

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**- Tom Page, AAS, CVT [wyoocvt@gmail.com](mailto:wyoocvt@gmail.com)

Winter is almost over and spring is around the corner.

The Executive board has spent the last two months working on several different projects.

We have started using Zoom meeting for our online monthly meeting. The meeting is open to all individuals. The meeting room number is posted on the top of the calendar that is located on our website. Our next meeting is on April 8<sup>th</sup> due to April 1<sup>st</sup> being Easter.

A subcommittee has been formed to review software that will allow improved membership management. We will be looking at/for software that will improve flow of information to the membership body. If you have worked with a software or online system that you would like to talk about please contact me (good or bad).

Have a great spring.

## Monthly Membership Meetings are now Via ZOOM at <https://zoom.us/> at 7pm

Meeting login ID's are set up each month so, for now, if you'd like to attend the meeting:

1. AHEAD of the scheduled meeting date, go to <https://zoom.us/test> to test your device's ability to access & view ZOOM (PC/MAC, Android/iPhone, and tablet).  
\*\*\*You just need to do this once per device.
2. **Email Nanette Walker Smith** ([n\\_w\\_smith\\_24@outlook.com](mailto:n_w_smith_24@outlook.com)) if you don't receive the **email notification** containing the Meeting Room ID information **sent approximately 2-4 days prior to the meeting**. You can
  - a. click on the links in the email to access the meeting, or
  - b. enter the meeting ID number by going to <https://zoom.us>, click "Join a Meeting" and enter the ID on the next meeting date/time:

### NEXT MEETING is April 8 @ 7pm MT

Jackie will also post the Meeting ID numbers on the Website

**Plan ahead for this upcoming ZOOM meeting:**

**May 6 @ 7pm Mountain Time**

**MEMBERSHIP/CERTIFICATION**-Deana Baker, CVT [bouteloua\\_gracilis@yahoo.com](mailto:bouteloua_gracilis@yahoo.com)

Renewals and new certifications are still coming in, so I have been busy. My goal is to process these within two weeks of receipt. **2017 Past Due:** I recently emailed ALL those who are past due for renewals. This will be your final warning since we've been reminding everyone since last November.

**If renewals are not in by March 31 you will be dropped from the roster and your membership and certification (if applicable) will be revoked.**

**2018 Membership:** <http://wyvta.org/sites/site-5071/documents/WyVTAMembershipApplication2018-biennial.pdf>

**2018 Certification:** <http://wyvta.org/sites/site-5071/documents/WyVTA%20%20Certification%20%20Application2018-2019.pdf>

**Any questions RE: membership or credential, please email me!**

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**-Aaron Tippit [aaron.bestfriends@gmail.com](mailto:aaron.bestfriends@gmail.com)

January 1, 2018	Beginning balance	\$14,143.64
<b>Income</b>		
	Membership dues	\$ 690.00
<b>Expenses</b>		
	AAVSB VTNE Registration	\$ 250.00
	Tom Page AVMA/NAVTA hotel reimb.	\$ 464.88
<b>January 31, 2018</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>\$ 14,118.76</b>
February 1, 2018	Beginning balance	\$ 14,118.76
<b>Income</b>		
	Membership dues	\$ 610.00
	NAVTA Leadership Travel Grant	\$ 346.15
<b>Expenses</b>		
	No expenses received	\$ 0.00
<b>February 28, 2018</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>\$ 15,074.91</b>

*\*\*These two months will be voted on at the April 8 Meeting*

**CE FALL SEMINAR:**- Marlane Hicks, CVT [mar\\_hicks@yahoo.com](mailto:mar_hicks@yahoo.com)

Talks are in progress for the speaker(s) for clinical pathology/cytology topics with a tentative date of September 15. We are still looking at either Casper, WY and possibly at EWC for use of the lab area for a wet lab with microscopes. Once we have that venue lined up we'll finish speaker line up and have that to you in the next month!

