

OHIO VETERINARY MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2008

• **Call to Order:**

Dr. David Koncal, President of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board called the May 14, 2008 meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. in the Board room located at 77 South High Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio.

• **Roll Call:**

Dr. David Koncal	present
Dr. Darrell Gitz	present
Dr. James Hearst	present
Dr. Roger Redman	present
Dr. Janet Small	present
Renee Jessen, RVT	present
Geoffrey Smith	arrived at 9:19 a.m.

• **Acknowledge Staff, AAG & Guests:**

Dr. Koncal welcomed Dr. Saville of OSU. Dr. Koncal acknowledged the attendance of Theresa Stir, Executive Director, Barry McKew, AAG and Angela Mann, Licensure Coordinator taking minutes for the Board.

• **Veterinary Medical Student Loan Program:**

In deference to Dr. Saville's time, Dr. Koncal asked the Board's permission to go out of order of the Agenda in order to discuss the Veterinary Medical Student Loan Program. The Board agreed by general consensus. The Board has received nine applications for the Student Loan Repayment Program. Dr. Koncal asked Ms. Stir how much money the Board has put aside for this program. Ms. Stir explained that the fund contains \$60,000 from the legislature's last budget bill and approximately \$33,000 from the licensure renewal fees for the third quarter. The Board of Regents has suggested that the Board pick three of the most deserving applicants and divide the money. Dr. Koncal went through the applications and asked each Board member their top three picks. Dr. Koncal asked for Dr. Saville's input. Dr. Saville thanked the Board for adopting this program. After much discussion, the Board narrowed it down to five candidates but directed Ms. Stir to send all nine applicants a letter requesting: 1) the county they live in and plan to work in, 2) the amount of time spent working with large animals and 3) the county(s) they will be serving. Dr. Koncal asked Ms. Stir to bring the requested information and a copy of the AVMA resource shortage map to the June Board meeting. Dr. Saville will also return to the meeting in June.

By roll call vote, all members present voted to table the selection process for the Veterinary Medical Student Loan program until the additional requested information has been reviewed. Mr. Smith was not present for the vote.

- **April 2008 Minutes Approved:**

Dr. Gitz moved to accept the minutes as presented. Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **President's Report:**

Dr. Koncal thanked the staff for mailing the board packets a couple of days earlier. He also mentioned that he liked the new format of the meeting minutes and the agenda, commenting that they seem easier to read.

- **Secretary's Report:**

There was no secretary's report.

- **OVMA Liaison:**

There was no report from the OVMA liaison.

- **Executive Director Report:**

Theresa Stir, Executive Director, reminded the Board that the Criminal Background Check rules went into affect on April 28, 2008. The Board has begun to receive results and has modified the record retention policy to reflect the disposal of the criminal background check once a completed application has been received (if no violation) or until the court documents are received (if there is a violation).

Ms. Stir presented a copy of the policy book for the Board to review. She informed the Board that the policies are outdated and the updating of the policy book is on the project list for this summer.

Ms. Stir informed the Board that there is currently an auditor in the office and is scheduled to be there for the next three weeks.

Fiscal Update – Ms. Stir indicated that OBM has informed the Boards and Commissions that those who do not use GRF are permitted to seek the same amount allotted for FY 2009. The Board was allotted \$322,740 for FY 2008. As of May 1, 2008, \$100,904.86 spent for operating expenses and \$171,679.08 in payroll, leaving approximately \$55,156 for the remainder of the quarter (including encumbrances). As of May 1, 2008, the Board has generated \$624,151.68 in Revenue. However, \$33,920 has been transferred to the Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Program for the 3rd quarter. The Board has been allotted \$327,312 for FY 2009 with the additional amount to be utilized for on-line renewal costs. However, in order to comply with the executive order to safeguard computer data, the Board may have to reconsider utilizing any additional funds for new computers since the computers were purchased in FY 2004 and may not operate with the new requirements.

IT Update – Ms. Stir informed the Board that the laptop has had the “SafeBoot” encryption installed. She also updated the Board about changes in DAS regarding Shared Services.

Anonymous Complaints – Ms. Stir provided the Board with information from other Boards addressing anonymous complaints. In her research, most boards, agencies and commissions discourage anonymous complaints but will accept them. The Board agrees that they do not like to receive anonymous complaints. A complaint with a signature is easier to investigate and encouraged. However, the Board decided to continue to accept anonymous complaints and will review each complaint on a case by case basis to be judged on merits.

