

WYVTA Newsletter

Letter from the President

Hello again everyone, I just want to update you all on what we have been doing as an association so that you know your membership fees are going to good use. Please remember we are all volunteers and do not receive any form of pay for the work we do for the association. Nanette and Carol have been busy trying to get our IRS nonprofit status reinstated so we are able to continue as an association doing things to benefit YOU and the public legally in the eyes of the state and country. In this newsletter you will find a proposal for an amendment to our Constitution and Bylaws explaining what will happen to our funds if we were ever to elect to dissolve (end) the association. Now, I know you are probably thinking “does this mean the association is planning on ending?” The answer to that is NO. Nor do we even anticipate that happening, but according to the IRS, we need to have a statement saying what will happen to any remaining funds should the association ever dissolve. So, with that said, we are asking that you make your best effort to **attend our next online meeting May 3rd at 8:00pm in the VSPN Meeting Room so you can vote on the proposed amendment - YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

Remember that you have the ability to make a decision about what is in our Constitution and Bylaws just the same as any of us board members; all you have to do is come to the meetings and share your ideas.

Please see the April meeting minutes in this newsletter for the complete discussion.



Find the Constitution and Bylaws on the website

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****A majority vote of the attending membership at a general meeting is required to accept this proposed amendment or one with minor changes.** If there is major discussion or changes to the proposal, a new proposal must be published to the entire membership and a new election held at least 15 days after that publication. Monthly meetings are general meetings as all members are welcome and accessible to all members; members must login to VSPN to access the meeting room and are recorded as attending for the vote.

Scholarship Update: We are also beginning some work on our scholarship to revamp the application criteria and hopefully encourage more students to apply. We are **increasing it to \$500** and have created a committee to filter through applications and creating a criteria for the board to use when selecting the recipient.

Membership & Certification Status Update:

Faith Makepeace has unfortunately had to step down as secretary. Thankfully, Tessa Schmidt has taken her place.

I know Tessa has just recently received the Secretary packet and will need some time to filter through everything and figure out where Faith left off.

However, don't hesitate to email her if you have a question about your membership/certification status.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the other board members if you ever have a question about our association, we would be glad to help any way we can.

March 2015 Treasurer's Report-Carol Larson:

3/1/2015	Beg. Bal	\$15,953.54	
	Income	\$1,150.00	(Membership dues)
	Expenses	(\$176.23)	
3/31/2015	ENDING BALANCE	\$16,927.31	

MEETING MINUTES UPDATE- March 2015**WyVTA Meeting March 2, 2015**

Attendance: Cambria Harmon, Carol Larson, Deana Baker, Melanie Beardsley, Kris Paige, Kati Martin Kati Martin: President Kati Martin called the meeting to order.

Melanie Beardsley: CE Fall Seminar Report. Possible prospects:

1. Animal Behavior Associates (animal behavior referral center) in Denver. One of their doctors has contacted me and they are willing to come up and speak for us. She will be getting me an estimate this week. Topics possible: feline environmental enrichment, puppy/kitten development/training, etc.

Suggestions from attendees: litter box issues, aggressive dogs, low stress handling, keeping the animals and their owners calm in the exam rooms Fear biters/children.

2. Teri Sprague. She has done some veterinary horsemanship classes at CSU. I have not heard back from her.

Carol Larson: March 2015 Treasurer's Report

1. I received a ton of 2015 membership checks from Faith yesterday that I will deposit tomorrow. The deposit will be \$1,150.00, which will bring our balance up to \$17,103.54.
2. I have receipts from Jackie for the web site and a little postage. The total is \$176.33 and I will need the okay to pay her. *Melanie Beardsley: I make a motion we reimburse Jackie for the website expenses.* Deana Baker: 2nd.

Kati Martin: Results: 5 in favor, no abstentions or nay votes; motion passed. Carol will reimburse Jackie for the website fees.

Deana Baker: EWC contact report: I haven't heard anything back from them. I might have to try and call them. They contacted me last month. I responded via email to their queries about the student representatives.

Carol Larson: There was a check from EWC in the batch that Faith sent for \$20.00, but I don't know who the membership was for. I had some checks from clinics and some cash that I don't know who the memberships were for. I will e-mail Faith. Deana Baker: Unfortunately, I am not sure about that. Hopefully a membership form was filled out.

