# **April 2023 Newsletter**

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- Taeha Collins, CVT; <a href="mailto:President@wyvta.org">President 2022</a>

Hang in there folks, spring is coming... I think! Meanwhile, WyVTA is working hard on our September continuing educations and staying involved in the upcoming legislation with the Veterinary Practice Act. Stay Warm... stay dry... and never give up!

#### **Vice President**

Tom Page CVT; <u>VicePres@wyvta.org</u>

\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\* The annual continuing education and member meeting will be held September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper. We have a great lineup of RACE approved speakers presenting on numerous topics. Please plan on attending the member meeting during the lunch hour on Sunday. We will be discussing many great things that are happening in our association. We are always looking for members to volunteer for a board position. Please see our website for descriptions and job duties of each position and consider stepping into a board position. Elections take place at the member meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Secretary

#### Jackie Breed, CVT; Secretary@wyvta.org

We would love to see new faces at our monthly meetings!!! Our monthly member meetings are held one Sunday of every month. (see the dates listed below.) Zoom links are sent prior to every meeting. Every member of the WyVTA is invited to join the meeting to see what is going on in our association. We encourage members to attend to stay informed on new legislation, upcoming events, and information on the national level. We do the leg work of bringing the information and updates to the association, and we would love to share it with all members!! We are always looking for new ideas and ways to improve our association and profession. Please consider joining in on our next meeting to see what they are all about. No need to dress to impress... all meetings are held via zoom chat... so no cameras!!

#### **NAVTA Representative**

Hannah Haman, CVT; NAVTARep@wyvta.org

What is NAVTA??

NAVTA is a dynamic community of credentialed veterinary technicians dedicated to advancing the profession of veterinary nursing through advocacy, awareness, and professional development. To provide the greatest support for our members, NAVTA is committed to these 6 areas of focus: continuing education, advocacy, online resources, networking, infrastructure, and publications. For more information and to become a NAVTA member, visit <a href="Home-NAVTA">Home-NAVTA</a>

#### Membership/Certification

#### Beth Zima, CVT; CVT Members@wyvta.org

We continue to have membership applications and renewals coming in. That is great for the growth of our little association! I am working hard to keep up on all of the applications and get them out as soon as possible. This is a process that takes time, and I appreciate everyone's patience!

#### **Past President**

#### Melanie Beardsley, CVT; PastPres@wyvta.org

The scholarship deadline is here! If you know a student finishing their second semester that claims Wyoming residency, and is in an accredited veterinary technology program, please tell them to get their submission in! We will be collecting applications until April 30<sup>th</sup> and announcing a winner soon after. Historically, there have been 0-2 submissions for our scholarships, meaning if you apply, the odds are very high it will be awarded to you!

**Treasurer** 

# Kelly Ferguson, CVT; Treasurer@wyvta.org

Treasurer reports are still a work in progress. There have been paperwork holdups within the bank that are beyond our control that have prevented me from having access to the WyVTA bank account. I should have access soon and have the treasurer reports out to the members.

#### Webmaster-Admin

### Nanette Walker Smith, CVT; wyvta@wyvta.org

Updates have been made on the website in regard to the student scholarship. Visit <a href="www.wyvta.org">www.wyvta.org</a> and click on Student Scholarship to submit an application. Stay tuned for information on the website regarding the 2023 continuing education and member meeting... It will be updated soon!

# DO YOU LIKE FREE MONEY?? Apply for the WyVTA Student Scholarship!!

Minimum Requirements and Limitations DUE BY April 30:

- Students must have completed at least 2 (two) semesters, or semester equivalents, at an AVMA accredited veterinary technology program and be enrolled in the next semester.
- The scholarship is limited to current Wyoming residents only, but the accredited program may be distance education or on site as long as it is an AVMA accredited institution of veterinary technology.
- Individuals may apply annually as long as eligible but may only be awarded the scholarship one time.

