

The West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine Newsletter

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Three New Board Members Appointed as Board says a fond farewell to Dr. Kay W. Gilpin

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin appointed three new members to the West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (WVBVM) in January, 2014. Dr. Keith B. Berkeley, Jefferson County, Dr. Mark A. Ayers, Cabell County and Monica R. Patton, RVT, Kanawha County, joined the Board and attended their first Board meeting on April 24, 2014.

While welcoming the new Board members, the Board also thanked outgoing Board member, Dr. Kay W. Gilpin and acknowledged his dedicated service over the last 20 years. Dr. Gilpin served on the WVBVM from 1994 until January, 2014. For the past several years, he has served as the Chair of the C.E. Committee reviewing hundreds of Continuing Education programs to insure that the programs met the strict criteria dictated by the Board. The Board will sincerely miss Dr. Gilpin, during his long service; he always demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence in the field of veterinary medicine for all West Virginians and for their animals.

At the June, 2014 Board meeting, Dr. John R. Wilson was elected to continue to serve as Board Chair, Ms. Virginia Lee Hastings was re-elected to serve as the Board Secretary/Treasurer.



Dr. John R. Wilson, Board Chair (left), presents a “Certificate of Appreciation” for 20 years of dedicated service on the WVBVM to Dr. Kay W. Gilpin (right).

Legislative Changes make Webinars an option for C.E. for Registered Veterinary Technicians and for Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians

During the 2014 WV Legislative session our proposed rule changes for Series 3 and Series 5 passed in House Bill 4039. The changes become effective on May 31, 2014. The Series 3 and Series 5 changes allow for the option of approved webinar continuing education programs for RVT's and CAET's. Please familiarize yourself with the language of these two rule changes:

26-3-14.1. Continuing Education - Each registered veterinary technician shall undertake at least 8 classroom hours of continuing education in the field of veterinary technology, at least 4 of which must be in the field of veterinary science or webinar continuing education programs with scientific curriculum relative to the practice of veterinary medicine, during each year calendar year, which has been approved as meeting the continuing education requirements for RVT's by the Board. No periods may be accumulated, carried forward, or held over past the calendar year in which the hours of continuing education were completed.

26-5-11.1. Continuing Education Requirement – All Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians shall complete at least 6 hours of classroom continuing education or webinar continuing education in courses approved by the Board during each calendar year. No hours may be accumulated, carried forward, or held over past the calendar year in which the hours were completed.

26-5-11.5. – The Board may grant continuing education hardship extensions by written appeal to the office of the Board. The Board shall only consider hardship extensions from certified animal euthanasia technicians who were prevented from completing the required continuing education hours within the year due to verified medical or military emergencies beyond the certificate holder's control. Requests for hardship extension must be received in the Board's office by December 15.

Please note that C.E. must be **approved** regardless of whether it is a webinar or not. You may not take a webinar prior to the effective date of the legislative rule change, May 31, 2014.

In addition to the legislative rule changes for Series 3 and Series 5, a change was made in Series 6 to allow the Board to give special consideration for veterans and their spouses returning from active duty.

We urge all who are licensed to be familiar with the laws governing your profession. A written bound copy of the Code and Rules may be purchased from the Board of Veterinary Medicine. You may also access the Code and Rules from our website (www.wvbvm.org). The new updated Code and Rules has been posted.

Board Inspector Dr. Richard Lechliter leaving position

The Board would like to thank Dr. Richard Lechliter for his dedication serving as the WVBVM Inspector for the last 9 years. Dr. Lechliter will be leaving his position at the end of 2014 to attend to his duties as Mineral County Commissioner and to provide increased care for his mother. In his role, Dr. Lechliter inspected every veterinary facility (129) and every Euthanasia Facility in the state (34) every other year. The Board will be to posting the position in the near future. Should you know of anyone interested in learning more about this part-time position, please have them contact Carey Fleming at the Board office.

New category of license approved

At the Board meeting on April 24, 2014, the Board approved the addition of a new license status for veterinarians previously licensed in WV who are not currently practicing in the state. The new status will be called an “inactive” license. This license category will not be available until the proper rule change has been submitted to the Legislative Rule Making Committee and the WV State Legislature will have to approve that rule change. If the Board is able to submit the Rule change and it passes in the 2015 Legislative Session, the rule would go into effect some time mid-2015.

Congratulations to 2014 newly licensed veterinarians:

Dr. Kiana Adkisson-Selby
Dr. Angela M. Ahlstrom
Dr. Alyson H. Ainsworth
Dr. Ericka D. Alt
Dr. Melissa M. Andritz
Dr. Deann E. Ashby
Dr. Bradley N. Birak
Dr. Jonathan C. Blackwell
Dr. Allison R. Blanton
Dr. Giselle A. Boertjens
Dr. Emily K. Brown
Dr. Shannon L. Bruno
Dr. Garrett C. Call
Dr. Jennifer Mansheim Cherry
Dr. Travis A. Cigainero
Dr. Deidre S. Crutchfield
Dr. James W. Earley
Dr. Jessica Estill
Dr. John A. Fabish
Dr. Jessica D. Ferrell
Dr. Jennifer L. Fridley
Dr. Robinette A. Gilbert
Dr. Nicholle M. Hebert
Dr. Brianna K. Idleman
Dr. Matthew J. Kessler
Dr. Elena G. MacBride
Dr. Leela E. Noronha
Dr. Josette M. Phillips
Dr. Erik J. Pulice
Dr. Wesley E. Schoonover
Dr. Jessica L. Springman
Dr. Jessy N. Vandevender

Congratulations to 2014 newly registered veterinary technicians (RVT):

Jessica L. Boyd, RVT
Sarah A. Spence, RVT
Lauren K. Tennant, RVT
Emily N. Tinsman, RVT

Congratulations to 2014 newly certified animal euthanasia technicians (CAET):

Lauren A. Cook, CAET
Bethany Hively, RVT, CAET
Sarah J. Javier, CAET
Timmy L. Kempfer, CAET
Farren D. Loudermilk, CAET
Elaina C. Maze, CAET
Darryl L. McClellan, CAET
Ishtar L. Olsen, CAET
Rachel R. Rhodes, CAET
Deanna L. Roush, CAET
Brittaney R. Shearer, CAET
Chelsea Y. Staley, CAET
Dorothy F. Turley, CAET



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Left to right: Dr. John R. Wilson, Chair, Dr. Mark A. Ayers, Dr. Ronald Smith, Dr. Keith Berkeley, Dr. Barbara Jean Meade, Dr. Jamie Moore, Ms. Betty Burkette, Monica Patton, RVT, Ms. Virginia Lee Hastings, Secretary/ Treasurer

BOARD AWARDS CONTRACT FOR NEW WEBSITE AND DATABASE

The WVBVM has awarded a contract to Albertson Consulting, Inc. to purchase a new licensure management software solution including website design, content management database system, administrative interface and cloud-based documentation program. The installation will begin in July, 2014 and should be completed within 150 days. The Board will mail paper renewal forms once again for 2015 renewals as we will be testing the system at the end of December and the “go live” date will be very late December. Please bear with us and use the paper renewals for one last time. We will use the e-mail address that you provide on your renewal form to inform you when our new system is ready for use. **It is critical that we have an e-mail address for all licensees.** When we e-mail you, we will give you the information that you will use to log on to the new system. We will give you all of the details on the functionality of the system. Licensees will be asked to log into the system and create a password, this will allow one to manage personal information and do tasks such as facility registration, renewals, payments, etc.