Kati Martin: Faith will have record, I hope. Alright, with that said, we are on to new news. As you all heard last week, Faith is resigning and we need someone to step up and help fill in the blanks.

Carol Larson: Kati, if you want to have Faith mail the stuff to you, I can help you until we find someone else. But don't want it long term.

Kati Martin: Deana, I will wait to hear from you by Wednesday. Will have Faith get it mailed to either you, me, or your person. Thanks, Carol. Let's hope Deana's person will do it; otherwise, that sounds great.

Deana Baker: I may have a possible replacement for Faith for Secretary. She is one of my co-workers. She is very passionate and good about getting things done. She is willing to do this once she passes (aces) the VTNE.

Cambria Harmon: Does anyone else have ideas for how NAVTA can help the association?

Kati Martin: Cambria, thank you for stepping up and offering to stay on the board considering your situation.

Cambria Harmon: Well, if anyone has ideas for NAVTA, please e-mail me.

Kris Paige: Newsletter: Can someone please get me a membership list, along with email addresses? I need it to send out the newsletter!

Carol Larson: The newsletter looked great. I just skimmed it quick before the meeting.

Kati Martin: I sent Faith a text and told her you need that Kris. I do not have one; otherwise, I would send it to you. If you want to email her and bug her, that might help too. I guess the best we can do is just use the email list in the WyVTA contact list and go from there for now. Until next time, we can hopefully get a list by then.

Kati Martin: Received motion, second, and unanimous to adjourn meeting. Next meeting April 5, 2015; 8pm in the VSPN Meeting Room.

MEETING MINUTES UPDATE- April 2015

WyVTA Meeting April 5, 2015

Attendance: Cambria Harmon, Carol Larson, Tessa Schmidt, Melanie Beardsley, Tom Page, Kris Paige, Kati Martin, Nanette Walker Smith

President Kati Martin called the meeting to order.

Carol Larson: Treasurer's Report:

- In March, I deposited \$1150.00 in memberships and paid out \$176.23 to Jackie for Website fees and postage.
- The balance is \$16,927.31.
- Bills: I have 2 invoices from Jackie for \$44.00 each for the March and April Website that I need an okay to pay.

Nanette Walker Smith: **Motion to approve paying the \$88.00 to Jackie for website bills.**

Cambria Harmon: I second.

Kati Martin: 6 approvals, none opposed; motion passes. Carol will send Jackie the \$88.00 total for website fees. With that said, we need to discuss a debit card for these types of charges.

Discussion re monthly payments for website – use of debit card, pay year in full, other options.

Carol Larson: What we need is a credit or debit card to pay for the web site monthly. Jackie is paying with hers right now and we reimburse monthly.

Kati Martin: The only reason is not having to reimburse every single month for charges; have to pre-approve every month currently. Nanette

Walker Smith: A debit card is not advised: it allows one person total access to monies with no accountability, the ability to drain an account with little or no record. Website should be able to be paid from the checking account; draw from the bank account (ACH). We should be able to pay for a year at a time as well.

Cambria Harmon: Can you do a prepaid debit? That requires you to put money on it before you can use it.

Kati Martin: That would be nice, Nanette, Carol, when you send her the reimbursement, will you stick a note about checking into an annual payment in the envelope?

Tom Page: Do we know if we would receive a better price with an annual payment?

Carol Larson: Good question, Tom. I will ask Jackie.

Carol Larson: And Nanette, didn't you have some invoices to send me for postage, too?

Nanette Walker Smith: I do, and will scan and send as soon as the meeting is over. The total for the CBs packet that we sent around for everyone's signature and then the final mailing to the IRS (I only had to buy one more priority mail stamp) was \$40.35. I used up the extra two envelopes you guys saved by hand carrying for other IRS mailings.

Kris Paige: **I move to pay Nanette for her postage expenses for the Constitution and Bylaws signing and IRS reinstatement packet mailings.**

Melanie Beardsley: Second

Kati Martin: 7 approved; no opposed; Motion passed. Carol will send \$40.35 to Nanette once she receives the email of receipts.

IRS non-profit reinstatement status:

Carol Larson: As treasurer, my next question is what is the IRS status? Do I still need to do a tax form for 2014? Don't have a clue what I need to do.