Sponsors are also welcome and if you have a good report with one (large or small) that would be a good fit for donating to our annual CE event or even better be a presence at the event please contact me immediately with the information so we can start working with sponsors/vendors as soon as possible.

Suggestions are always welcome! Email me!

**NAVTA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**- Mel Beardsley, CVT [mel\\_z\\_55@hotmail.com](mailto:mel_z_55@hotmail.com)

NAVTA Virtual Career Fair: Are you looking for a new career opportunity? Connect with and get hired by employers at the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America Virtual Career Fair on March 29th, 1 - 4pm EDT. The NAVTA Virtual Career Fair easily connects you – in real time – with employers seeking to hire top talent in the industry from the comfort of your home or office via desktop, laptop. **It is free to join.**

<https://app.brazenconnect.com/a/NAVTA/e/X691Y>

As of March 1st, NAVTA announced new member benefits!

**These include discounts on scrubs, pet insurance, CE, free CE, and many other things!** Call 1-833-320-5464 or visit [www.navta.net](http://www.navta.net) for more info. There are lots of great perks besides being kept in the loop of what is going on in our profession and having a voice on a national level with issues facing our profession. Part of these new perks **also includes optional wellness plans for you!** You can sign up for them (fees depend upon the plan you choose), and can get free/discounted human medicine services for yourself! More information can be found at [www.alerabenefitperks.com/NAVTA](http://www.alerabenefitperks.com/NAVTA) or by calling 1-888-996-2882.

## Spring is in the Air: Yard Plants that are NOT Safe for Pets

- Cambria Harmon, CVT, LVT; Member-at-Large

As spring approaches so does the planting of flowers and gardens. My boyfriend is really into getting to planting our garden and yard this year. As we were perusing Walmart, Home Depot, and other nurseries, I realized I didn't know which plants besides lilies are not okay to have in our yard. While our cats don't frequent the outdoors, the dogs spend hours in the yard during the spring and mild summer days. This got me thinking about what plants I should watch out for. While these plants would look great in our yard, here are a few I found that aren't ideal for homes with pets.

**Lilies:** There are many types out there and some lilies are not super toxic, but will still cause irritation to the oral cavity which can result in minor drooling. The more dangerous types such as the *Lilium* and *Hermerocallis* species can cause severe kidney failure with minimal ingestion of about 3-5 petals in cats. Common names for these lilies are Tiger, Asiatic, Easter, Japanese Show and Day Lily. If ingestion of any of these lilies is seen, the plant and the feline should be brought to the veterinary facility for treatment. Vomiting and lethargy are often noted within the first few hours after ingestion. Medical emesis and administering Activated Charcoal to help bind the toxin are crucial in early signs. Aggressive IV fluid support and blood work to monitor kidney function and supportive care may be required.

Tulip and Hyacinth (especially the buds) can cause irritation to the esophagus and the mouth, which includes drooling, vomiting, and, in some cases, diarrhea. The severity of these signs can be dependent on the amount of the plants ingested. Treatment is supportive care including, anti-vomiting medications, rinsing out the oral cavity, and possibly even SQ fluids. So if you have a dog that likes to dig, like my dog Mattie, or your cat digs in your flower beds, these are not good options to have in your flower beds!

Daffodils can also cause drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and sometimes even respiratory depression and heart arrhythmias. The symptoms will be more severe than with tulips and hyacinths, so if there is exposure or known consumption seeking veterinary care is highly recommended. If a patient ingested a toxic amount, cardiac arrhythmias and convulsions, tremors or low blood pressure can also be seen.

Lily of the Valley and Foxglove: This plant causes vomiting, diarrhea, decrease in heart rate and severe cardiac murmurs. This plant can also cause seizures. If known exposure occurs it is recommended to seek veterinary attention as the plant can potentially cause the heart to stop.

