

WYVTA Newsletter

Letter from the President

President's Message: Kati Martin, CVT

Hello again to all of you great members. Here we are almost through February and almost into our third month of the year. On that note, September will be here before we know it and that brings our CE to the table. Melanie, our Vice President and CE chairman, has been hard at work at trying to get our CE moving and planned. ***If you have any ideas for Melanie of what you would like to see at this year's CE please feel free to email her at: mel_z_55@hotmail.com.*** I know Faith has been hard at work trying to sort through all of the membership mailings and is getting them all ready to mail out to everyone.

We would like to **welcome our newly certified technicians; Tessa Anderson, Kristen Baker, Faith Makepeace and Brenda Smith.**

The current number of members is **69 Certified Veterinary Technicians** representing **Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, and Montana.**

Don't forget **we meet every first Sunday of the month at 8:00pm Mountain Time in the VSPN Meeting Room.** We would love to see each and every one of you there to share your opinions and join in the decision making of YOUR association. Visit www.VSPN.org and go to the **Chat/Rounds** page and scroll to the bottom of the page to find your way into our meeting room and meetings every month.

VSPN Meeting Room Schedule

(VSPN Meeting Room: <http://www.vin.com/Members/Unity3/Unity.plx?R=VSPNMEET>)

Click on the button or link to access the meeting room; using Flash Player.

Associations and Colleges

- FVTA (Florida) General Membership Meeting - last Thursday of the month at 8 PM ET. Contact Karen Moss kmoss@mdc.edu or check the website at <http://thefvta.net/>
- NJVTA Board Meeting - First Monday at 9 PM ET and Third Wednesday at 9 PM ET
- TARVT (Texas) Executive Board only - First Wednesday of every month at 8 PM CT
- **WyVTA (Wyoming) - General Membership Meeting - first Sunday of the month at 8 PM MT**

COME ONE, COME ALL!

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

Are you a Member of WYVTA?

Have we got an offer for you!

Our meetings are online!!!

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:

<http://www.vin.com/doc/?>

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This link takes you to the VSPN Message Boards (in the "Association/Foundation Boards" where you'll find the link to the Meeting Room, Board Member contacts, and **the dates for our next meetings** (listed below for your convenience)!

For 2015, just in case you want to print out the meeting schedule to post on your fridge, or copy it onto your phone,

WyVTA meeting dates are as follows:

- March 1
- April 5
- May 3
- June 7
- July 12 (**second Sunday due to 4th of July weekend*)
- August 2
- September 13 (**second Sunday due to Labor dayweekend - tentative dependent on Fall CE dates*)
- October 4
- November 1
- December 6

For more information:

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TREASURER'S REPORT



Beginning Balance	1/1/2015	\$15,693.54
Income	Membership Dues	\$260.00
Expenses		\$0.00
Ending Balance	2/20/2015	\$15,953.54

www.wyvta.org

New, upgraded website!

www.wyvta.org

Check out our new LOOK to our website! Our webmaster, Jackie Van Noy, has been working hard, and the new website is awesome!

There's a ton of new information there and even a direct link to the VSPN meeting room on the Calendar of Events page.

Check it out and don't forget to "friend" us on our **Facebook** page as well!

Journal of the Association of Veterinary Technology Educators, JAVTE

Call for Papers – Inaugural Issue

'Best Practices in Veterinary Technology Education'

'Best Practice' manuscripts should discuss innovative and successful programs or practices. Current educator forums across disciplines identify best practices as being challenging, engaging, learner centered, and incorporate active learning techniques.

The Journal of the Association of Veterinary Technician Educators (JAVTE), a peer-reviewed, scholarly journal, is the official publication of the Association of Veterinary Technician Educators (AVTE). Its purpose is to act as an international publication encouraging collaboration among veterinary technology educators relating to the understanding and/or improvement of educational processes and outcomes, organizational issues in education, concepts of teaching and learning, and student engagement based upon research, observations, and experience relevant to the field.

AVTE Member Survey Results drive JAVTE

Topics for issues have been selected based upon the response of the AVTE membership to the 2014 JAVTE survey. The top five content items identified by the members were Best Teaching Practices, Curriculum and Instruction, Critical Thinking, Measurement, Evaluation, and Assessment, and Student Development and Learning Principles.

Submission Process and Deadlines

Papers will be reviewed using the JAVTE double-blind peer-review process and should be prepared using the JAVTE author guidelines. Submission of papers is the author's acknowledgement of and agreement to JAVTE's ethical duties of the author policy.

Inaugural Issue (*continued*) – Best Practices (June 2015)

Scheduled delivery for this inaugural issue is mid-June 2015.

Manuscripts must be submitted by February 27, 2015 to JAVTEEditor@gmail.com

Issue No. 2 – Curriculum and Instruction (November 2015)

Scheduled delivery for this inaugural issue is first week of November 2015.

Manuscripts must be submitted by July 10, 2015 to JAVTEEditor@gmail.com

Let's Catch You Up On Minutes....

