

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- Tom Page, AAS, CVT [wyoocvt@gmail.com](mailto:wyoocvt@gmail.com)

Happy Belated Veterinary Technician Week everyone.

It was great to be able to see old friends and meet new ones during the Annual Meeting last month. Thank you to all of the Executive Board members that helped putting together the event.

Our speaker, Lori Fuehrer did a great job delivering the anesthesia lecture and wet lab. It was a great opportunity to see different anesthesia and monitoring machines in action. Not everyone gets to use ventilators on a daily basis; it was great to work with them in a safe environment.

This year we had several vendors help out with the Association and conference. **Please let your sales reps from the following know their support was appreciated. THANK YOU TO: Zoetis, Idexx, Hill's Pet Nutrition, Patterson and Elanco, Boehringer Ingelheim, Virbac, and Altitude Veterinary Hospital.**

**Please help me welcome the incoming Executive Board members for 2018:**

**President** - Tom Page, AAS, CVT

**Vice President** - Marlane Hicks, CVT

**Membership** - Deana Baker, AAS, CVT

**Secretary** - Nanette Walker Smith, MEd, RVT, CVT, LVT

**Treasurer** - Aaron Tippit, VA

**NAVTA Rep.** - Melanie Beardsley, CVT

**Member at Large** - Cambria Harmon, AAS, LVT, CVT

**Member at Large** - Roxanne Rocks, CVT

**Website** - Jackie Van Noy, CVT

If you were not able to attend and have ideas for next year's meeting please email Marlane Hicks at [mar\\_hicks@yahoo.com](mailto:mar_hicks@yahoo.com) I look forward to another year working with and hearing from everyone.

## MEMBERSHIP/CERTIFICATION

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

The end of the year is approaching and it's time to start checking your membership and certification status. Everyone should be on biennial time now for renewals effective the end of this year.

If your membership number has an ODD number in the first 2 digits following the WVTA, your membership (and your certification if you are a CVT) expires December 31 of the ODD years. If that number is EVEN, expires December 31 of the EVEN years. This means you need to RENEW by January 1 of the ODD or EVEN year that matches that 2 digit place.

**Example:** Jane Doe WVTA 16-0012

(the '16' are the numbers that identify your renewal year, ODD or EVEN)

We've got the biennial forms for renewals for EVEN years for both Membership and Certification up on the website now so you can download them/print them off from there. If you are not a CVT, just turn in the membership application – you are going biennial as well!

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL ME!!!**

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

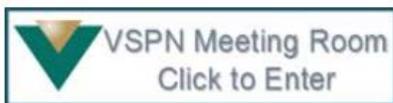
**2018 Certification:** <http://wyvta.org/sites/site-5071/documents/WyVTA%20%20Certification%20%20Application%2018-2019.pdf>

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## Monthly Membership Meetings ONLINE:

**NEXT MEETING is December 3 @ 8pm MT**

Look for the **VSPN Meeting Room** banner below on the VSPN Chat page



You are invited to our WyVTA Meetings, open to all members and prospective members, the first Sunday of the month (unless otherwise noted) at 8pm Mountain Time online at [www.vspn.org](http://www.vspn.org) > click CHAT on the navigation bar and login with your **VSPN.org** user/pass > click the button or the hyperlink to join the meeting: <http://www.vin.com/Members/Unity3/Unity.plx?R=VSPNMEET>

PLEASE NOTE: VSPN and VIN are moving to a new platform for their Conferencing System effective January 1. ZOOM will be replacing the Flash version that has been used for years. More information coming and how this will affect our members and our meetings.

## CE FALL SEMINAR:

-Nanette Walker Smith & Mel Beardsley

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We got some excellent feedback from the surveys turned in at the seminar. Mel and our incoming Vice President, Marlane, will be reviewing these so we can find excellent speakers and continue our great CE for you. More as we develop Fall 2018's plans!