Aloe Vera: This works great in humans for the skin and for burns, but for dogs and cats not so much. Vomiting, diarrhea, and tremors can be seen as side effects and again veterinary care is recommended because sometimes it can take IV fluids and anti-convulsing medications to help support an animal through the signs.

Azaleas (small species) and Rhododendrons (large woody shrubs): These are bright and popular garden shrubs, but are dangerous to both cats and dogs. The symptoms seen can be mild to severe depending on the amount ingested. Gastrointestinal signs such as drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, inappetence, and abdominal pain can be seen. Cardiovascular signs such as abnormal heart rate and rhythm and/or hypotension and neurological signs such as weakness, tremors, depression, transient blindness, seizures and comas can occur. Only 0.2% of an animal's body weight of these plants can be consumed for signs to occur. Veterinary care is highly recommended when known or even suspected ingestion occurs. The

prognosis is fair with treatment depending on the severity of symptoms and response to treatment.

Boxwood is an ornamental tree that people like to use around houses. This can be a dangerous evergreen when a significant amount of its leaves are ingested. It can cause severe gastroenteritis, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and cramping. Veterinary care will help to make patients more comfortable and may be required if dehydration occurs from vomiting and diarrhea.

Yew is a common evergreen that is extremely poisonous to all species including humans. All parts of the plant are very poisonous. There are several varieties of plants in the *Taxus spp.* When dogs and cats ingest any part of the plant, the following signs can occur: drooling; vomiting; weakness; difficulty breathing; life-threatening changes in heart rate and blood pressure; dilated pupils; tremors; seizures; coma; and death. As horses are very susceptible to yew poisoning, make sure not to have this around the barn or pasture! Veterinary care should be sought if ingestion occurs.

Happy planting!

## MINUTES

WyVTA Membership Meeting February 11, 2018

**Tom Page:** I call this meeting to order: 7:04 PM

**Tom Page:** To start with there has been some talk about LOGO Change. There have been some ideas kicked around.

*Melanie Beardsley: I had some ideas, but didn't have time to get them done; will get it done. I'm not opposed to getting ideas from others via FB*  
*Nanette Walker Smith: I worked on Aaron's thoughts with some samples of lettering his buffalo logo*

**Tom Page:** Some of the idea is that it would be hard to do all the animals that we all care for and this is 100% Wyoming

*Roxane Rocks: I like the concept, just not sure how I feel about this particular buffalo*

**Tom Page:** I propose that we have submissions of ideas over the next month via email and try to see if we can come up with something that the board likes next month.

*Kristi Hamilton: It is definitely Wyoming - and it's very unique. Can any of us submit?*

*Nanette Walker Smith: Bold and yes - would be nice to find some other specimens. The other submitted was better, but the hump was cut off.*

*Yes Kristi. I agree taking to our FB group might get more artistic folks enabled! At least more ideas :) What I'd like to see is stuff start to populate there... I can get some started and then get folks to send in from there. State we'll accept submissions via email to me and Roxane through March 4 in time for our next board meeting to discuss?*

*Unanimous agreement*

**Tom Page:** Good. We will move on to Marlane's update.

*Marlane Hicks: I've been in contact with Dr. Pattullo, Veterinary Clinical Pathologist at Phoenix Lab in Washington about speaking at our Fall CE. She's available all but the last weekend in September.*

*Aiming for September 15, but still reviewing places/needs.*

*We are shooting for 8 hours of CE. I have also reached out to Dr. Laegrei at Wyoming State Vet Lab with no response - preferably to help with immunology. I'll also be checking with CSU on that.*

*Sponsorships contacted/in the works so far are Idexx and Heska.*

*Nanette Walker Smith: Marlane? Have you had a chance to check CACVT and CVMA and WyVMA CE schedules yet? CACVT major one is April*  
*Marlane Hicks: I have not. WyVMA usually has their meeting in December, but I can check into it.*

**Tom Page:** Re dates for Fall CE I would like to ask for the 22nd. WyVMA also has one in June.

*Dena Wallace: CVMA is 9/20-23; Loveland at the Embassy Suites*

*Nanette Walker Smith: Yeah - we do not want to compete with that. Last time we did that we lost people*

**Tom Page:** Next is the donation request letters. There was a discussion today with Mel Aaron, Marlane and myself about splitting up some of the contacting between individuals that work with the companies.

