

## September-October 2023 Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- Taeha Collins, CVT; [President@wyvta.org](mailto:President@wyvta.org) President 2022

Thanks to all who could attend our annual continuing education and member meeting weekend! We had a great turnout of both in person and online attendees. We also elected a fantastic board of new and returning bodies for the 2024 year!

### Vice President

Tom Page CVT; [VicePres@wyvta.org](mailto:VicePres@wyvta.org)

Our annual continuing education event went off without a hitch! We had a line-up of fantastic speakers who gave us a plethora of great information. The wide range of topics kept our audience both in person and virtual engaged and learning. We can't thank our speakers and sponsors enough for helping us put together yet another successful CE event.

### Secretary

Jackie Breed, CVT; [Secretary@wyvta.org](mailto:Secretary@wyvta.org)

Our incoming board for 2024 is looking strong and ready for the charge. The voting body elected an outstanding group of individuals who are eager to help this little organization grow even more! We are beyond appreciative of those who stepped up to give their time for their fellow veterinary professional communities.

### NAVTA Representative

Hannah Haman, CVT; [NAVTARep@wyvta.org](mailto:NAVTARep@wyvta.org)

NAVTA recently released a statement reiterating NAVTA's Priorities:

“Our focus is on higher utilization, better wages, scope of practice, and title protection, *not* Veterinary Professional Associate Position.”

October 13, 2023. The Board of Directors of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) unequivocally asserts and reiterates its statement from January 2023 that NAVTA will continue to focus its time, energy, money, and human resources on the top priorities of improving Veterinary Technician utilization and wages, defining a uniform scope of practice for all Credentialed Veterinary Technicians, and protecting the Veterinary Technician title. NAVTA will not be prioritizing the development of any “mid-level practitioner” or “veterinary professional associate” positions before these other critical issues are addressed.

To stay on top of what NAVTA is doing for us, become a NAVTA member, visit [Home - NAVTA](#)

### Membership/Certification

Beth Zima, CVT; [CVT\\_Members@wyvta.org](mailto:CVT_Members@wyvta.org)

At the Annual Meeting we welcomed our new members thus far from 2023.

This is just a reminder that very soon it will be time to renew memberships for those of you whose memberships (and certifications) expire on December 31, 2023. So check your membership/certification cards now! Renewal information will be going out in November ONLY TO THOSE who need to renew. NEW members are welcome any time of the year. We run on a calendar year so memberships (and certifications) are for 2 years and run from January 1 of the first year to December 31 of the second year.

For more information, please visit <https://www.wyvta.org/membership-application-2023.pml>

**Past President**

**Melanie Beardsley, CVT; [PastPres@wyvta.org](mailto:PastPres@wyvta.org)**

I gathered some great input from our annual meeting on how to better inform our fellow vet tech students of the WYVTA scholarship. We will be vamping up our contact list for next year in hopes of reaching more students!

**Treasurer**

**Kelly Ferguson, CVT; [Treasurer@wyvta.org](mailto:Treasurer@wyvta.org)**

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| January 1, 2023               | Beginning Balance        | \$27,433.66 |
| <b>Income</b>                 |                          |             |
|                               | Membership Dues          | \$1,162.50  |
|                               | 8 Regular Memberships    |             |
|                               | 4 First-Time Memberships |             |
|                               | 1 Late Membership        |             |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                          |             |
|                               | Square Fees              | -\$21.34    |
| January 31st, 2023            | Ending Balance           | \$28,574.82 |
| <b>February 1st, 2023</b>     |                          |             |
| Beginning Balance \$28,574.82 |                          |             |
| <b>Income</b>                 |                          |             |
|                               | Membership Dues          | \$52.50     |
|                               | 1 Late Membership        |             |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                          |             |
|                               | Square Fees              | -\$1.82     |
|                               |                          | \$0.00      |
| February 28th, 2023           | Ending Balance           | \$28,625.50 |

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| May 1st, 2023                 | Beginning Balance           | \$27,808.54      |
| <b>Income</b>                 |                             |                  |
|                               | Membership Dues             | \$272.50         |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                             |                  |
|                               | Office Supply Reimbursement | -\$206.01        |
|                               | Returned Check              | -\$40.00         |
|                               | Bank Fee for Returned Check | -\$15.00         |
|                               | Square Fees                 | -\$1.82          |
|                               | <b>Totals</b>               | <b>-\$262.83</b> |
| May 31st, 2023                | Ending Balance              | \$27,818.21      |
| <b>June 1st, 2023</b>         |                             |                  |
| Beginning Balance \$27,818.21 |                             |                  |
| <b>Income</b>                 |                             |                  |
|                               | Membership Dues             | \$52.50          |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                             |                  |
|                               | Square Fees                 | -\$1.82          |
|                               |                             | \$0.00           |
| June 30th, 2023               | Ending Balance              | \$27,868.89      |