## TREASURER'S REPORT

-Aaron Tippit [aaron.bestfriends@gmail.com](mailto:aaron.bestfriends@gmail.com)

August 6, 2017	Beginning balance	\$14,093.97
<b>Income</b>		
CE Registrations	\$830.00	
Donation (vendor)	\$2000.00	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Website fee	\$49.00	
AAVSB VTNE fee	\$250.00	
<b>September 9, 2017</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>\$ 16,624.97</b>
September 9, 2017	Beginning balance	\$ 16,624.97
<b>Income</b>		
CE Registrations	\$865.00	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Website fee	\$49.00	
Dr. Bell flowers	\$40.00	
CE Speaker stipend	\$1,752.50	
Parkway Plaza Mtg Rms	\$843.40	
Tom Page Shipping	\$32.48	
<b>October 7, 2017</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>\$ 14,772.59</b>
October 7, 2017	Beginning balance	\$ 14,772.59
<b>Income</b>		
CE Registrations	\$210.00	
Donation (vendor)	\$500.00	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Website fee	\$49.00	
Office supplies	\$68.75	
Association/newsletter	\$213.55	
November 1, 2017	Closing balance	\$ 15,521.29

## NAVTA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

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

I have a few updates for you regarding happenings with NAVTA this month. NAVTA is making its job board service more interactive and the jobs/listings/postings more "sharable" with the use of

YourMembership. This should help make job postings easier for NAVTA and different individuals/state associations to look at. Contact NAVTA if you would like to list a job description with them on their job board service. It is a great way to get your clinic's name out to a greater audience when hiring! It is also a great place to research if you are looking for a new employment opportunity! NAVTA is also excited to hold the NAVTA Veterinary Technician Leadership Summit in conjunction with the AVMA Veterinary Leadership Summit in Chicago in January. The NAVTA summit is Jan 4th. Initially, they invite state board members; however, all technicians are invited if they do not fill up. Let me know if you are interested in trying to attend. The WyVTA has sent a couple of board members the last few years and is looking at doing the same this year. NAVTA will also be having a changing of the guards with new board members being voted in. If you are having a hard time getting in contact with someone in NAVTA, let me know. I'll do what I can to help you out!

## Holidays!

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

With the holidays fast approaching, there are many things that can be harmful, make pets sick, and/or cause you and them distress. Here are a few things to keep pets away from this season.

Seasonal plants to avoid are Mistletoe, holly, and flowers of the lily variety can be poisonous to pets when ingested. These plants can cause mild symptoms from vomiting and diarrhea to more severe signs that can affect the heart or cause kidney failure. Consider alternatives like silk or plastic versions or varieties that are safe for pets.

Ensure that Christmas trees are secured and not in an area where they are easily knocked over. This will keep the water for the tree from being spilled. Christmas tree water can contain fertilizers and additives that cause pets to get sick. Better yet – for cut trees that need to be kept watered, use a tree stand that minimizes a pet's ability to get to the water. Keep ornaments off the lowest branches with playful cats and kittens. Be mindful and observant of those cats that like to climb. Be wary of precious ornaments that are low enough for excited dog tails to knock them down. All household members should beware of broken ornaments and bare feet or paws!

Avoid using tinsel if you have house with cats and kittens that might play with or ingest it. Tinsel and elastic cord ingested presents intestinal foreign body issues especially for cats, but can cause trauma in small dogs and curious puppies as well. Also be careful with lights wrapping around the tree that drag on the floor, as some cats will think these new strings to play with and chew on presenting chances for electrical burns and/or potential fire hazards.

This is the time of year when candles and wax warmers are in high demand. Candles can cause burns to pets and a potential fire hazard if left unattended. Wax warmers can be spilled and get stuck in animals' coats, cause burns to pets and furniture and other damage to the household if spilled. Check with Animal Poison Control for potential toxins from scent oils, wax warmers, and even pot pourri if using something new, adding a significant amount in the home, or any potential concerns.