*Nanette Walker Smith: Marlane is the Committee chair - those who wish/can assist with contacting vendors are placed on committee*

*We have the letters templated, just need to adjust if we are going to do levels of sponsorship or not*

Marlane Hicks: I don't think we should do levels. Maybe just let them donate as much as they would like

Melanie Beardsley: Personally, I'm not a fan of the levels. It's just something else to try to keep track of. We have enough to do.

**Tom Page:** I am ok with that.

Nanette Walker Smith: Some vendors like to be named or listed as Platinum, gold, silver, bronze sponsors; however, we are a smaller venue so it's kind of overkill.

Kristi Hamilton: I don't understand what the benefit of a tiered sponsorship would be either - at least not to us, unless of course it encouraged a company to donate more

Cambria Harmon: I agree, if we had hundreds of sponsors I could see doing that.

**Tom Page:** Marlane can keep track of who is contacting who and results.

Nanette Walker Smith: For treasurer's report acceptance as posted in the January newsletter: I move to accept Nov/Dec 2017 report as printed

Melanie Beardsley: I second

**Tom Page:** No oppositions, motion passes unanimously.

**Tom Page:** Next up: NAVTA Check: Does anyone have any questions on the receipt of the Travel Grant provided by VCA

There were none

Nanette: again thanks to Mel and Tom for getting that info and applying for it!

**Tom Page:** Welcome. There were only 12 or 14 states that applied for it. The whole amount was divided amongst.

Let's move on to Nanette and the Secretary update.

Nanette: So in helping Tom with the agenda this evening I realized that I completely forgot that the Constitution and Bylaws needs to be completed (updated) with the new Amendment to place the Membership/Certification position as a new Board position into the document. I'll get that put together - likely in March when I return my trip and get it out for everyone that was on the 2017 board to sign.

Facebook - Roxane and I are on deck now and operating the FB. We have 199 followers (not all members). Getting probably 40+/- reads on topics I've posted and more likes now. It's been quiet since October this is a good response I think.

Roxane: I sent a request to all my FB friends in the veterinary community to like and follow our page

Kristi Hamilton: I can do the same for fellow students

Melanie: Great idea, Kristi!

**Tom Page:** AWESOME. I am glad you two can help with FB. GREAT Kristi!!

Nanette: We do have the ability to check those who are 'joined' so at some point we need to determine if we want to close group it or make a statement about it being for business... Alaska for example requires that they approve each new person. I don't think we are there yet.

**Tom Page:** Mel, NAVTA report:

Melanie: I don't have much excitement on the NAVTA front. I have a couple of CE e-mails, but that is about it.

**Tom Page:** I wonder if it would be good to be posting NAVTA CE on our Calendar on the website. Just a way to help our members find what they need. Would just have to send Jackie an email asking it to be posted.

Nanette: Melanie - if they are worthy time wise to put in the newsletter for March and later, send to me please

**Tom Page:** Roxane's updates re Facebook

Nanette: Roxane - tidbits are great - if we use both FB and incorporate those into the newsletter as well it's a double whammy. FB postings are testing waters as to not be too many but be enough to be worthwhile and get folks to read them when they come.

**Tom Page:** Next will be Kristi our Student Rep EWC.

Kristi Hamilton: I don't know when school events are scheduled. I do know that the faculty rep/ Cristi Semmler has been trying to get in contact with someone to share what's up coming.

**Tom Page:** Cristi has my contact info. Have her call or email me. She can text me also just in case I am not recognizing the number. Tell her sorry we have missed connecting.