Ms. Stir provided the Board with a handout explaining the new self-service time policy. She further reported that Angie Mann will begin entering the Board member’s time in Oaks and Ms. Stir will approve it. Ms. Mann and Dr. Koncal will need to begin approving Ms. Stir’s time. Ms. Stir explained to the Board members that the Fiscal Analyst is requiring them to submit their travel expenses within 30 days of their travel.

Ms. Stir asked for clarification from the Board regarding the Provisional License. In December 2007 the Board made the decision that a Provisional License is only eligible to applicants who have not failed the NAVLE examination. The Board members indicated that they do not believe an individual is competent to receive a provisional license if they have failed the NAVLE.

Dr. Saville departed the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

- **FYI:** Members reviewed without discussion the following:
 - State of Ohio Barbara Warner Workplace Domestic Violence Policy
 - *OAVT Newsletter*, April 2008
 - AAUSB: Policy Update, VTNE 2010 Eligibility Requirements
 - *The Public Servant Newsletter*, April 2008

- **Requests for Licensure:**

A. Veterinarians (addendum 1) – Ms. Jessen moved to approve the following requests for veterinarian licenses.

Daise N. daCunha, DVM; Valerie K. Bergdall, DVM; Judy M. Hickman-Davis, DVM; Lawrence A. Capitini, DVM; Stephanie D. Lewis, DVM; Ivanna L. Hummel-Bodak, DVM; Julie A. Rossetto, DVM; Laura Scribner-Marji, DVM; Patricia J. Provost, DVM; Laura D. Gallagher, DVM; Camme H. Miles, DVM; Patricia L. Rose, DVM

Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

B. Registered Veterinary Technicians (addendum 2) – Dr. Gitz moved to approve the following requests for registered veterinary technician licenses.

Stacy M. Shoffner, RVT; Tiffany M. Singer, RVT; Lauren A. Case, RVT; Joel L. Travis, RVT; Ellen M. Winkler, RVT; Jennifer L. Sayers, RVT; Shannon M. Rowley, RVT; Shanna L. Tercek, RVT; Kathleen J. Delgado, RVT; Sheryl L. Walter, RVT; Sarah E. Leach, RVT; Amanda L. Smithberger, RVT; Stacey M. Keplinger, RVT; Ashley M. Goettemoeller, RVT; Elizabeth D. McNeill, RVT; Lori J. Kihm, RVT

Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

C. Business Facility Permit Request – The supervising veterinarian has been previously disciplined by the OVMLB. She signed a settlement agreement and is currently licensed. Dr. Gitz moved to issue the Facility Permit. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

• **Consideration of:**

A. 119's Issued:

Dr. Gitz moved to acknowledge a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing issued for the following cases.

- 1.) 08-08-008 & 08-08-015, Santiago E. Yerovi, DVM
- 2.) 07-07-016, Kellie Bush
- 3.) 07-07-016, Bradley Phillip Neer, DVM
- 4.) 07-07-016, Bryn L. VanWay, DVM
- 5.) 07-08-130, John M. Lies, DVM
- 6.) 07-08-130, Maureen E. Brown, DVM

Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

B. Hearings Scheduled:

Ms. Jessen moved to acknowledge the hearings scheduled for the following cases.

- 1.) 08-08-008 & 08-08-015, Santiago, E. Yerovi, DVM
- 2.) 07-07-016, Kellie Bush
- 3.) 07-07-016, Bryn L. VanWay, DVM
- 4.) 07-08-130, John M. Lies, DVM

Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

C. Medical Records Received:

- 1.) 05-06-108, Daniel C. Stearns, DVM – Dr. Gitz moved to find the medical records marginally acceptable. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

Dr. Redman asked to amend the motion regarding case 05-06-108, Daniel C. Stearns, DVM. Dr. Redman moved to find the medical records marginally acceptable and to provide a letter requesting more physical findings in compliance with Rule 4741-1-21 OAC. Dr. Gitz seconded the amendment and the motion. The amended motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- 2.) Angels for Animals – Dr. Redman moved to find the medical records adequate. Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- 3.) Anstadt Animal Hospital, Tipp City, Ohio – Dr. Redman moved to find the medical records marginally acceptable and to issue a letter requesting more physical examination findings according to Rule 4741-1-21 OAC. Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

D. Discipline Received from Pennsylvania:

Dr. Gitz moved to acknowledge such discipline received from Pennsylvania. Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

• **Executive Session, AAG Reports:**

Dr. Redman moved to go into Executive Session at 9:59 a.m. for the Assistant Attorney General Report. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

Dr. Koncal announced the Board meeting back in public session at 10:24 a.m.