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

2015 Executive Board:

President: Kati Martin, CVT

Vice President: Melanie Beardsley, CVT

Secretary: Faith Makepeace, CVT

Treasurer: Carol Larson, CVT

NAVTA Rep: Cambria Harmon, CVT

Member-at-Large: Kris Paige, CVT

Member-at-Large: Tom Paige, CVT

Website Webmaster: Jackie Van Noy, CVT

Newsletter: Kris Paige, CVT

EWC Student Board: freshman class & sophomore class: open

Membership Committee Chair: Faith Makepeace, CVT

Past President: Deana Baker, CVT

and Advisor/co-founder (non Board position): Nanette Walker Smith

Kati Martin (President) called the meeting to order.

1. Jackie Van Noy acquired WyVTA a PO Box in Cody. Our new permanent address is:

WyVTA

PO Box 34

Cody, WY 82414

2. Jackie has also begun forwarding membership updates and renewals to Faith Makepeace. Faith confirmed she's been receiving them.

3. **Deana Baker: I move that the treasurer pay Jackie Van Noy for the post office box rental and postage for mailing membership and certification items to Faith (\$151.17 total).**

a. Faith Makepeace: I second.

b. 6 ayes, none opposed, motion passes. Receipts will be filed with the treasurer.

Carol Larson: Treasurer's Report

1. We received the check from Zoetis

2. I have gotten some memberships.

3. I sent a check to Nanette for the IRS for \$400.00

a. Nanette Walker Smith: I received the IRS check via mail. Thank you Carol.

4. I will pay Jackie \$151.17 for expenses.

5. Our current balance is \$15,693.54.

Jackie Van Noy: Website Report

Jackie reported the website is back up and running with new forms. Most of the broken links are now fixed; however, the Facebook link is causing the most issue and is still not working correctly.

- Nanette recommended Jackie check with the tech support team from eVetsites to help as that is their job.

- Kati asked how do board members get a username/password to make edits on the website. Can we have just one for everyone to use or are individual ones better? Jackie didn't answer this question, yet.

- Tom, Melanie, and Faith all reported the website looked really nice and forms were loading and printing for all.

- Carol asked about payments due to Jackie for website expenses. Jackie reported she didn't have the website expenses yet. Carol asked if she was okay with waiting until next meeting so the board could see the expenses breakdown since it will be the first time we've seen these.

Cambria Harmon: NAVTA Rep:

Carol Larson (outgoing NAVTA Rep) let NAVTA know Cambria is the new representative. Cambria will submit an application to NAVTA and enclose a note with it; hopefully that will help.

Nanette added that NAVTA is WAY behind on memberships, so submit for 2015 and just assume it will go through.

WyVTA Meeting January 5, 2015 (continued)**Deana Baker: EWC Student Representative, etc:**

Deana received an email from one of the instructors about the class representatives. She responded back with that information, as well as the student chapter membership and the scholarship that we have had only one recipient for since its inception. She hasn't heard anything back, but they are still on holiday. Kati stated we would table that discussion until next month then so they have time to come back from break and contact you. Rumors are the program is struggling.

Melanie Beardsley: CE Fall Seminar Update:

1. Tom may have connections via a coworker for the Ramkota. Faith stated she's interested in helping with the CE planning process
2. Kati stated the Ramkota is great to work with and expecting us again once we have a date to work with. We signed a document tentatively planning to hold our next Fall conference there. We need to get a date set fast. Might be good to get with them first and find a date before we find a speaker/speakers.
3. Suggestions included:
 - James Gaynor Anesthesia Boot Camp: <http://www.peakvets.com/VetsTechs/BootCamps.html>. normally a 3 day event
 - Kim Spelts is great too and she's Colorado Springs
 - Rebecca Rose (who does Practice Management) to do a dual track maybe and get more people (i.e. technicians and front desk/managers)?
4. Places were discussed: Casper is the most central, on a major highway with an airport. Sheridan has been used, at the community college, and EWC Torrington.
5. Nanette reminded about other dates to be considerate about: Colorado dates (CVMA, CACVT, and CSU veterinary school events) since we draw from Northern CO folks and Casper is on a major highway with an airport.
6. Additional CE options discussed:
 - a. WVMA cooperative – difficult due to Ex Dir being hard to approach (Vicki Smith) although she is willing to talk. Deana suggested going through the WVMA president if someone knows Dr. Meeboer well.
 - b. Reminder to keep veterinarians welcome to attend and keep that 'team' atmosphere. Cambria recommended asking the vets we work with to see what they'd like to see to complete that thought.