**Tom Page:** The last few minutes are to open a discussion about the Scholarship.

Scholarship suggestion--This idea was compiled from a discussion including Mel, Marlane, Aaron, Tom.

- 2018 CE and Membership 2018-2019 Package \$50.00
- EWC 2nd year Student
  - Limit to first 20 students.
  - Includes attendance to the 2018 CE and Annual Meeting with 2 yr. Membership.

- Students would benefit by attending the program and "networking" with members from all parts of the state.
- Helps get students involved in the association to create a foundation for their career.
- They would be able to show future employers that they have started additional learning.

Reasons to change

- Lack of packet submissions from students.
- Scholarship only helps one student--this could help many.

Maybe we do BOTH.

Cambria: So is the idea to get rid of the scholarship and just do this instead?

Kristi Hamilton: I would be very excited by the \$50 membership and I think others would be too.

Melanie: perfect! And, yes, Cambria.

Marlane: I think that if we haven't had any response for the scholarship that we just go with the reduced membership.

Nanette: Would need to say the student's graduation year, Fall CE, and Annual meeting and 2 year membership.

Nanette: This limits to EWC only

Kristi Hamilton: I am surprised that no one has applied for the scholarship -- I had not heard there was one - but I wasn't looking, either - and I'm not a Wyoming resident

Nanette: So this removes any online/distance Ed students or any students in surrounding states such as CO. I'm just playing devil's advocate here. I do believe this has merit.

Cambria: Well last year we didn't have any submissions. I didn't know about it when I went to tech school

Melanie: We wouldn't have to limit to EWC.

**Tom Page:** Similar to the Scholarship- WYO resident. Last year I presented it to the student body during Directors call and no one applied.

Nanette: Tom - this would be a really good topic to discuss with Cristi when you talk to her... specifically how many students stay in Wyoming and/or would stay credentialed in WY if this were an opp. If Kristi likes this - as a student rep :) that's a feature and worth its weight.... grants merit.

Cambria: might help to get membership up

**Tom Page:** What we need to decide is: Suspend scholarship and try this Nanette: Something to ask Cristi and Kristi - YOU ask your fellow students... see what they think... get both sides of the coin. Without teacher input and weighted discussion (Kristi, that means you get to your fellow classmates first).

Melanie: I think this has greater potential for the association and could help students, too. The scholarship has just not been successful

Nanette: I motion to adjourn

Marlane: I second

Meeting closed at 8:22pm MT

**Participants:** Tom Page, Nanette Walker Smith, Cambria Harmon, Dena Wallace, Marlane Hicks, Roxane Rocks, Kristi Hamilton, Melanie Beardsley

**WyVTA Meeting: March 4, 2018**

**Tom Page:** I call this meeting to order at 7:05pm MT

First up on the Agenda is the LOGO. Did anyone receive anything?

Roxane Rocks: Not a thing

Nanette Walker Smith: I received nothing - got likes on what was posted.

So if everyone is good with the buffalo we can continue with that. I posted several font styles that are 'wyomingish' although we could elaborate.

Deana Baker: I didn't

Marlane Hicks: I'm good with it.

**Tom Page:** I ran in to someone at the end of this last week that maybe could help us. If it is ok I will contact him tomorrow. I can use the buffalo and email everyone

Deana Baker: ok

Nanette Walker Smith: Now - be prepared.... we need to consider if we hire someone to do it for us, there will be a cost. Tom, get a quote full info on what that person wants.

Roxane Rocks: One thing I was thinking about today is if any other association has anything similar to what we are thinking about

**Tom Page:** I will check that first. It is a friend; I think I can chat without cost for now. He has the software that will let us play with things; I will talk to him about copy written items.