Nanette Walker Smith: We do not have a response on which form to file. Do you have something in hand, Carol? At this point, the forms, explanations, examples, documentation - all 80-90 pages (I lost track) is in their hands; I'm sure they will come back again. Yes, we have something to cover about that tonight. Because paperwork is in process, we just sit tight; for that, they do say DO NOT FILE anything. Did the Secretary of State postcard/information get sent in for this year yet? There should be an update card.

Carol Larson: We will not do anything until we hear from the IRS. I don't know anything about a card for the Secretary of State. Nanette Walker Smith: They send it annually I believe; it may be biannual. But if not, we need to update them with our new PO Box information. I'll pull that document out and contact them then, and let them know where we are with the IRS stuff.

Update on Secretary documents status:

Cambria Harmon: Is the new secretary in charge of membership cards? Or can you guys tell me who is. My card has my last name completely wrong on it. I did receive mine, but my last name isn't Martin.

Kati Martin: Faith said that she sent out the secretary stuff to Deana yesterday, and Carol will be receiving a shipping bill for \$100.00 that we will need to approve for reimbursement. Tessa, I have a feeling that you will be receiving a lot of certification/membership cards to send out.

Carol Larson: Thanks Tessa! I'm afraid it will take a while to straighten out. I have received my membership card but not my certification renewal, and think that is the case for lots.

Tessa Schmidt: No problem there. I am ready to take on my duties.

Kati Martin: Perfect Tessa, I am so excited for you and love your enthusiasm! The best idea I have is to email Tessa. She can then start sorting that out after she gets it so she will have a paper trail of who needs fixed.

Tessa Schmidt: My email is tschmidt0811@gmail.com I have my email on my phone so there is no way I will be able to miss anything.

Carol Larson: I am not ok with this \$100.00 bill from Faith. This seems excessive.

Kati Martin: Do you want to wait and see what the bill has on it and approve that next month, Carol?

Tessa Schmidt: I will have a better idea of what I can handle and take on once I get all the details of everything and what all my office entails.

Carol Larson: Yes, I would rather see the invoices for the postage.

Nanette Walker Smith: IMHO, I think it would be best if Tessa just treats this as starting from scratch and sends membership and certificate cards out once she creates the membership list from the applications.

Cambria Harmon: I'll also update NAVTA with the secretary change and the e-mail address for you.

Official Welcome of Tessa Schmidt to the Office of Secretary for 2015

Nanette Walker Smith: We need to officially swear in the new secretary; vote her in to replace Faith officially.

Tom Page: **I motion to officially place Tessa Schmidt in the 2015 Secretary position.**

Kati Martin: 6 approved, none opposed. Motion approved that Tessa Schmidt is our new secretary. Welcome to the club, Tessa.

IRS documentation: Amendment Proposal: Dissolution of the Association – dispensation of funds

**This is a required portion of our Bylaws per the IRS for non-profit filing. *This takes effect ONLY if the association ever decides to dissolve or vote to cease to exist.*

Nanette Walker Smith: The dissolution we motioned and approved at the January 2015 meeting:

WyVTA Meeting January 5, 2015

Attendance: Cambria Harmon, Carol Larson, Deana Baker, Melanie Beardsley, Faith Makepeace, Tom Page, Jackie Van Noy, Nanette Walker Smith, Kati Martin Carol Larson

Kati Marti: I so move that we choose the ASPCA poison control and/or scholarships to benefit Wyoming residents to be put in the dissolution proposal to the IRS.

Melanie Beardsley: I second.

Kati Martin: Opposed?

6 ayes, none opposed, motion passes.

Motion passes to put ASPCA poison control and/or scholarships to benefit Wyoming residents to be put in the dissolution proposal to the IRS.

We need to vote on to place in our amendments to the constitution and bylaws to be legit for the IRS – this dissolution was not a requirement when the association was founded and initially exempted by the IRS.

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**A majority vote of the attending membership at a general meeting (monthly meetings qualify as all members are welcome, we need to document member status with the vote).

- **We will need to publicize this to get members to attend the May meeting (better than just the board there).**
- I have emails out to Julie Legred of NAVTA, Ramona Crane who sits on the CVTEA, and Kara Burns who has her hands and knowledge everywhere (as well as was co-director of NAVTA during the transition), and Scott Keller (pres) and Teresa Sonsthagen (treasurer) of AVTE to find out WHO we address the 'organization' portion to. We need to know that for the IRS. My fear is that it will need to be a foundation such as AVMF or something which is not a tech based group. I'm not sure the associations themselves can disseminate monies, depending on their constitution and bylaws.
SO - I'm hoping to have a response by April 14th at the very latest, because this information needs to be published and to our membership by the 19th in order to be voted upon by the membership at our next general meeting (which is our every monthly Sunday meeting).

