

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**I. General Information**

Meeting Dates: June 14, 2006  
Meeting Type: General Business Meeting  
Marriott Orlando Airport  
7499 Augusta National Drive  
Orlando, FL 32822  
407.851.9000

Members Present: Dr. Robert O'Neil, Dr. Sergio Vega, Dr. Joann Helm, Ms. Cynthia Lewis and Ms. Susan Love

Members Absent: Dr. Katherine Horky and Dr. Kandra Jones

Other Attendees: Juanita Chastain, Executive Director  
Linda Tinsley, Government Analyst  
Drew Winters, Prosecuting Attorney  
Jeffrey Jones, Assistant Attorney General  
Donald Schaefer, Executive Director, Florida Veterinary Medical Association  
Mr. Ed Bayo'  
Other interested parties

**II. Major Issues/Actions**

- Dr. O'Neil excused the absences of Dr. Jones and Dr. Horky.
- The board reviewed and approved minutes of the March 14, 2006 board meeting.
- The board discussed the requirement for anesthesia equipment and agreed that while it is recommended to have anesthesia equipment a needle and medication would be sufficient.
- The board discussed the recent legislation amending the exemptions as found in Section 474.203, Florida Statutes, allowing a person hired on a part-time or temporary basis, or as an independent contractor, by an owner to assist with herd management and animal husbandry tasks for heard and flock animals, including castration, dehorning, parasite control, and debeaking, or a person hired on a part-time or temporary basis, or as an independent contractor, by an owner to provide farriery and manual hand floating of teeth on equines. Mr. Ed Bayo' commented to the board that the legislation closely mirrors the current rule. He indicated the board no longer needs the rule due to the specifics of the legislation. The board voted to repeal rule 61G18-17.001(4), FAC.
- The board directed Mr. Jones to start rulemaking on rule 61G18-15.007, FAC, regarding micro-chipping at limited service clinics. Mr. Schaefer presented a paper from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) on the objectives and key elements needed for effective electronic identification of companion animals, birds and equids. Dr. Vega indicated pet shops micro-chip, and he does not feel it is surgery but an injection. After lengthy discussion the board agreed to table the issue until a later meeting.
- Dr. Vega indicated he attended a meeting regarding the certification by the Veterinary Technician Association (VTA) and the Florida Veterinary Medical Association (FVMA) and is frustrated with the situation, because the parties cannot come to an agreement. Both organizations use the examination given by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB), but the FVMA also has an additional examination required in

order to become certified in Florida. The VTA feels the FVMA should not require the additional examination, and the FVMA feels the technicians should not be allowed to certify themselves. Dr. Vega indicated he had a meeting with the President Elect of the FVMA and was unhappy with the result. He indicated he would like to chair a committee to discuss the issue in an effort to find a solution where everyone can benefit.

- Mr. Chastain presented the brochure "Planning for Disaster" and commented on the necessity of being prepared.
- Ms. Chastain asked the members to submit travel reimbursement vouchers before the end of the month, because she was in the process of closing out the fiscal year.
- Mr. Winters indicated there are currently 27 status 30 cases, assigned to legal; 72 status 35 cases, set for probable cause; 2 status 36 cases, administrative complaint filed; 6 status 40 cases, awaiting outside action; 21 status 43 cases, formal hearing requested; 29 status 45 cases, sent to expert; 10 status 55 cases, set for board presentation; 55 status 44 cases, referred to DOAH; one status 58, awaiting final order; 4 status 50 cases, settlement negotiations; 1 status 42 case, ready for default; 4 status 39 cases stipulation request for informal hearing; and 1 status 60 cases under appeal.

### **III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation**

- Mr. Jones to repeal rule 61G18-17.001(4), FAC

### **IV. Action Required**

- Final orders to be prepared by Mr. Winters and Mr. Jones.
- The following board meetings have been scheduled:
  - September 12, 2006, Casa Monica, St. Augustine.
  - December 5, 2006, location to be announced.

Juanita Chastain  
Executive Director