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| March 1st, 2023               | Beginning Balance        | \$28,625.50 |
| <b>Income</b>                 |                          |             |
|                               | Membership Dues          | \$157.50    |
|                               | 3 First-Time Memberships |             |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                          |             |
|                               | 990-N Filing             | -\$40.00    |
|                               | eVet Sites               | -\$929.00   |
|                               | Square Fees              | -\$5.46     |
| March 31st, 2023              | Ending Balance           | \$27,808.54 |
| <b>April 1st, 2023</b>        |                          |             |
| Beginning Balance \$27,808.54 |                          |             |
| <b>Income</b>                 |                          |             |
|                               | Membership Dues          | \$0.00      |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                          |             |
|                               |                          | \$0.00      |
| April 1st, 2023               | Ending Balance           | \$27,808.54 |

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| July 1st, 2023                | Beginning Balance               | \$27,868.89       |
| <b>Income</b>                 |                                 |                   |
|                               | Fall CE Registrations           | \$350.00          |
|                               | Fall CE Donations               | \$750.00          |
|                               | <b>Totals</b>                   | <b>\$1,100.00</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                                 |                   |
|                               | Square Fees                     | -\$11.06          |
|                               | EB Reimbursement WVMA Meeting   | -\$1,349.56       |
|                               | Office Fees (PO Box Annual Fee) | -\$166.00         |
|                               |                                 | \$0.00            |
| July 31st, 2023               | Ending Balance                  | \$27,442.27       |
| <b>August 1st, 2023</b>       |                                 |                   |
| Beginning Balance \$27,442.27 |                                 |                   |
| <b>Income</b>                 |                                 |                   |
|                               | Fall CE Registrations           | \$2,260.00        |
|                               | Fall CE Donations               | \$1,200.00        |
|                               | <b>Totals</b>                   | <b>\$3,460.00</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                                 |                   |
|                               | Square Fees                     | -\$66.47          |
| August 31st, 2023             | Ending Balance                  | \$30,835.80       |

**Webmaster-Admin**

**Nanette Walker Smith, CVT; [wyvta@wyvta.org](mailto:wyvta@wyvta.org)**

A must read posted by the AVMA: Marijuana, other recreational drugs debut on pet toxins top 10 list.

Read the full article here:

[https://www.avma.org/news/marijuana-other-recreational-drugs-debut-pet-toxins-top-10-list?utm\\_source=delivra&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=News+Bulletin+06.23.23&utm\\_id=5477576&utm\\_term=Marijuana%2C+other+recreational+drugs+debut+on+pet+toxins+top+10+list&dlv-emuid=3d49c6d2-0dcb-46c4-9ae2-ecca9d150af3&dlv-mlid=5477576&fbclid=IwAR1DePd\\_zs2l7TzsYAvgGqVt86SL7OUi8GtELM0xSCm71x21DvgtqS0ihzc](https://www.avma.org/news/marijuana-other-recreational-drugs-debut-pet-toxins-top-10-list?utm_source=delivra&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=News+Bulletin+06.23.23&utm_id=5477576&utm_term=Marijuana%2C+other+recreational+drugs+debut+on+pet+toxins+top+10+list&dlv-emuid=3d49c6d2-0dcb-46c4-9ae2-ecca9d150af3&dlv-mlid=5477576&fbclid=IwAR1DePd_zs2l7TzsYAvgGqVt86SL7OUi8GtELM0xSCm71x21DvgtqS0ihzc)

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

### August 6, 2023, WyVTA Membership Meeting Minutes

**Taeha Collins:** I call this meeting to order at 7:03pm

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

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

### MINUTES to REVIEW and MOVE to APPROVE: July 9, 2023.

#### Motion to approve minutes as read/corrected:

*Kelly Ferguson:* I motion to approve the July minutes.

*Nanette Walker Smith:* 2nd

*Taeha Collins:* Motion passes to approve the minutes from July 9 meeting.

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

*Nanette Walker Smith:* I need MEDIA people to work Facebook posts please! I need the flyer to get posted (needs to be a jpg to post) as a post to Facebook please. Needs to be bumped every few days.

*Taeha Collins:* I will continue to share post and will add it to my clinics page.

*Kelly Ferguson:* I made and changed our Facebook cover photo in case you didn't see that. I did that about 10 minutes before the meeting.

*Kelly Ferguson:* Is the flyer final then? Do I need to make any changes>

*Tom Page:* Should be good.