All information and application can be found at www.wyvta.org/scholarship-application.pml

# Minutes - PLEASE take the time to review the minutes - a lot going on in our little association and big state!

#### March 5, 2023 WyVTA Member Meeting

Attendance: Taeha Collins, CVT (President); Melanie Beardsley, CVT (Past President); Tom

Page, CVT (Vice President); Jackie Breed, CVT (Secretary); Kelly Ferguson, CVT

(Treasurer); Beth Zima, CVT (Membership & Certification); Hannah Haman, CVT (NAVTA Rep);

Jessica Schinkel, CVT (Member-At-Large); Jackie Van Noy, CVT (Member-At-Large); Nanette

Walker Smith, CVT (Webmaster, Advisor)

Board Members Absent: none

#### Taeha Collins called this meeting to order at 07:08pm.

MINUTES to REVIEW and MOVE to APPROVE: Feburary 5, 2023

Motion to approve minutes as read/corrected: Nanette Walker Smith: Motion to approve Feb 2023 minutes

Tom Page: 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Taeha Collins:** Motion passes to approve the minutes from February 2023

MEDIA COMMITTEE: (Kelly Ferguson, Secretary; Taeha Collins, President; and Beth Zima, Membership/Certification)

1. New brochure finalized for June Vet Meeting?

**Taeha Collins:** I do not have any updates for Media Committee..*Nanette Walker Smith:* Do need to check with Beth about the revision of the brochure she did so those are ready to go for June WVMA. And Taeha, do you have a copy to send with the letter to EWC?

Taeha Collins: I have the copies that Kelly and Tom gave me at the WYVMA meeting.

Nanette Walker Smith: Need to check in with Beth to see where updates she talked about doing have been done and if we have new ones yet. I think those are the original finals.

**Taeha Collins:** Should I hold off sending the letter until we check in with Beth then? I planned on sending it by Tuesday as I will be out of state for a week.

Nanette Walker Smith: No, I think you can send that letter with the BoJangles one. She was going to just update some things on it.

2. Canva subscription-Kelly needs non-profit documentation.

*Nanette Walker Smith:* Kelly, your Notebook has a copy of our EIN paperwork (one sheet) make a copy of it and send that. It specifically states what our status is. That's all they should need.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: (Melanie Beardsley, Past President; Cambria Harmon, Member, Taeha Collins, President)

Finalized Scholarship Application-Awaiting Nanette's finalization. Hopefully published before next meeting.

Melanie Beardsley: We went through it and I think made all of the changes that were discussed. I sent a rough copy to Nanette for finalizing and making look good. (I downloaded an adobe trial so did what I could with my limited skills on that front to make her life easier.)

Taeha Collins: Good Work!! Will we submit it for approval at the next meeting?

Melanie Beardsley: I'm OK removing that part. Wasn't sure in the discussion if we wanted to leave it as an either/or. No it has already been approved through the committee. We will ideally have it published before the next meeting.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: (Tom Page, Jackie Van Noy, Deana Baker, Nanette Smith Walker, Kelly Ferguson)

- 1. LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE of the WVMA and WyVTA exploring VT licensure per request of the Joint Board of Agriculture
- 2. Title Protection for Credentialed Veterinary Technicians
- 3. Meeting is March 6th via Zoom. There is talk about changing CVTs in the Rules

and Regulations but will not affect the VPA at this point. Our brochure is key to educate Wyoming DVMs at the June Meeting so they understand what we are striving to accomplish and what we offer.

Kelly Ferguson: We're having a meeting tomorrow evening, yes? And there has been talk about changing CVT's in the Rules and Regulations with the EB of the WVMA which is not a super easy thing, but it wouldn't be in the practice act. Nanette Walker Smith: Hot topic at AVMA. Wyoming agreed that was out of our scope of attention right now - we have bigger fish to fry just to get the DVMs on board. This is why that brochure and education of the DVMs is going to be a key focus for the WVMA conference in June.

