euthanasia Tech.  
Course app'd

Dr. Gitz updated the board on the ethics rule. Dr. Gitz proposed that

Ethics update

the euthanasia provisions be added to the existing euthanasia rule. A draft of the new euthanasia rule will be presented at the next board meeting.

Dr. Gitz moved to approve attendance at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation annual meeting in 2000 and 2001 as continuing education for veterinarians. Dr. Burt seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Gitz- aye; Dr. Small- aye; Dr. Burt- aye; Mrs. Buck- aye.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation: CE approval

Ms. Hissom reviewed the directives from today's meeting.

Directives

Dr. Burt will not be at the February meeting. Dr. Foster will attend if no new board member has been appointed.

Dr. Lahmers acknowledged that the next meeting will be held February 11, 2004, 8:30 a.m. on the 31<sup>st</sup> Floor.

Next meeting

Dr. Burt moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Buck seconded the motion. Dr. Lahmers adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment

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Dr. Jerry Lahmers, President

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Date

Attested to by:

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Heather Hissom  
Executive Secretary