- A. Ms. Jessen moved to accept the Settlement Agreement(s) in the matter of Santiago E. Yerovi, DVM, and Camme H. Miles, DVM. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- B. 06-07-155, Cynthia Young, DVM – Dr. Gitz moved to accept the Findings of Fact, the Conclusions of Law and the Disciplinary Action of the Hearing Officer’s Report and Recommendation. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- C. 07-07-060, Jack L. Timmons, DVM – Dr. Gitz moved to withdraw the 119 issued in February, 2008 due to new information the Assistant Attorney General received. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- D. 07-07-016, Bryn L. VanWay, DVM – Ms. Jessen moved to withdraw the 119 issued in April, 2008 based on new information received. Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

Break taken from 10:30 a.m. to 10:44 a.m.

• **Executive Session, Investigative Reports:**

Ms. Jessen moved to go into executive session at 10:45 a.m. to discuss investigative reports and table cases. Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

Dr. Koncal announced the Board meeting back in public session at 11:07 a.m.

- A. 06-07-124, complainant Jennifer Hall – Dr. Redman moved to issue an advisory letter regarding medical records with a follow-up compliance inspection. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- B. 08-08-004, complainant Anonymous – Dr. Redman moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- C. 08-08-006, complainant Janet Kosmider – Dr. Redman moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- D. 07-08-193, complainant Tammy Adelhardt – Dr. Gitz moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing for a violation of Section 4741.22(O) ORC to the Dr. named in the complaint as well as to the owner of the facility. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

E. 08-08-019, complainant Anonymous – Dr. Redman moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing for violation of Section 4741.22(A). Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **Executive Session, Table Cases:**

A. 08-08-022, complainant Cindy Welce – The Board received the additional requested records. Dr. Redman moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

B. 08-08-009, complainant Christine Deitrick – The Board received the necropsy report. Dr. Redman moved to find no violation Chapter 4741 ORC. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **New Complaints (no responses yet requested):**

A. 08-08-030, complainant Bobbie McElwain – Dr. Gitz moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

B. 08-08-032, complainant Janie Williams – Ms. Jessen moved to close the case stating the Board does not have jurisdiction. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

C. 08-08-034, complainant Terry Mollett – Ms. Jessen moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

D. 08-08-036, complainant Anonymous – Ms. Jessen moved to send the case to investigation. Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

E. 08-08-038, complainant Raymond McCarron – Dr. Redman moved to issue an advisory letter. Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- F. 08-08-039, complainant Reva Darrah – Dr. Gitz moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye. Dr. Redman asked to rescind and amend the motion and moved to request the records from the treating veterinarian. Dr. Gitz seconded the amendment and the motion. The amended motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
 - G. 08-08-042, complainant Anonymous – Ms. Jessen moved to close the case stating the Board does not have jurisdiction. Dr. Hearst seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
 - H. 08-08-043, complainant Renee Kapalka – Dr. Gitz moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
 - I. 08-08-044, complainant Janie Williams – Ms. Jessen moved to close the case stating the Board does not have jurisdiction. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
 - J. 08-08-045, complainant John Jones – Dr. Gitz moved to issue a cease and desist letter. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
 - K. 07-08-147, complainant Mary McKay – Dr. Gitz moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing for a violation of Section 4741.22(X) ORC. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- **Complaint Responses Received:**
 - A. 08-08-002, complainant Benjamin Johnson – Dr. Redman moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
 - B. 08-08-021, complainant Ginny Blumensaadt – Dr. Gitz moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- C. 08-08-023, complainant Geraldine Ahrens – Dr. Hearst left the room prior to discussing this case due to a potential conflict of interest. Dr. Gitz moved to table the case seeking a written procedure on the veterinarian’s process for intubation and cuff inflation. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-abstain, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- D. 08-08-024, complainant Ginny Davis – Dr. Gitz moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC but to issue a letter highlighting Rule 4741-1-21, record keeping. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- E. 08-08-025, complainant Samia Harper – Dr. Gitz moved to table the case pending the requested records and x-rays and narrative from the treating veterinarian. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- F. 08-08-027, complainant Barbara Enneking –Dr. Redman moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC but to issue a letter highlighting Rule 4741-1-21, record keeping. Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- G. 08-08-029, complainant Diana Black –Dr. Redman moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-no.
- H. 08-08-031, complainant Aaron Dobrak –Dr. Gitz moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- I. 08-08-033, complainant Laura Williams –Dr. Redman moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- J. 08-08-040, complainant Andrea Ross – Dr. Gitz moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **Continuing Education Requests - Veterinarians**