Kelly Ferguson: They're having a sort of "focus group" meeting in Cheyenne. If that goes well, they'll likely have other "focus group" meetings in other parts of the state as well. The subject under discussion for tomorrow night will be that focus group meeting.

Nanette Walker Smith: Yes next meeting is Monday, March 6 via Zoom.

Kelly Ferguson: What they'd ideally like to do is get something in Rules and Regs now for CVT's, and then hopefully make some much needed changes to the VPA of Wyoming, and completely re-vamp the entire thing at a later date. Nanette Walker Smith: The legislature may recommend the VPA sunset and go ahead and put in regs to the VMB now and then we can be regulated by the state, and in the next couple of years work on getting VTs into the VPA as well as multiple other changes that need to be updated over the last 10+ years. There are more hearing about it which is good, emailing the association so for tomorrow we need to discuss having some FAQs to point to by the committee for answers so we aren't disseminating different information.

#### **BOARD REPORTS:**

- 1. Member At Large (Jessica Schinkel and Jackie Van Noy)
- a. Nothing to report this month.
- 2. NAVTA Report (Hannah Haman)
- a. Nothing to report this month.
- b. Hannah got called in-Hopefully will join us later.
- 3. Membership/Certification: Beth Zima
- a. Deverie Mcoy and Catie Glaza-Did you get the forwarded emails from me regarding their membership status? Taeha will touch base with Beth on this.
- 4. Secretary: Jackie Breed
- a. Please submit items in WORD format in Calibri Font 11. That allows us the fastest change over.
- 5. Treasurer Report: Kelly Ferguson
- a. All bills being submitted for reimbursement must be in Treasurer's email box or the WyVTA PO BOX at least 1 week prior to monthly meeting including copy of the receipt with items clearly identified and the First and Last Name of the person who's owed.
- a. Invoices/Bills submitted for reimbursement:
- b. Evetsites
- c. 990 had been filed
- d. Nothing to vote on at this time

Kelly Ferguson: I finally got bank account access Thursday, so I'll hopefully have 3 months-worth of treasurer reports by next meeting. I got the need-to-do things done (990 form, and the check for eVetSites was sent). The IRS accepted our 990 form which is great.

Nanette Walker Smith: Could you please send a copy of that 990 form approval/content to the secretary and to the wyvta@wyvta.org email for back up safe keeping please?

Kelly Ferguson: I will. I also saved it, but definitely good to have with a second party.

- 6. Vice President: Tom Page [FALL CE 2023- September 8-10]
- a. 2022 Annual Meeting and CE form Update
  - a. Update to workbook that will better track the event
  - b. Vote on 2022

#### 2. CE meeting

- a. Speakers: SUNDAY---Jan Woods 8 am till 11am. 3 Hr Race
- 1) Controlled Substances 101: How & Why You Must Comply. Wyoming and Federal Regs Explained is presented by a previous veterinary practice owner to increase DVMs, Practice Managers and Licensed Technicians Federal, State and DEA regulatory compliance awareness, meet opioid continuing education requirements, reduce risk and discuss improved and simplified controlled substance record keeping and

inventory controls. The presentation also includes how to recognize and deal with staff addiction, internal and external theft and how to prepare for and handle a DEA audit in a veterinary practice.