This holiday season keep trash cans, sweets (especially chocolates), and that turkey dinner away from pets. Animals can get pancreatitis that can cause them to stop eating, cause vomiting, diarrhea,

nausea, and other problems which can lead to expensive veterinary bills.

Pets may have fears or anxiety during these holidays such as when several human relatives visit, travel may ensue, or they experience the fireworks and the festivities of the New Year. They will best be served by having a safe place set up for them, supplies such as food and medication planned for in advance, and if traveling, any additional medications/vaccines, certificates, or paperwork needed in advance.

## MINUTES

*NOTE from your Secretary: I apologize; I forgot to include the Fall Annual Meeting Minutes in the October 2017 newsletter. They are below. Again, thanks to all those who attended the Annual Meeting!*

The Annual Meeting of the Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association was held during luncheon at the Fall Continual Education Meeting 9/23/2017 at Parkway Plaza Hotel, Casper, Wyoming.

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Page.

The membership amendment was published in the September CE/Newsletter mailed to all active members on September 12, 2017. The amendment reads: The amendment reads as follows to ADD the board position:

Membership/Certification - The Membership/Certification position shall:

•for all WyVTA Memberships:

- evaluate applicants for membership status according to Article III of the WyVTA Constitution and Bylaws;
- collect and maintain accurate records of Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association members (active and associate);
- collect membership dues, record with membership records, and remit funds to the treasurer within 30 days of receipt; and
- ensure that complete records are immediately transferred to an incoming membership/certification board position if the current position is vacated.

•for all WyVTA Certifications:

- evaluate applicants for certification status using the criteria set forth in the WyVTA Bylaws Certification Committee.
- collect and maintain accurate records of Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association certified members;
- collect certification dues, record with certification records, and remit funds to the treasurer within 30 days of receipt;
- ensure that complete records are immediately transferred to an incoming membership/certification board position if the current position is vacated.

**The amendment was moved by Melanie Kluck (Beardsley) and seconded by Roxane Rocks.**

**The amendment was passed with none opposed.**

Officer nominations and elections were held and the following positions, nominations by, **motions to approve and seconds were duly noted (see chart below).** **There were no oppositions to any office and all officers were unanimously elected as each office was nominated:**

Office	Nominated	Motioned by	2 <sup>nd</sup> by
<b>President</b>	Tom Page	Melanie Beardsley	Marlane Hicks
<b>Vice President</b>	Marlane Hicks	Cambria Harmon	Taeha Collins
<b>Secretary</b>	Nanette Walker Smith	Cambria Harmon	Deana Baker
<b>Treasurer</b>	Aaron Tippet	Melanie Beardsley	Roxanne Rocks
<b>NAVTA Rep.</b>	Melanie Beardsley	Deana Baker	Marlane Hicks
<b>Member at Large</b>	Cambria Harmon	Melanie Beardsley	Tessa Anderson
<b>Member at Large</b>	Roxanne Rocks	Melanie Beardsley	Tessa Anderson
<b>Membership</b>	Deana Baker	Tessa Anderson	Cambria Harmon

Kati Martin, CVT remains Past President as Tom Page was re-elected President for his second term.

**There being no further business, Melanie Kluck (Beardsley) moved to adjourn the meeting. Cambria Harmon seconded.**

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deana Baker, CVT; WyVTA Secretary

**WyVTA Meeting November 5, 2017**

**Tom Page:** Welcome everyone! Let's get started. I call this meeting order. I have a summary of the Annual CE and Meeting.

Our annual meeting was conducted on September 23rd at the Parkway Plaza in Casper, Wyoming. Speaker was Lori Fuehrer CVT, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia, Neurology) from Rocky Mountain Veterinary Neurology, Englewood, CO. We had 20 individuals attend from within and from outside of the state. We had several vendors that we all work with that stepped up and helped with the costs. Please thank the following companies and Sales Reps: Zoetis, Idexx, Patterson, Elanco, Hills, Boehringer Ingelheim, Virbac, Midmark, and Campbell Pet Company. I wish to say thank you to Melanie for stepping in to help with putting the meeting together. Your help was greatly APPRECIATED!! Thank you.