Nanette Walker Smith: IRS Submittal for Non Profit Re-instatement

1. Dissolution information: I need for the IRS paperwork to determine where we'd send the money should we dissolve the association. The top runners were ASPCA (and Deana's point specific to their pet poison control program as it can directly affect Wyoming which is the only way currently it would), NAVTA general fund, WVMA general fund, and/or a scholarship(s) for AVMA approved programs. The plan is that I'll be asking them with this list you all approve, about how specific we need to be. There are a couple of other questions on there where it says we can 'ask' for them to evaluate where we fall for nonprofit status and that's what I intend to do.
2. Carol Larson: That sounds good, Nanette. I would like to see the money stay in Wyoming, or benefit Wyoming if possible, if it comes to that.
3. Nanette Walker Smith: We can list these, and in the meantime, ask the CVTEA about means/methods for dissolution of funds for scholarships; that way it could be any Wyoming student requesting a scholarship to any school they choose to attend.
4. Carol Larson: Nanette, do you need a motion? And would we need to amend bylaws?
5. Nanette Walker Smith: I'd say a motion to put these into the dissolution proposal to the IRS since it will be an 'asking question' to them first. Then when they come back with their final ruling on our status, what else we need to do, etc. that question will also be answered and from there we can add it to a motion for an amendment (and a determination of when we need to do that). I'll ask them that as well.
6. **Carol Larson: 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.**

7. Secretary of State: I will be contacting to check if we need to redo our nonprofit corporation paperwork. We shouldn't have to, but their form is really confusing. We will have to do a filing once all this IRS stuff is finished, a \$25 fee, but I want to be sure that is not NOW, but later.
8. I think everything else will come together. Lots of extra paper, referencing back to the document, and then back over it again to make sure I have all the check boxes appropriately done. I don't think a motion to pay for this is necessary now; we can wait until I get one.
9. I'll get the bill in for the mailing for signatures too. I am behind on my invoicing.

Kati Martin: I will adjourn the meeting now. See you all on February 1st.

**NEEDED ASAP!!! WyVTA Secretary**

Due to ensuing relocation, Faith Makepeace, our Secretary, has put forth her resignation. She's gotten a big chunk of the hard stuff accomplished for the time being. Training comes with this position (as does board support).

**So please consider stepping up and helping your association NOW!
Contact Kati Martin at koliver15@yahoo.com as soon as possible!**

WyVTA Meeting February 1, 2015

Attendance: Cambria Harmon, Carol Larson, Nanette Walker Smith, Kati Martin, Roxane Rocks, Tom Page

Kati opened the meeting with a call for **Old Business**:

1. **EWC Communication – no report** from Deana received
2. **Website update – no report** from Jackie received; we were waiting to hear from Jackie on how much to approve to reimburse her on the website expense. I guess we will table that until next month.
3. **IRS Reinstatement report** – Nanette reported we are awaiting a response
4. **Newsletter update** – Kris is back from her trip, but has a couple of family issues interrupting right now. Nanette will contact her tonight and see if we can get a short February newsletter out as soon as possible.
 - a. Highly recommend that the meeting minutes get summarized asap (Faith needs to compile and get to Kati for review to get to Kris to add before the 15th after the link to the log comes the day after the meeting (i.e. within a week and that those minutes get sent out to the board for review so action items get 'acted upon' and folks know what needs to be done prior to next month's meeting as well as have read the minutes.
 - b. We just need to keep basic information out there to members. The newsletter needs to include minutes (can be an edited version of our raw log which), President Message, Treasurer Report, upcoming CE information, and EWC information if we have any.
 - c. Carol asked about the treasurer's report: I can send Kris a treasurer's report each month. But some months there is no activity in the account. Nanette responded: For the treasurer's report we would do something like beginning balance = x income is 0, expenses = 0, ending balance = x. At least that way it's recorded. That is what the IRS wants.
 - d. Short article - easiest way to do that if we don't pull something from VetPartners or something is to have one of us write something.
 - e. The important ones are for the CE and any other crucial meetings.
 - f. Kati suggested adding job postings like WVMA does. This could be a potential income generator
 - g. Target date is the 15th for send out so folks have 2 weeks minimum prior to the next meeting to get it on their radar.

Membership & Certification Update – Faith:

1. Membership apps are coming in, no one has received their membership info yet. & hopefully Jackie is still helping Faith with that certification paperwork aspect; that aspect is a bit to get rolling.
2. Kati/Carol will contact Faith this week to check in on her and make sure she is sending checks in to deposit

Meetings and Planning:

Nanette reminded everyone to stick the first Sunday of the month on your calendars now at 8:00 pm Mountain Time in the VSPN Meeting Room online. **For 2015, meeting dates are as follows:**

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Treasurer's Report: Carol Larson:

1. I will get a treasurer's report out to the board in the morning.
2. Kati and I did get her on the account, so that is taken care of.
3. Kati emailed the bank the minutes needed to state that she was to be added to the signature card and haven't heard back. She'll will be checking with them soon to verify they received it.
4. Carol had to go back in as she couldn't get into the online account and get that reset. The bank did not say there was any problem.

Next Month's Agenda:

- EWC update
- Website update – and pay Jackie back
- IRS resolution?
- Fall CE – date(s) and potential topics

Kati respectfully adjourned the meeting. **'See' everyone on March 1st. 8pm MT**