We voted on what we wanted to do with the money in January. IRS wants the clause AND they want it in the CBs. In order for it to be added to the CBs, we have to amend them.

Kati Martin: We just need to get a newsletter typed up and sent out stating what we are doing with it and asking the membership to come to the next meeting to vote on it being put in our CB's?

Nanette Walker Smith: Fortunately, **when we revised those last September, we included that amendments could be made if in writing were brought to the board by 5 active members, at least 30 days prior to a general meeting.** Yeah, exactly; a lot of work for something that hopefully will never happen. But they are specific in their instructions and if it's not in the documentation (which it currently isn't), the documents won't go through.

Melanie Beardsley: We could put something about it on the Facebook page, too.

Nanette Walker Smith: What I need is at least 4 of you to pipe in and say "I propose we amend the CBs to include a dissolution statement per our discussion at the January 2015 meeting."

Kati Martin: I propose we amend the CBs to include a dissolution statement per our discussion at the January 2015 meeting.

Kris Paige: I propose we amend the CBs to include a dissolution statement per our discussion at the January 2015 meeting.

Tom Page: I propose we amend the CBs to include a dissolution statement per our discussion at the January 2015 meeting.

Tessa Schmidt: I propose we amend the CBs to include a dissolution statement per our discussion at the January 2015 meeting.

Cambria Harmon: I propose we amend the CBs to include a dissolution statement per our discussion at the January 2015 meeting.

Nanette Walker Smith: Now, I will light a fire under the folks I have emails to and call Julie Horvath at AVMA/CVTEA as well about the scholarship thing so that it is addressed appropriately.

This means the next newsletter MUST BE OUT absolutely no later than the 19th, preferably the 15th.

Nanette Walker Smith: Tessa, if you can first and foremost get a mailing list created out of the membership stuff you have (I'll send you a template excel sheet if you are comfy working with those) that will be key for Kris and I for the newsletter.

Newsletter Update:

Kris Paige: Yes, Ma'am! All who have something to have in the newsletter, you need to get it to me krispaige@mac.com promptly!

Nanette Walker Smith: Kris will handle the Facebook post for the newsletter, and I'll handle the one for the VSPN MB-WyVTA folder.

Tessa Schmidt: No problem. As soon as I get everything, I will get on that. Excel is no stranger to me.

WyVTA Veterinary Technician Student Scholarship 2015

Kati Martin: We need to think about a due date and an amount for the scholarship to tell the school. Our bylaws do not state either, and Cristi Semmler (former director) is inquiring about it.

Nanette Walker Smith: Correct Kati; we have NOTHING in our CBs about amount, frequency, criteria to qualify, criteria to select, etc.

Kati Martin: Now we need to decide on a dollar amount for our scholarship and the exact application due date.

Nanette Walker Smith: For the IRS documentation, I used the application we have. Stated we offer it to any AVMA accredited program student annually. \$150-\$250 dollars has been the amount. They can reapply annually if they want. Based on academics and information sent with the application requirements. We have given ONE out to my knowledge. It was one that applied and got the application successfully filled out and all the documentation arrived.

Discussion was held re amount and frequency of the scholarship and how much direction the WyVTA should give for its use.

- One (1) \$500 scholarship offered for fall semester to enrolled Wyoming residents of AVMA accredited VT programs, recommendation to use for college expenses related to the degree
- Subcommittee to form to determine details.

Nanette Walker Smith: **'Committee' brings the final 'package' to the board next month, and proposes an amendment for a vote by membership at the JUNE meeting, because the applications would be due June 30.** As our July meeting, I believe is a week later due to the 4th of July, so it gives them time to get to the PO Box. Wyoming residents is what I said on IRS; meaning online students can apply as well. Which means if they see it in the NAVTA journal, they can apply; encourages Wyomingites to get involved with the association.

Melanie Beardsley: This date is going to be the same every year, right? I think we need to be mindful of something that will work for us in the future and not just for students this year.

Kati Martin: That sounds good. Do you think it would be worth jump starting students now to watch for it in June?