Nanette Walker Smith: We don't want to copy another association - I know that no one has the buffalo. I think several try too hard to include multiple species, loses emphasis that way. Remember also we will have the name change likely occurring at some time as well which will affect a change so something to consider. IMHO - keep it simple

**Tom Page:** I am thinking the buffalo and Wyoming landmarks if I can swing it.

*Deana Baker: The buffalo is Wyoming and Steamboat of course. Steamboat is copy written*

**Tom Page:** Good idea with Steamboat. The bucking horse  
*Nanette Walker Smith: Bucking horse is WY but I worry some may take offense to that with animal health and welfare. Horse is very WY, but it does not present a 'healthy' animal relationship-aka not veterinary technician 'way'... it's considered by many a cruel way to 'break a horse'*

**Tom Page:** Interesting Nanette. I would not have thought of that.

*Roxane Rocks: I think simplicity is the key here. Artwork should be original, that way copyright is not an issue*

*Deana Baker: I agree Roxane*

**Tom Page:** Does anyone object with me asking this individual about creating something for us. I will address cost and copyrights and report findings via email to the board. ?

*All agreed for Tom to proceed with artwork lead and return with info*

**Tom Page:** Next up will be Marlane with the CE update.

*Marlane Hicks: Dr. Pattullo in Washington is interested in speaking for us. She is with Phoenix Lab, Cytology/immunology focus, small and large animal. I really think that we would benefit having both speakers if that works.*

**Tom Page:** I like two speakers. It is the double travel cost, would that be too large? I wonder do they work with any of the Lab places, i.e. Idexx, Abaxis, etc. If they are associated with one of the vendors would be willing to cover the cost that would be great.

*Marlane Hicks: We could look at getting a speaker EWC (more local) maybe Dr. Bittner to cover the 2nd half of the CE*

*Deana Baker: Maybe the state vet lab*

*Marlane Hicks: I have not had much luck with the state vet lab.*

**Tom Page:** I don't know Phoenix lab. Does anyone else use them?

*Marlane Hicks: They use them mostly in Washington.*

*Deana Baker: we do a lot of cytology*

*Marlane Hicks: Dr. Pattullo will focus on prep, collection and submission. I don't think we can accommodate a wet lab. We would not be able to get enough microscopes, time and space constraints.*

*Nanette Walker Smith: If we include wet lab - she does understand the numbers for lecture are 30ish and if we had help for wet lab portion that would be key. Just playing devil's advocate - ok :) Could we get loaners EWC? If we can get them to bring them /Come? Just throwing out ideas*  
*Marlane Hicks: Nanette I had the same concerns. She does a lot of these CE's for Vet's and Tech in Washington.*

*Nanette Walker Smith: As for proceedings - need those ASAP - took me 4 months to get VMA on board so no later than 1 May*

*Deana Baker: We could always talk to EWC. We have had our CE in Torrington in the past*

*Marlane Hicks: Thanks Nanette. I will let her know...That is a good idea Deana. I didn't even think about that...I could look into that. Do we want to have Dr. Willis join her or go another route?*

*Nanette Walker Smith: Where are they both located?*

*Marlane Hicks: They are both in Washington...Phoenix lab is similar to WY state vet lab here.*

*Nanette Walker Smith: estimated airfare Seattle to Casper round trip is \$350-\$450. I'd say get both of them here. Cheaper to Casper than Torrington. Torrington they have to fly into Scottsbluff or Cheyenne and someone has to drive them or they rent a car. Torrington we would need to check on hotel availability. Mel - can you calculate costs and email everyone please for Casper and for Torrington*

*Marlane Hicks: as well as make sure that there isn't anything going on that weekend.*

**Tom Page:** I think that we should go with Lecture plan with both speakers for now until we find out about Casper College or EWC and the wet lab option.

*Marlane Hicks: I agree. If we can't do either CC or EWC maybe they could do a slide show.*

*Deana Baker: We worked with CC one year. They were difficult. EWC has been good to us*

*Nanette Walker Smith: CC was a long time ago though*

**Tom Page:** I have started contacting the vendors on my list. Does anyone work with an additional vendor that they could facilitate communication with?