- 2) Jan spoke for the WVMA 2 years ago virtually, due to COVID. She has modified her 3 hour Race lecture to a 4 hour for our Sunday time frame.
- 3) I have reached out to the State to evaluate what the will allow the doctors for this lecture CE. Might have to offer the Doctors the 3 Hours Race certificate.
  - ii. Anesthesia and Pain direction
  - 1) Dr. Bonnie Wright??
    - a) Usage / protocols of controlled substance, pain management
  - iii. Zoetis Pain Meds: Simbadol? LaBrella?Class?
  - iv. Elanco Pain meds: Onsior
  - v. Hills: Donation \$
  - b. Vendors--Starting to work with again
    - i. Hills--Possible sponsor for Hills Vet
    - ii. Cubex--Confirmed that they will sponsor Jan Woods.
    - iii. Idexx--Donation planned
    - iv. Covetrus/Elance--Speaker consideration
    - v. Zoetis---Speaker Consideration
    - vi. Royal Canine--Emails to go out
    - vii. Companion Animal Health--Laser and PRP--Not sure
  - c. Ramkota
    - i. Contract for Friday 9, Sat 10, Sun 11th
    - ii. Friday
      - 1) Room Set up--computers and microphones
      - 2) Kelly Can you do Pictures again
      - 3) Put up Banner and Board Duties
    - iii. Saturday
      - 1) Check in--Beth Can you help here
      - 2) Tom Vendor Setup
      - 3) Tom To Contact Fire Rock to Set up Room for Dinner?
    - iv. Food
      - 1) Lunch: Looks like a Buffet style this year.
      - 2) Drinks: Coffee, Tea, Pop
      - 3) Sat am Snacks: Fruit tray, ???
      - 4) Sat afternoon: Cookies, ???
      - 5) Sun AM: ???

Nanette Walker Smith: Note that this spreadsheet is specifically the Fall CE Event 2022 Expenses and Income Report (for the entire year). Because this event is a major income producer, we need to keep all items regarding it in its own separate section for budgeting and tracking. VP/Treas will submit it by November as completed for the entire year and on the Treasury Report for November will have an income line for Fall CE and Expense line for Fall CE with notes to see the separate report for full disclosure.

Nanette Walker Smith: Jackie B was able to include all Fall CE expenses interspersed into the other Treasury Reports for 2022 so that they are recorded there. So Tom and I discussed that this will be a transition year where they will remain

that way. Then 2024 the Fall CE will be completely separate. Also, we included the SWAG Store items on this form, but that will need to go to its own section as well and be included on the regular treasury report as we'll have a store with continuing sales.

*Melanie Beardsley:* I move we approve the CE accounting sheet as presented here by Tom for 2022 CE. *Tom Page:* 2<sup>nd</sup>

Taeha Collins: Motion passes to approve the expense report from the 2022 CE meeting.

- 7. Past President: Melanie Beardsley
- a. Finalized scholarship application has been sent to Nanette for edits/publishing.
- b. Next projects are Bank issues and shirt order
- 8. Admin-Webmaster: Nanette Walker Smith
- a. No update at this time-Works are in process.

Nanette Walker Smith: Facebook stuff - need to have the Media crew help me out there. We have lots of folks that are friending us/liking us. Some 'appear' somewhat suspicious like they are trolling for information. I'd like media crew to review the nonprofit business information or business information that FB is changing to and terms for making our FB page private. I know we can 'vet' them to a degree - usually it involves obtaining some information - no payment stuff, but full name, email, and maybe role they play in veterinary medicine? Something that allows them to free form something that would be catchable for 'nope this is not a person that is in our profession.' If media can come up with this information and present to board by next meeting it would help.

#### 9. President: Taeha Collins

- a. I contacted Bank of the West last week and need to get them a copy of the minutes stating the transfer of officers and a form they gave me to fill out. I will address this tomorrow.
- b. I have a letter drafted to send to EWC. Sent to Nanette and I need to tweak a little but will be sent by Tuesday.

**NEW BUSINESS: Where are we and what do we need to next?!** 

1)Publish updated scholarship application

#### MOTION and VOTE to ADJOURN

Melanie Beardsley: I'll motion we adjourn.

Kelly Ferguson: 2nd

Taeha Collins: Motion passes to adjourn at 9:03pm

# April 2, 2023 WyVTA Membership Meeting

Taeha Collins: I call this meeting to order at 7:09pm

Attendance: Taeha Collins, CVT (President); Melanie Beardsley, CVT (Past President); Tom Page, CVT (Vice President); Kelly Ferguson, CVT (Treasurer);); Hannah Haman, CVT (NAVTA Rep); Jessica Schinkel, CVT (Member-At-Large); Jackie Van Noy, CVT (Member-At-Large); Nanette Walker Smith, CVT (Webmaster, Advisor)

Board Members Absent: Jackie Breed, CVT (Secretary) Beth Zima, CVT (Membership & Certification)

#### **MINUTES to REVIEW and MOVE to APPROVE: March 5, 2023**

Tabled until May meeting.