Cambria Harmon: I have to have the information by May 1st to get it in the June/July issue. It may be too late at that point. The April/May issue was due on March 12th.

Nanette Walker Smith: **Definitely. BIG NEWS - WyVTA has increased the scholarship it offers annually to one Wyoming resident that is an enrolled student in an AVMA accredited veterinary technology program to \$500.00. Our new application is coming soon, stay tuned to our website at www.wyvta.org and watch for our newsletter for more information. (Application available on the website soon.)**

The application will be due June 30th for the scholarship to be awarded for the fall semester of 2015.

Kati Martin: Sounds great! I will post on Facebook and update Cristi as well.

Carol Larson: Sounds good. Then we will need a date to send the money to the student.

Kati Martin: We need to get this started into an amendment.

Nanette Walker Smith: Kati, please forward the link to the meeting minutes to me so I can pull the transcript. Tessa will have her hands full with the membership stuff. I'll take care of the minutes this month, too.

Kati Martin: The money should be sent by August 15th? Will do, Nanette.

Melanie Beardsley: That only gives us a 6 week window to go through applications.

Nanette Walker Smith: I would LOVE to see us **PRESENT this to the student at the fall CE seminar.** Send it to NAVTA for the News, etc. etc. We take a picture AT the CE event awarding the money to the student. Send that to the NAVTA news, reporting the CE event and the award.

Carol Larson: What is the criteria if we get slammed with applications?

Nanette Walker Smith: Carol, that is why we need a small group 'committee' to go through the application (start with that, it's actually got a decent outline of stuff to think about), and get this in a list for a letter for the application AND a list out of the criteria.

Cambria Harmon: Okay, that will work then. Just need a lot of stuff discussed tonight to send to NAVTA, and just want to make sure I had some time to write it all up.

Nanette Walker Smith: Cambria, will be in the newsletter. Although I can send the minutes to the board if y'all want them before the newsletters so you have them sooner?

Tom Page: Nanette, you are saying there is an application criteria for the reviewer?

Kati Martin: For now, we need to come back next month with our criteria; to merge and create one solid criteria for our scholarships.

Nanette Walker Smith: **I motion for a single \$500.00 scholarship to a Wyoming resident (will need to verify residency) attending an AVMA accredited Veterinary Technology Program (certified transcript) enrolled in the fall semester (need to see how soon we can get that information relative to the decision making and include what happens if they withdraw). Tentative application is due June 30th with the award to be presented at Fall CE event.**

Kris Paige: I second.

Nanette Walker Smith: Subcommittee will be formed to outline new application details, criteria review process, and amendment proposal prior to next board meeting.

Kati Martin: 7 approved, none opposed. Motion passed, we will continue with our scholarship at \$500.00 a year from here on out. Are we building a committee for this tonight?

Nanette Walker Smith: Mel/Kati - I think this is all a viable discussion for the committee as part of the amendment proposal; whether or not to propose a new committee, (Article VI Section 2 H - would be the designation most likely) time for volunteers who are on deck to complete this before May 3rd :)

Cambria Harmon: I will certainly try. I'm probably taking an emergency job in the next week, but I will volunteer. I don't live there anymore, but I can help via e-mail or phone.

Tom Page: I have never worked on something like this before, but I am willing to help.

Melanie Beardsley: My life is out of control right now trying to decide if I want to add to it. :/ It would be fairly easy for Tom and me to get together in person, potentially to work on this.

Nanette Walker Smith: I think you guys can handle it. If you need to bounce stuff, bounce off of me, but do your best first :)

Kati Martin: I have faith in you three to handle this. I am also willing to bounce answers, just not very stable here either for a while.

Nanette Walker Smith: Start with the application that's on the website. If you both start with that and put notes together within the week, and Mel and Tom can put heads together with Tom and Cambria's list in a week or so, that will give you a really good head start.

Tom Page: We can set aside some time to brainstorm because I don't really know where to start. I have a few folks I can ask.

Kati Martin: **Scholarship Subcommittee: Cambria, Tom, and Mel will work on the scholarship criteria, application details, and review process, and put an amendment proposal together, and we will reconvene in May.**

Nanette Walker Smith: Remember, you need an introduction letter, purpose of the scholarship, desire for its use (recommendations, but not requirements), requirements for submission (see above, but also consider letters of recommendation from instructor, veterinarian, fellow students, etc.) Don't make it overwhelming, but it needs to be a little more than just the application :) Then as you come up with that - jot down criteria that would + or - an applicant :) you got it!!! If you get it together by the 25th and want me to look at it, send it - we'll see if we can get a close to final to send to the board before next meeting for everyone to review first.