Financial Notes-Aaron, please update.

Aaron Tippit:

**Income**

Registrations:

- 21 Registrants: \$1,880.00

CE Vendor contributions:

- Idexx (general expenses): \$1,000.00
- Zoetis (general expenses): \$1,000.00
- Hills (general expenses/table items): \$500.00
- Boehringer Ingelheim (sign printing): \$313.16
- Patterson & Elanco (general expenses): \$1500.00

**Total Income: \$6,193.16**

**Expenses**

- Parkway Plaza \$843.40. This includes Speaker's hotel room, Meeting room, meals and snacks.
- Speaker \$1,752.50 (stipend plus mileage)
- Printing \$313.15 (this was paid for us by Bob Price at BI -Boehringer Ingelheim)
- Shipping Tom \$32.48 (Midmark note books, and items)
- Flowers \$40. (Dr. Bell's thank you)
- Mailing Nanette \$79.12 (stamps for CE mailing, Shipping Dr. Bell's gift; NOTE: paper, printing, and envelopes donated by Nanette)
- Altitude Vet-Supplies \$68.75 (Supplies for wet lab: IV fluids, lines, medications, and oxygen)
- Certificate and Thank You cards Melanie \$35.69
- Picture collage printing Melanie \$20.99 (see below)
- Thank you's and additional Certificates Mailing Tom \$TBD (see below)

**Total Expenses: \$3,213.68**

**Total Balance: \$2,979.48** (Note – thanks to Tom's hard work in acquiring vendor donations.)

Melanie Beardsley: I gave Aaron the final receipt from Walgreens for the pictures we put in with the thank you certificates that I had. That will be the end of it on my end.

**Tom Page:** Thank you Mel.

Aaron Tippit: Do we need to vote on that one? The picture receipt is \$20.99

Nanette Walker Smith: \$35.69 was Mel's total for last month for certificates/stationary.

Melanie Beardsley: That one was Staples for the certificates and the name badges. Walgreens was not included.

Aaron Tippit: OK, I'd like to call a vote (motion) to get Mel her \$20.99 for the picture.

Nanette Walker Smith: (To pay )

Melanie Beardsley: I'll second that motion

**Tom Page: Motion passes**

Nanette Walker Smith: Aaron did a nice comparison in the CE totals between 2016 and 2017. Registration income covered speaker fees, but we'd be in big trouble without vendor income either year. VP will really need to pay attention to that for next year.

**Tom Page:** In addition to that, I will have about \$10.00 for certificates and mailing. As I went through the certificates, I found a few typos. I have them together and will mail them tomorrow. I just purchased another small package of certificates. Mel purchased one, and I purchased one.

Nanette Walker Smith: So reprinting certificates and mailing? I'm being stingy about wording here; because in order to track where expenses are going, we really need to be concise. If we suddenly do not have vendor \$\$, our funds will be nowhere and we will again be digging in to funds to pay for CE; because we are definitely NOT making money. Tom saved our rears this year

with the vendors. We've had 2 years of low attendance, and we need to either rock attendance back into the 35 realm or come up with alternatives.

Melanie Beardsley: Do we wait to vote on refunding Tom after he gets totals from mailing? Or can we approve it in advance; as long as it is under, say, \$15.00?

**Tom Page:** We are working on that, Nanette. But after the vendors helped out, I wasn't going to let a thank you opportunity go by.

Nanette Walker Smith: No; got that, for sure. I think Mel is on deck. **Motion to approve certificate redo and mailing by Tom up to \$20.00 with final receipts to be placed on file with Aaron for reporting at December meeting.**

Melanie Beardsley: I so move

**Tom Page: Motion passes.** I will mail them out tomorrow. Are there any other costs that we need to talk about for the meeting only at this time? Reimbursements?

**Tom Page:** Seeing none, let's have Aaron do the Treasurer's Report.

Aaron Tippit: So I've neglected the September numbers with all the to do going on; but I'll get that draft and to Nanette this week.