*Kelly Ferguson:* Sounds good. I can get that posted.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

*Kelly Ferguson:* There was one thing that was hanging me up. There was a bounced or returned check? For \$40.00 and then a \$15.00 fee from the bank regarding that check. The online banking stuff WILL NOT tell me which check it was. I tried the mobile app and the online banking website, and it would not tell me which check from May did not go through. Obviously, it was a membership fee check. But it's all balanced and good to go, but I'm not sure what we want to do about that bounced. I can send you the detailed July report, Tom. That has all that in there.

*Melanie Beardsley:* I had mentioned the stop payment check I think from Jackie V a few weeks ago. Did that play into it at all?

*Kelly Ferguson:* Oh maybe that is it. Because she had a check that I deposited for \$40.00

*Kelly Ferguson:* I can't confirm that from the mobile banking information, though.

*Nanette Walker Smith:* Kelly should be able to call the bank and get the information as she's the treasurer.

*Kelly Ferguson:* I could probably go down there sometime this week. Most likely Thursday.

*Kelly Ferguson:* One other thing... one of the CE registrations was for \$125.00 from 2023 Board Member Jessica Schinkel

*Tom Page:* I will need breakdowns of fall Ce please as they arrive.

*Tom Page:* I will work with her on that to let her know. We will have a reimbursement during the meeting. If we do as we have done in the past.

*Kelly Ferguson:* That's what I figured. I wasn't sure if we could vote to reimburse her at this meeting or not.

*Nanette Walker Smith:* If everyone is good - bounced check included - can edit that later. I motion we approve the treasurer's report with a reimbursement of \$125 on Jessica's registration.

*Tom Page:* I 2nd Nanette's motion

*Melanie Beardsley:* I motion we reimburse Jessica for her CE Registration due to being on the 2023 Board

*Taeha Collins:* Motion passes to approve treasurer report and reimburse Jessica at the CE meeting.

*Kelly Ferguson:* I'll write her a check this week.

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

1. Taeha has nothing to report.

**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

-Title Protection for Credentialed Veterinary Technicians

-Legislation is on summer hiatus.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**Member At Large** (Jessica Schinkel and Jackie Van Noy)

- a. Nothing reported.

**NAVTA Report** (Hannah Smiley)

- b. Nothing to report-See updates in the upcoming newsletter.

**Membership/Certification: Beth Zima Membership/Certification**

Nothing to report

**Secretary: Jackie Breed**

- Jackie is out of town and will not make this meeting. She will be unable to hold ANY Board position this year

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

Conference Update 8-6 This list is Constantly Changing.

1. Dissemination
  - a. Facebook—Kelly is working on Facebook posts
  - b. Vendors are helping
  - e. WVMA--Tenley--Nanette sent to her for
2. How to include the Program Kelly knows about "Canva"?

*Kelly Ferguson:* I can send you a PDF file of it. Or a jpeg file. Or whatever you'd like. To be shareable, it needs to be a jpeg file I believe.

*Nanette Walker Smith:* Flyer - use anyway possible. - we are 1 month out

3. Speakers
  - a. Dr Mama--Should be submitting Proceedings this next week
  - b. Jan Woods--sent hers in.
  - c. Donna--working on them

4. Registration
  - a. Board Members--Email me the registration--I have 3

*Tom Page:* Board registration is ok to email to me, I will print and log

5. Printing Check list
  - a. Presidents Welcome Letter; Agenda; 2022 Minutes; 2023 Conference Registration; Vendor Appreciation Certificates; CE Certificates--Race wording Nanette; Survey; Legislative Update--

6. Vendor Gift
  - a. Justin is working on upping the ante. In addition to the speaker honorarium he is working on monies to cover lunch and maybe some more. Justin has been a huge supporter in the last few years directly and deserves honorable mention for the preceding years when we were not directly under his wing. I would like to propose discussion to change his vendor gift from the small buffalo to the Large "Partner". He has more than earned the honor.

*Melanie Beardsley:* They have been huge supporters for years. I motion we upgrade his buffalo to a Partner one

*Kelly Ferguson:* 2nd

*Taeha Collins:* Motion passes to award a large metal Buffalo to Justin from Zoetis for his efforts.