Melanie Beardsley-Fall CE Seminar Update:

Motel and speakers are a go for **September 19th, Ramkota Inn, Casper, WY**

Sponsors:

Tom, I know you talked to Monica from Merial and she said she would help us out.

Cambria Harmon: You may have to keep pushing her. She can be difficult to get to follow through sometimes.

Kris Paige: We can put the CE information, at least a quick blurb, in the newsletter!

Kati Martin: I will check with Lynn with Zoetis as he has done it the past 3 years.

Tom Page: I also have contact with Sean Ryan at Zoetis, and Ron Rome at Patterson.

Carol Larson: We have Steve Wilke with Zoetis that helped out last year.

Cambria Harmon: Ceva representative, don't have the contact information anymore, but they might be willing to help.

Melanie Beardsley: Have we talked to Abaxis, Heska, Idexx, etc. in the past?

Melanie Beardsley: Kati, can you talk to Steve again if you have his number?

Carol Larson: Whoever the Hills representative in Casper would be good to check with too.

Tom Page: We have a new Hills representative. Don't know the name yet.

Tom Page: I will put a bug in Sean's ear. Do you need Monica's number from Merial?

Tom Page: We can also put that there is a 1/2 marathon the next day for folks that want to play with the antelope.

Kati Martin: It would be best to propose to the sponsors what expenses you have and what you need them to cover so they can have it approved all at once.

Melanie Beardsley: How did you do that in the past? I have an estimate from the speakers; but food, etc. for the day is yet to be determined.

Kati Martin: We just guesstimate the food, and it usually ends up being right under \$1000.00.

Carol Larson: Lynn From Zoetis has paid \$1,000.00 towards the food for the last couple of years.

Kati Martin: You can already get room rates and then find out from the speaker their travel expense (flying/driving).

Kati Martin: What topics are being covered?

Melanie Beardsley: Cats thinking outside the box, puppy development and appropriate training, Dog/child safe interactions, and safe/low stress handling in the practice.

Melanie Beardsley: Alright. I will narrow down estimates for the speakers then regulate flying vs. driving and how many rooms/nights they are wanting.

Kati Martin: Lots of estimation on expenses (make sure to be on high end) when sending to sponsors. Perfect, Mel!

Cambria Harmon: I can also talk to NAVTA and see if they might have ideas too.

Nanette Walker Smith: **I motion to adjourn.**

Melanie Beardsley: Second.

Kati Martin: 6 approved, none opposed. Meeting adjourned, see you all May 3rd.

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NEXT MEETING: Sunday, May 3 at 8pm - COME ONE, COME ALL!

Long hours, nasty roads, really want dinner and your slippers? Member of WYVTA?

Have we got an offer for you! **Our meetings are on line!!!**

No driving, no getting dressed, no "yet another thing to go to out in the cold and dark." Just pour yourself your favorite libation, keep your fuzzy duck slippers and comfy sweats on, and click on the link below which takes you to the VSPN Message Boards, where you'll find the link to the Meeting Room, and all the dates for our next meetings! <http://www.vin.com/doc/?Id=6610919&SAId=2&IsMBLink=1>

Just in case you want to print out the meeting schedule to post on your fridge, or copy it onto your phone, here you go:

May 3 Please attend! Lots of changes being made. We need you to come, discuss/participate, and vote--in the VSPN meeting room: <http://www.vin.com/Members/Unity3/Unity.plx?R=VSPNMEET>

June 7

July 12 (*second Sunday due to 4th of July weekend)

August 2

September 13 (*second Sunday due to Labor day weekend - tentative dependent on Fall CE dates)

October 4

November 1

December 6

For more information:

Kati Martin, WyVTA President (koliver15@yahoo.com) www.wyvta.org

There's a ton of new information there, and a direct link to the VSPN meeting room on the Calendar of Events page. There is also a copy of the newsletters, present and past. Best of all, there are job listings, our membership application, scholarship application, and for you new techs, a certification application!

Check it out and don't forget to "friend" us on [Facebook](#)