*Roxane Rocks: I haven't been in close contact with any vendors for a while.*

*Marlane Hicks: I spoke with RC they are on board. Just need to get with them when it gets a little closer.*

**Tom Page:** Aaron isn't here tonight so we will move on to Deana and Membership.

*Nanette Walker Smith: We need to decide when we will cut off those who have not renewed.*

*Deana Baker: I sent out a mass email this morning to the people who have not paid for this year. I'm giving them till the end of the month to become current. Most people that are to renew this year have done so. I was surprised by the account that I got in Feb.*

*Nanette Walker Smith: Ok Deana - when I send the newsletter this month I will include that in BIG LETTERS - last one to those who have not renewed. Reminder that membership and certification both have to end on Dec 31. I'm on board for software discussion with CACVT or NAVTA*

*Deana Baker: I have gotten a couple of new members. I will send Nanette an updated list this week*

**Tom Page:** Sounds good.

*Nanette Walker Smith: Excellent - thanks Deana - I'll wait to send out newsletter until I get those updates. That said - NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE THIS WEEK PLEASE>*

**Tom Page:** I have sent an email out to CACVT to discuss their usage of the membership software. They have extended the invitation to me to come check it out.

*Nanette Walker Smith: Tom - let me know and I'll work on meeting you there*

**Tom Page:** I have not been able to physically show up so I asked about a Zoom meeting. Either in person or via computer I planned on myself, Deana, and Nanette. If computer, more are welcome.

*Deana Baker: That's good. We need to ask them about the ease of it to move person to person or if it would be better on a dedicated laptop.*

**Tom Page:** Nanette you're up with Secretary report.

*Nanette Walker Smith: I will get Constitution & Bylaw's done with the amendment from last September. Need to update the 2016 version and get copies made and prepped to send out to the 2017 board for signature. Are folks seeing the Facebook items? Roxane is doing great with some cross posting of important medical stuff which is awesome. Getting good traffic; I apologize I don't have numbers but I believe active folks are up to mid 40s now*

*Roxane Rocks: the "likes" are definitely on the upswing. Average people viewing posts is between 30-50*

**Tom Page:** Mel is reporting that NAVTA is offering extra benefits starting 3/1 including discounts with pet insurance and other companies. She is on call and had to take it.

*Nanette Walker Smith: I'll have her send those to me for the newsletter; there are numerous benefits newly added.*

**Tom Page:** Next is the discussion on the EWC attendance package. To me it looks like it messes up their enrollment by one year. **(Board discussion in progress, details not ready for release)**

*Marlane Hicks: I agree with this.*

*Nanette Walker Smith: Deana - is this something feasible with membership?*

*Deana Baker: I might have to work out a different numbering system for students to keep things straight*

*Nanette Walker Smith: 2nd year student - would like to hear Cristi's thoughts - If we do the first for the 1st year; we will severely limit 2nd year unless it's similar. 'S' for student then transition to regular after they pass VTNE?*

**Tom Page:** She suggested 2nd years. 1. First years have only been in class two weeks maybe three. They wouldn't be able to follow. 'S' would be a good thought. I can email everyone more on this evolving discussion.

*Nanette Walker Smith: Unless they had previous experience.... but - we need more input*

**Tom Page:** Agreed, will email everyone as we proceed with EWC student scholarship option discussions. Review of next meeting April 8th  
*Nanette Walker Smith: Remember that's 2nd Sunday due to Easter on April Fool's Day*

*Nanette Walker Smith: I motion to adjourn*

*Roxane Rocks: second*

**Tom Page: Unanimously approved.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:17pm MT**

**Participants:** Tom Page, Deana Baker, Marlane Hicks, Roxane Rocks, Nanette Walker Smith, Melanie Beardsley

**JOB BOARD:**

**Full Time Veterinary Technician/Veterinary Assistant Position**

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