MEDIA COMMITTEE: (Kelly Ferguson, Secretary; Taeha Collins, President; and Beth Zima, Membership/Certification)

- 1. Taeha and Kelly have nothing to report.
- 2. Nanette Walker Smith: Beth has been told for media that she needs to make more of the pamphlets for the WVMA meeting in June.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: (Melanie Beardsley, Past President; Cambria Harmon, Member, Taeha Collins, President)

- 1. Are we ready to roll? Almost
- 2. Melanie needs a list of schools to contact for scholarship. Nanette will send a spreadsheet to Mel.

Nanette Walker Smith: Melanie, I will send the excel sheets now.

# LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: (Tom Page, Jackie Van Noy, Deana Baker, Nanette Smith Walker, Kelly Ferguson)

 LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE of the WVMA and WyVTA exploring VT licensure per request of the Joint Board of Agriculture Next meeting April 2023

Kelly Ferguson: Legislative committee - there will be an in-person meeting in Casper regarding tech licensure on Tuesday May 9th at 6:30 pm at Racca's downtown. This would be for both Veterinarians and Technicians. If you or anyone from your hospital would like to attend, we will need a head count. I think full names and titles would be appreciated so it doesn't get doubled up. Assistants, CSR's, and practice managers I'm sure would be welcome as well. Really anyone in veterinary medicine.

- 2. Title Protection for Credentialed Veterinary Technicians
  - 1. Email from Sarah at Saam Veterinary Clinic- Our clinic is looking into the new rules and regulations for the Vet Tech licensing program.

"We have a "Tech" that has been here for 19 years and a "Tech" that has been here for about 7-8 years. We are wondering what are the steps we need to take and when we need to apply or take tests for the new program? Please feel free to call as well 3075689305".-Taeha will draft a response and check in with Legislative Committee prior to email.

Taeha Collins: Looks like the Saam clinic is in Basin WY...should I reach out regarding her questions?

Nanette Walker Smith: Encourage her veterinarian to get a hold of Dr. Healey. Encourage this person and the other 2 people to become WyVTA members and be involved now. There is nothing decided, nothing even on the floor yet. Input is vital from BOTH of these 'techs' and the admin and vet from the practice. This is the kind of stuff the committee needs to have to discuss.

Nanette Walker Smith: So Taeha - if you feel comfy saying that, you could respond, OR give it to Tom, Kelly, or me, and we could go from there.

Taeha Collins: I can get it started and reach out to you all for input.

#### **BOARD REPORTS:**

Member At Large (Jessica Schinkel and Jackie Van Noy)

Nothing to report from Jessica and Jackie V

**NAVTA Report** (Hannah Haman)

Nothing to report

Membership/Certification: Beth Zima

Deverie McCoy and Catie Glaza- no update

Secretary: Jackie Breed\_-Is traveling and will not be attending. No Report.

Please submit items in WORD format in Calibri Font 11. That allows us the fastest change over.



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE THIS WEEK!!!

#### **Treasurer Report: Kelly Ferguson**

- All bills being submitted for reimbursement must be in the Treasurer's email box or the WyVTA PO BOX at least 1
  week prior to monthly meeting including copy of the receipt with items clearly identified and the First and Last Name
  of the person who's owed.
  - a. Invoices/Bills submitted for reimbursement:

Kelly is still catching up from delayed bank transfer. No vote needed at this time.

Kelly Ferguson: I have nothing for Treasurer (yet). I've almost gotten caught up on treasurer reports, but it's taking me longer than I thought with the bank account hold up. If you'd like, I could get a list of membership names from December to now. I see all the checks and all the square transactions.

