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**2025 US Congressional District Four Board Election**

Pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 40-69-10 and South Carolina Regulations 120-2, the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners will conduct an election for the Board veterinarian seat for Congressional District 2. Notice of the election and a request for nominations was sent out in August 2025. The candidates nominated are listed in alphabetical order.

The voting portal will open December 11, 2025, and will remain open until midnight on January 2, 2026. No ballots may be accepted after this date. If you have any difficulties utilizing the online voting system, please contact the Board office at [contact.vetboard@llr.sc.gov](mailto:contact.vetboard@llr.sc.gov) or 803-896-4598 to request a paper ballot be mailed or emailed to you. Only one vote per licensee will be accepted. Mailed-in or ballots sent by email must be received on or before January 2, 2025.

After voting has closed, the ballots will be counted. The names of the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be submitted to the Governor for consideration. The Governor may reject any or all of the nominees upon satisfactory showing of the unfitness of those rejected. If the Governor declines to appoint any of the nominees submitted, additional nominees will be submitted in the same manner as the initial nominees.

**CANDIDATES:**

**Bryant, George Scott, DVM** - I am asking for your vote for a second term on the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. In this position I have been able to serve as an advocate for the veterinary profession as well and the pets and clients we serve. I have been able to elevate our profession and patient care while protecting the public and their pets from situation and error that can lead to harm or illness.

I have been a practicing veterinarian in Spartanburg for 31 years. I have owned Westside Veterinary Hospital, a multi-doctor practice since 1996 and I am a part owner of Eastside Animal Hospital.

I graduated from the University Of Georgia College Of Veterinary Medicine in 1994 and have remained active as a former member of the Alumni Advisor Board. I continue to give to UGA with an endowed scholarship for the next generation of veterinarians. I have seen many changes in the veterinary profession throughout my 31 years in practice. In addition to my clinic, I spent three years working extra shifts at the Spartanburg Veterinary Emergency Clinic while serving on its Board of Directors, and did Large Animal farm calls for 10 years. Currently I am in a four doctor practice specializing in small animal medicine and surgery. It has been my privilege to serve our profession through the AVMA; all the way from district director to State President of the South Carolina Association of Veterinarians, then later serving as an alternate delegate then delegate to the AVMA House of Delegates representing South Carolina.

Veterinary Medicine is a rapidly changing profession and as a member of this board we have been able to work to make changes to the regulations and address situations and I hope to continue as we move forward. Serving on the VMA board the past few years has kept me on the forefront of decision making and policies that impact our profession and our veterinarians. It has also allowed me the opportunity to serve the veterinarians and their clients to guarantee that the best possible veterinary services are being provided by our profession, to our pets and clients.

If I am re-elected I will continue to bring a level-headed business approach to our work making sure that both sides are heard and everyone is treated fairly and accurately

**Dixon, Kirk R. DVM** - I have practiced in South Carolina for 40 years. I worked two practices and I covered emergencies for my clients. In 2018 I was investigated for a complaint driven by false information from a competing veterinarian. After two and a half years, I had disproved every claim they made against me and provided irrefutable proof that the competitor lied in their sworn statement. I was convicted not for what did happen, but for what could have happened (the patient could have aspirated while under ketamine sedation with a swallow reflex, and two patients near one another could transmit a contagious disease). The other veterinarian was never held accountable. In my appeal, I discovered based on past legal precedents, that a regulatory board does not have to be fair, consistent or unbiased, and they can convict and threaten your license without any harm occurring to a patient. I sold my practices in 2022 partially out of concern that my license could be suspended and my equity destroyed with a second falsified claim. I want to serve on the board so this never happens to you! I believe in fairness, honor and working hard for those you serve. I hope you will vote for me.

**George, Katherine, DVM** - Hello, My name is Dr. Katherine George and I would like the opportunity to represent our Congressional District by serving a second term on the Board for Veterinary Medical Examiners. I grew up in South Carolina and attended the University of Georgia both for undergraduate and Veterinary School. I have been a practicing Veterinarian in Spartanburg county for more than 20 years. I also have experience in both corporate practice and private practice. I have experience as both an employee and an owner. I originally joined the Veterinary Board about 10 years ago because I wanted to help to make our profession better and protect both veterinarians and the public. My time on the Board was extremely fulfilling, and I was so passionate about this work that I volunteered for the Investigative Review Committee which I continue to do to this day. My experience as both a Board Member and a contributor with the Investigative Review Committee gives me a unique insight into not only how the Board works, but how it should work at its best. I am dedicated to working with LLR and the other board members to continue to advance our profession as one of the most trusted in the state.

**Presley, Robert, DVM** - Dr. Rob Presley is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He attended Mississippi State University for his undergraduate degree in animal science. He continued his studies at Mississippi State University, where he received his veterinary degree in 2004. After graduation, Dr. Presley performed a small animal rotating internship and small animal internal medicine residency at Auburn University. He

received his Master's degree and became board certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 2008. Dr. Presley moved to Greenville, SC in 2008 to join a local specialty practice. He moved up through the ranks to become Chief Medical Officer in 2013 and eventually Chief of Staff in 2017. In 2023, Dr. Presley moved to Fetch Specialty & Emergency Veterinary Centers, where he currently serves as Chief Operating officer. He has served a term on the board of the South Carolina Association of Veterinarians.

Dr. Presley's clinical interests include minimally invasive procedures and pre-hospital medicine. In 2017, Dr Presley co-founded the KILO-9 Foundation, which provides medical training to law enforcement and SAR K9 handlers. He is also an instructor for the National Police Bloodhound Association. Outside of work, Dr. Presley enjoys woodworking, golfing, and spending time with his wife, Ashli, and dog, Fancy Steve.