Nanette Walker Smith: ty :) I'll get it in the next newsletter; we'll need to vote on all of it in December. Or do we want to do an email approval of the Treasurer's report plus the CE total report (hopefully including Patterson's donation) as soon as it's all in? We are really close, and it would save time at December's meeting.

**Tom Page:** After Nanette and Aaron get the numbers in order, Nanette can send out the email for everyone to respond to.

Melanie Beardsley: I motion we do an email approval of the Treasurer's report and CE total reports after the final checks go through.

Roxane Rocks: I second

**Tom Page: Motion passes.**

Aaron Tippit: Right now the bank has \$15,220.04; but there are a couple of checks waiting to come out/clear, so the balance will be \$15,151.29.

**Tom Page:** Thank you Aaron.

**Tom Page:** We have another item from the annual meeting; the reviews. Can you give us an update, Mel?

Melanie Beardsley: Overall, everyone REALLY enjoyed the information presented and the lab portion of the day. We had lots of encouraging input both on paper and verbally as folks were leaving. Also, I had no specific complaints about the change in venue; so that was good, too. We also had more input than normal as far as suggestions for future conference topics. I gave them to Tom as Lori wanted to see them. He is going to pass them on to her.

**Tom Page:** I have them scanned into a file; it is pretty big. Thank you for holding the CE certificates hostage until they gave up the surveys, Mel.

Nanette Walker Smith: Awesome :) LOVE that you got surveys in :) And good info -

Melanie Beardsley: Marlane couldn't come tonight, but I'm going to try and meet with her this month so we can get the ball rolling for next year.

**Tom Page:** Let's get an update from Deana.

Deana Baker: I've credentialed several new people. I have some pending applications. People are paying the \$10.00 certification fee, but not the membership fee. I'm not sure what needs to be done to rectify that.

Nanette Walker Smith: Let me double check... it should have both listed on both applications, but I'm definitely OPEN to suggestions. Don't certify if they didn't send in their membership; they have to be members to be certified.

Deana Baker: It is, but people for some reason are not reading the applications, or are confused. I have three that I'm awaiting membership dues from. No membership, no credential. These are for new members.

**Tom Page:** I noticed that the website needs the new applications.

Nanette Walker Smith: The newest ones sent out with the October newsletter state: No fees for certification if it's paid prior to renewal is due. However - I see where we could add at the top of the certification form that one must accompany a membership renewal or membership application. Also, #3 says WyVTA membership application required for certification.

Deana Baker: That might help. I haven't ever had this problem before. I guess people are just in a hurry and aren't reading.

Nanette Walker Smith: They are supposed to have all those boxes checked before they submit it so you have that to fall back on. And yeah - first time we are biennial too.

Deana Baker: The boxes are checked...

Nanette Walker Smith: Ok... good point, Deana - I can put that in your blurb for next newsletter too and add that lingo at the top of the certification application as well. If you or anyone thinks of anything else, please holler - take a look at the forms on the website and see what you think.

Deana Baker: Thanks, Nanette; okay.

**Tom Page:** I looked at the forms on the website, Nanette. I think they are wrong going into 2018.

Jackie Van Noy: I need someone to send me the new forms.

Melanie Beardsley: If we are going to change them, now would be the time.

Nanette Walker Smith: I'll update with this new information and get these emailed to you, Jackie - after the meeting.

**Tom Page:** Is there anything else for a website update information, Jackie?  
Jackie Van Noy: Not at this time; will update with applications when I get them.

**Tom Page:** Where do we stand with monthly payments?

Nanette Walker Smith: We were supposed to be going to annual I thought; with an ACH draw. Did that ever get set up, Aaron?

Jackie Van Noy: It is still being charged to my credit card every month.

**Tom Page:** We didn't. We should look into payment directly and annually, Jackie. Due to the meeting and time the topic was tabled.