#### Vice President: Tom Page [FALL CE 2023- September 8-10]

- a. Conversations with Zoetis, Covetrus, and Elanco for Saturday speakers in the works.
- b. Contract creation with Cubex and Jan woods in the works.
- c. Donations --continuing to talk to folks.
- d. Reservations for Firerock have been made for 6:30p Saturday evening.

#### **Past President: Melanie Beardsley**

a. Bank-Melanie will follow up that transfer is complete.

Melanie Beardsley: I think/hope we are good at the bank? I signed the one paper. Haven't heard anything from them. I keep forgetting to call and check on things when they are open.

**Taeha Collins:** I went and signed what they needed me to and I think you should be off the hook. Sorry about the delay Kelly!

Kelly Ferguson: I haven't heard anything. And I haven't been kicked out of having bank account access. So I guess that's good.

*Melanie Beardsley:* I'll try to call and follow up when I'm home this week. I'll do that and try to make contact with the schools on the Scholarship.

b. Shirts/stickers have not been ordered yet but not forgotten.

Melanie Beardsley: We have voted to replace the ones purchased at the conference. I'll just have to try and figure out what that was. Beth said she could make a list off of the square list. I might bug her about it.

#### **Admin-Webmaster: Nanette Walker Smith**

- a. Scholarship information should be all updated on the website.
- b. Will be finishing up membership update letter with new forms after editing out the link. information for programs and get sent to Viki this evening.

#### **President: Taeha Collins**

a. Letter to EWC Dean was sent March 21. I am unaware of any response. Maybe I should have sent certified? Will reach out on Tuesday this week to follow up.

Nanette Walker Smith: wait a week to get to the right office at least - maybe 10 days. Then maybe a phone call later this week or early next???

Taeha Collins: I will reach out on Tuesday.

NEW BUSINESS - Where are we and what do we need to next?!

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** ++ = Newsletter articles/reports/job posts due by the meeting to <u>secretary@wyvta.org</u>

Approved dates for 2023 for meetings:

5/7

6/4++

7/9 (due to 4th of July weekend)

8/6++

8/27 (board only CE Event final prep due to Labor Day Weekend)

9/9 Fall CE including Annual Meeting and ELECTIONS for 2024 Board Members in Casper at Ramkota Hotel – Luncheon Meeting

10/1++

11/5

12/3++

Nanette Walker Smith: I motion to adjourn.

Melanie Beardsley: I second

Taeha Collins: Motion passes to adjourn at 8:55pm

# Monthly Membership Meetings are via ZOOM at <a href="https://zoom.us/">https://zoom.us/</a> at 7pm MT (unless otherwise noted).

**UPCOMING MEETINGS: All Members are welcome** 

Meeting login IDs are set up each month and emailed out a few days prior to the meeting.

If you've never attended before:

\*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.

\*Email the Secretary at (<a href="secretary@wyvta.org">secretary@wyvta.org</a>) if you do not receive the email notification containing the Meeting Room ID information sent approximately 2-4 days prior to the meeting.

#### 2023 Dates for WyVTA ZOOM and Annual Meetings:

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8/27 (board only CE Event final prep due to Labor Day Weekend)

9/9 Annual Meeting in Casper at Ramkota++ LUNCHEON MTG on site/join in virtually on ZOOM.

10/1

11/5++

12/3

Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association Executive Board 2023			
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Member-At-Large	Jackie	Van Noy, CVT	
EWC Student Rep -sophomore			
EWC Student Rep –freshman			
INFO, Webmaster, Advisor	Nanette	Walker Smith, CVT	WyVTA@wyvta.org



Left to right: Tom Page, Taeha Collins, Jackie Van Noy, Melanie Beardsley, Jackie Breed, Nanette Walker Smith, Kelly Ferguson, Hannah Haman, Beth Zima