7. Contributing Vendors this year
  - a. Zoetis--Dr. Mama Expenses, Possibly Lunch and more
  - b. Elanco/Covetrus \$1200 to cover Donna's Speaker cost
  - c. Idexx--Tim--\$750 donation
  - d. Dechra--Last minute. Working on a \$1200 donation
  - e. Hills--\$500 has been discussed-Kelly has it been deposited

*Kelly Ferguson:* I do not recall receiving \$500.00 from Hill's. I only got the \$750.00 from Idexx

*Tom Page:* Kelly I will reach out to Linda with Hills and Josh with MWI to find out

- f. MWI--\$300--I think this is a deposit. Just can't remember?
- g. Campbell Pet company--Lanyards and Bags, catalogues and leashes

8. Ramkota Max seating is 100
12. Ramkota--Submit Lunch Numbers-8-28 to Celest
13. Friday Task Review--Sept 8th
  - a. Tom
    - i. Email Zoom Link To Virtual
      1. Email Attendee packets/Proceedings

- ii. Email Zoom Link to Donna--call/communicate
- iii. Email everyone any updates--Both in person and Virtual
- iv. Pick Up Printing if not already done.
- v. Create Attendee packets
- vi. Tom to work on VP Notebook--suggested calendar of events
  - 1. Contact information
- b. Nanette- Computers
- 14. Saturday ---Sept 9th
  - a. Meeting
    - i. Opening / Introductions
    - ii. Presidents Message--For the packet
      - 1. Legislative update--for the packet Use the same as Dr. Healey--
    - iii. GIVE aways--What and When
      - 1. Nanette--brings stuff from Bass Pro, Tom has stuff acquired from Vendors, Save something for
- Sunday
  - iv. Diner--Fire Rock 6:30 pm. Old and New Board Members
- 15. Sunday.
  - a. Meeting---Could possibly have more doctors today than ever.
  - b. Ramkota reserve for next year
- 16. Vendor Tables
  - a. Dechra--Tim Willman the regional Manager is putting in for \$1200
    - i. Alicia Shear is the Territory Sales Manager that will be attending
  - b. WSVL-(Can't remember name, but Doctors are supporting the Leg. Committee)
  - c. Hills-Linda
  - d. WYVTA Table-Kelly
    - T-shirts, Sweat Shirts, Etc.

**Past President: Melanie Beardsley**

- c. I haven't received word that all of the order is finished at Peden's, but I am expecting it any day. They have been calling with updates/questions along the way the last couple of weeks. Stickers are in the works too.
- d. Taeha picked up her jacket Friday-they stated the screen printing was not completed but all embroidery is done.

**President: Taeha Collins**

- e. The EWC letter was signed for on June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- f. I will have a Presidential statement sent in for the newsletter including my interest in the President position for 2024.

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

- a. Suggested to have a drawing for free 2024 CE at 2023 meeting.

*Nanette Walker Smith: I motion we have one free registration for Fall 2024 CE at the end of the business meeting Saturday to include all attendees registered for the conference by that time.*

*Melanie Beardsley: I'll second that.*

*Taeha Collins: Motion passes to have a 2024 CE registration drawing at Saturday's meeting.*

- b. Assign task list to members at 8/27 meeting.
- c. Finalize details-shirts, printouts etc.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** ++ = Newsletter articles/reports/job posts due by the meeting to [secretary@wyvta.org](mailto:secretary@wyvta.org)

• **Approved dates for 2023 for meetings:**

- 10/1++
- 11/5
- 12/3++

**MOTION and VOTE to ADJOURN**

*Nanette Walker Smith: I motion to adjourn*

*Melanie Beardsley: I'll second.*

*Taeha Collins: Motion passes to adjourn at 8:56pm*

**Monthly Membership Meetings are via ZOOM at <https://zoom.us/> 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 ([secretary@wyvta.org](mailto:secretary@wyvta.org)) 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:**

10/1

11/5++

12/3

| Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association Executive Board 2023 |         |                   |  |
|--|---------|-------------------|--|
| Position   | First   | Last              | WyVTA Email Address  |
| President  | Taeha   | Collins, CVT      | <a href="mailto:President@wyvta.org">President@wyvta.org</a>     |
| Past President   | Melanie | Beardsley, CVT    | <a href="mailto:PastPres@wyvta.org">PastPres@wyvta.org</a>       |
| Vice President   | Tom     | Page, CVT         | <a href="mailto:VicePres@wyvta.org">VicePres@wyvta.org</a>       |
| Treasurer  | Kelly   | Ferguson, CVT     |  |
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| NAVTA Rep  | Hannah  | Haman, CVT        | <a href="mailto:NAVTARep@wyvta.org">NAVTARep@wyvta.org</a>       |
| Member-At-Large  | Jessica | Schinkel, CVT     |  |
| Member-At-Large  | Jackie  | Van Noy, CVT      |  |
| EWC Student Rep –sophomore                                     |         |                   |  |
| EWC Student Rep –freshman                                      |         |                   |  |
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