Jackie Van Noy: The last time I checked with them, I was told credit card only. I thought you had talked to someone at eVetSites about different payment options, Tom.

Aaron Tippit: I can look into getting a card for the account, if that is what we need.

Nanette Walker Smith: No, we said no card; can't do that due to .org.

Someone could walk away with it and steal the association blind. However, we could set up ACH annual withdrawal.

**Tom Page:** I think we can also just pay it annually with a check.

Jackie Van Noy: Unless that has changed, eVetSites said they could not do ACH.

**Tom Page:** I will call in the morning and check my information.

Nanette Walker Smith: I know we found a way to do it ;I don't know why it didn't get done. Thanks Tom.

**Tom Page:** I think it has been great that you have helped the group out, Jackie. I just don't want you to miss a check coming to you.

Nanette Walker Smith: Definitely

**Tom Page:** Let's get an update from Mel on NAVTA.

Melanie Beardsley: Sounds good! My biggest update from NAVTA, is the leadership conference January 4th in conjunction with the AVMA Leadership Conference the 4-7 of January. This is the conference that we have sent folks to the last few years.

**Tom Page:** NAVTA Leadership Conference (-Jan 4) and AVMA Leadership conference- Jan 4-7. Last year we chose to send myself and Cambria. I found that the opportunity helped me improve my leadership skills and help me find ways to help us all this last year. Looking forward I feel that putting effort into improving the Board's abilities as leaders then we have a better chance to grow the Association. I also would like to suggest that we consider sending 3-4 individuals. There were a few individuals that stepped up to help me out. There were many meetings over coffee to discuss the meeting to make sure something wasn't missed, or to see if there was a better option. I worked with this year that I would like to suggest attend.

Melanie Beardsley: Lori and Katie went the year before that.

**Tom Page:** I think with the donations this year, we can do it again and maybe add.

Nanette Walker Smith: Oh, gotcha. No, I think 2 max is best. We still only basically equaled reg's to speaker fees; everything else was covered by vendors (hotel, all additional expenses, plus filling the budget back up from the last 2 years of sending folks to this NAVTA conference. So first question - Is this still something we want to do? Second question - are there any board members interested in going? IMHO - #1 (yes), #2 (Melanie, Marlane, Roxane, Jackie, Aaron?)

Melanie Beardsley: I know Tom felt like he got a lot out of the conference last year. I might be interested in going; however, we may be down a person at work, so I'm not sure Aaron or I will be able to escape the clinic. Deana would be deserving to go if she wanted to, too.

Cambria Harmon: I felt like I got a lot of information out of the conference, and feel it helped in the position I was in at the previous clinic I worked at in Snohomish.

Aaron Tippit: I think that sending extra if a vendor was willing to supplement the additional cost shouldn't be dismissed.

Nanette Walker Smith: Yikes! Mel and Aaron may be a pickle and a push to plan.

**Tom Page:** The \$ that we received was to be used at the discretion of the association.

Aaron Tippit: I understand the donations we already got shouldn't be used willy nilly; but if Zoetis can send an extra person or 2, why not?

Melanie Beardsley: We could maybe talk one of us to go, but I doubt both.

Jackie Van Noy: I'd like to go, but I'm not allowed to fly until March.

**Tom Page:** With schedules and unknowns right now, let's have those see if their schedule permits to email the group this week.

Nanette Walker Smith: I think if anyone is interested, they should look into plausibility and get back to Tom ASAP, and we'll go from there. 2 months out - airfares start to go up and we'll still be in Christmas airfares at that time, so cheap ones will be more scarce.

Nanette Walker Smith: Secretary - Next Newsletter - guys/gals - really need reports from EVERYONE for the newsletter - even if it's just a few sentences to promote membership, where we are, looking ahead, or whatever. Because we are updating the membership/certificate application - Do you want me to send one out now in November as well? Reason I'm suggesting is December will be insane for me AND I forgot to include the Annual Meeting minutes in the October newsletter! So we'll have that plus November meeting minutes, PLUS the HUGE potential change to VSPN's new format using Zoom as a platform for the meetings.