Ms. Jessen moved to approve the following continuing education requests for veterinarians:

- A. Association of Ohio Health Commissioners – 2008 Public Health Combined Conference: 5/12/08 – 5/14/08 = hour for hour.

- B. Veterinary Oncology & Referral Clinic – Clinical Pathologic Conference: 11/14/07 & 3/12/08 = 1 hr.
- C. Humane Society University – Wildlife Conflict Resolution: 3/28/08 = 5 hrs.
- D. Cincinnati Veterinary Medical Association – Liver Disease: 5/27/08 = 2 hrs.
- E. Veterinary Information Network (VIN) –
 - 1.) Veterinary Cytology & Fluid Analysis: 7/8/08 – 8/19/08 = 12 hrs.
 - 2.) Organ System & ABVP Review Module: 8/21/08 – 10/23/08 = 16 hrs.
 - 3.) Equine Dermatology: 4/27/08 – 5/18/08 = 6 hrs.
 - 4.) Equine Palmer Foot Pain: 4/6/08, 4/13/08, 4/20/08, 5/4/08 = 8 hrs.
- F. Ohio Department of Agriculture – CWD Training Program: 5/8/08 = 4 hrs.
- G. National Embryo Transfer School – Embryo Donors/Recipients, etc.: 1st week of May = hour for hour.
- H. International Center for Medical Research – Ebola & Marburg Viruses: 3/26/08 – 3/28/08 = 21 hrs.
- I. Veterinary Internal Medicine Consultation & Referral Clinic – Clinical Pathologic Conference: 2/13/08 & 4/9/08 = 1 hr.

Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

• **Continuing Education Requests – RVT’s**

Ms. Jessen moved to approve the following continuing education requests for registered veterinarian technicians:

- A. MedVet – Neurological Diseases of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel: 3/20/08 = 1 hr.
- B. Ethicon Endosurgery, Inc. – IACUC Regulations: 4/1/08 = 1 hr.
- C. Veterinary Information Network – Equine Pharmacology: 6/30/08 – 8/6/08 = 6 hrs.

Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

• **Continuing Education Requests – Veterinarians and RVT’s:**

Ms. Jessen moved to approve the following continuing education requests for veterinarians and registered veterinarian technicians:

- A. The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine –
 - 1.) Equine Principles of Fracture Mgmt.: 5/15/08 – 5/18/08 = 25.5 hrs.
 - 2.) Advanced Techniques in Small Animal Fracture Mgmt.: 5/15/08 – 5/18/08 = 26 hrs.
 - 3.) Principles of Small Animal Fracture Mgmt.: 5/15/08 – 5/18/08 = 27.25 hrs.
 - 4.) Basic & Advanced Veterinary Ultrasound: 6/21/08 – 6/22/08 = 13 hrs.
 - 5.) Veterinary Laser Surgery Conference: 10/18/08 – 10/19/08 = 14.5 hrs.
- B. Pfizer Animal Health –
 - 1.) Flea Control 2008: 3/11/08, 3/25/08, 4/15/08, 4/29/08, 6/11/08 = 1 hr.
 - 2.) How to Make a Pasteurized Milk Feeding System Work for You: 5/15/08 & 5/20/08 = 1 hr.
 - 3.) Feline Parasite Prevention: 3/25/08 – 3/26/08 = 1.5 hrs.