**Tom Page:**

Nanette Walker Smith: Of course, we only email the newsletter, and only send hard copy when absolutely necessary. And that is usually just for CE advertisement to help get it into the clinics. We haven't had anyone request a mailed copy of the newsletter in several years.

**Tom Page:** I think it is a good idea. I say we do that with the update from Aaron. With the things that you just listed, it would be the right thing to do.

Roxane Rocks: agreed

Cambria Harmon: I agree also.

**Tom Page:** When do you want to try to get it out?

Nanette Walker Smith: Early next week. So if I can get any items in by THIS WEEKEND PLEASE.

Cambria Harmon: Is there anything I can do to help, Nanette?

Nanette Walker Smith: Cambria - if there is a small article you can write on something techy, that would be AWESOME.

**Tom Page:** I will have a holiday type up from President in the next few days.

Nanette Walker Smith: Then we'll do a December/January, and hopefully have a quick report from those who go to the NAVTA conference.

Nanette Walker Smith: Let's table EWC - we have some items to discuss regarding fees, memberships, and CE there; but we should have the 2018 board on deck for that.

**Tom Page:** That works

Nanette Walker Smith: Amanda - is it you and Kristi that are the reps now?  
Amanda Johnson: Yes

Nanette Walker Smith: Thanks, Amanda.

Nanette Walker Smith: VSPN is moving to Zoom instead of the Flash platform; it's used for the entire existence of it's VIN Conferencing system. This will occur in January. We can do it or we cannot do it. If we do not do it, we lose our convenient ability to have a text log of our minutes.

**Tom Page:** This is a good thing for us and them. Put your input into the Doodle poll and then try to catch one of the demos. Videos will post after that.  
Roxane Rocks: What would be the reasoning to not do it?

Nanette Walker Smith: Please take a look at the email Tom forwarded with the doodle invitation to participate in a demo. Unfortunately, we don't get a say in when so much; but there will be a video on the demo. I'm looking into the ability of alternatives for us as well.

Melanie Beardsley: I think the convenient text log of the minutes is pretty important for us!

Cambria Harmon: I agree. I'll try to watch the video thing this week. Is there a cost to this for the association?

Nanette Walker Smith: Zoom exists outside of VIN, and is used by multitudes of groups as does Go To Meeting.

**Tom Page:** Do you know if there is a cost to Zoom out of VIN?

Nanette Walker Smith: The benefits of VIN hosting may only be in cost, but it may be dependent on what features are used. I hope to have that information this week. I will email it out. I'm checking my other contracts that utilize these services for benefits and distractions, as there are pros and cons to both. It is a great thing that VIN is willing to support this. However, they have to do it for their online CE and for their other groups on VIN anyway. So they have to do something.

**Tom Page:** Sweet. Thank you, Nanette.

**Melanie Beardsley: Alright! Then I motion we adjourn**

**Aaron Tippit: 2nd**

**Tom Page: Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.**

Participants: Tom Page, Cambria Harmon, Deana Baker, Amanda Johnson, Melanie Beardsley, Aaron Tippit, Jackie Van Noy, Nanette Walker Smith, Roxane Rocks

<b>2018 incoming WyVTA Board</b>	
Tom Page, AAS, CVT	President
Kati Martin, CVT	Past President; Scholarship Committee
Marlane Hicks, CVT	Vice President
Aaron Tippit, VA	Treasurer
Deana Baker, CVT	Membership
Nanette Walker Smith, MEd, RVT, CVT, LVT	Secretary; Advisor
Melanie Beardsley, CVT	NAVTA Rep; Scholarship Committee
Cambria Harmon, AAS, LVT, CVT	Member-At-Large; Scholarship Committee
Roxanne Rocks, CVT	Member-At-Large
Amanda Johnson	EWC Student Rep-sophomore
Kristi Hamilton	EWC Student Rep-freshman
Jackie Van Noy, CVT	Webmaster