- C. Cincinnati Animal Referral & Emergency Center – Pharmacology: 4/24/08 = 1 hr.
- D. American Kennel Club – Breeder’s Symposium: 4/5/08 – 4/6/08 = 10 hrs.
- E. Central Ohio Veterinary Medical Association – Cardiology Update: 3/26/08 = 1.5 hrs.
- F. Kentucky Equine Research – 16th Nutrition Conference: 4/15/08 - 4/16/08 = 13 hrs.
- G. Fetch Academy – Behavior Problems & Solutions: 6/21/08 – 6/22/08 = 15 hrs.
- H. Cleveland Academy of Veterinary Medicine – Obesity, Nutrition: 4/30/08 = 5 hrs.
- I. MedVet – Wound Healing & Wound Management: 4/23/08 = 1 hr.
- J. Kalmbach Feeds – Practical Equine Nutrition Update: 7/17/08 = 3 hrs.

Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **Correspondence Received:**

- A. The board reviewed correspondence from Danielle Rastetter, DVM:

- 1.) Seeking guidance as to whether an RVT is able to administer rabies vaccinations. The Board directed staff to send a written response to Dr. Rastetter explaining that there is nothing stated in ORC section 4741.19 that prohibits a RVT to administer rabies vaccinations under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The Board does, however, advise Dr. Rastetter to check with her local health department seeking their requirements.

- 2.) Seeking guidance as to whether a non-RVT or non-euthanasia technician is allowed to euthanize near term feti after extraction from the uterus under the direct supervision of a veterinarian. The Board directed staff to send a written response to Dr. Rastetter explaining that a non-RVT is not allowed to euthanize due to the controlled substance drug laws unless they are certified by the Pharmacy Board.

- B. The board reviewed correspondence from Cheryl Whitfield, DVM, asking if a veterinarian is responsible for providing continuous veterinary care for an animal if they have prescribed heartworm prevention in a shelter setting. The Board directed staff to send a written response to Dr. Whitfield explaining a veterinarian would have to establish a valid client/patient relationship (VCPR) related to a specific disease or illness. The fact that a veterinarian provides a heartworm test and prescription, does not establish a VCPR for unrelated care.

- C. The Board reviewed correspondence from Sifferlin Animal Clinic regarding the discipline for Jeffrey Baranack, DVM. The letter was taken under advisement and no response was deemed necessary.

- D. The Board reviewed correspondence from Beth Murray, DVM, inquiring if the Board has a policy regarding rabies vaccinations in wolf hybrids. The Board directed staff to send a written response to Dr. Murray stating that the Board does not have a policy regarding wolf hybrids. The Board recommends that Dr. Murray check with her local health department and follow the manufacturer’s recommendation for rabies vaccines.

E. The Board reviewed correspondence from Wayne North, DVM, regarding questionable veterinarian practices. The Board directed Ms. Stir to send a cease & desist letter to the breeder.

- **Matters Tabled at Previous Meeting:**

The Board reviewed the response from the Pharmacy Board regarding prescriptions and fees charged in relation to Dr. Seimer's correspondence regarding internet pharmacies. It was recommended by Mr. Winsley, Director of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy to revise the information regarding faxing prescriptions. Mr. Winsley indicated that the only way a prescription may be faxed is if the prescriber does it and retains the original RX in the patient's chart (OAC 4729-5-30(E)). Additionally, Mr. Winsley said that he could find no law that would prohibit a veterinarian from charging for writing a prescription.

The Board directed Ms. Stir to send the response from Mr. Winsley and the correspondence received from Dr. Seimer to Jack Advent, Executive Director of the OVMA. In addition, a letter will be sent to Dr. Seimer with the Board of Pharmacy's response.

- **Old Business:**

A. Ms. Stir provided the Board with the draft rules for RACE approval of continuing education hours. Dr. Koncal asked Ms. Stir to make one correction by adding "scientific" to the beginning of paragraph A-2. Dr. Gitz moved to accept the rules, noting Dr. Koncal's revision. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Redman-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

B. Ms. Stir provided the Board with examples of performance evaluation forms and the position description for the OVMLB Executive Director. The Board directed Ms. Stir to provide her goals prior to the next Board meeting.

- **New Business: None**

- **Directives:**

The reading of the meeting directives was deferred.

- **Next Board Meeting:**

Dr. Koncal acknowledged that the next Board meeting will be held June 11, 2008, 8:30 a.m. in the Board room located at 77 South High Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio.

- **Adjournment:**

Dr. Redman moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 p.m. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. Dr. Koncal adjourned the meeting.

Dr. David Koncal, President

Date

Attested to by:

Theresa Stir, Esq.
Executive Director