

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Glad to see everyone has made it into 2018.

I am glad to have been part of the Association for 2017. We had a great year of accomplishments. The Association was allowed to attend the Directors Call at Easter Wyoming College and reach out to the students. Our Annual Meeting was a great success. We had a great anesthesia presentation with a wet lab showing different monitoring equipment conducted by Lori Fuehrer, CVT, VTS (Neurology, Anesthesia/Analgesia). We had several vendors that sponsored our event. We went the extra step by sending a 'Certificate of Thanks' including a picture collage of the CE event to show our gratitude; they were surprisingly shocked to receive this!

The beginning of 2018 started off with a BANG! Roxane and I attended the NAVTA Leadership Summit and the AVMA Leadership Conference in Chicago. It was great to see so many colleagues and friends while attending the event. I look forward to utilizing the things I learned to help advance our Association during the next year. Roxane and I will be sharing some of these features as well in upcoming newsletters.

Some of the points discussed included the Veterinary Nurse Initiative and recommendations for using Social Media for the Association. I have asked Roxanne to help with the Facebook page during the next year to help improve communication to all of our members.

During the next year one of the tasks that I will be looking into is software that will help manage our member information. The goal of this is to improve member information management. I will also be looking into visiting the students and faculty at Eastern Wyoming College.

If you have any ideas or suggestions that you would like to submit please send me an email.

I wish everyone good luck with Dental Month.

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

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

**Vice President** - Marlane Hicks, CVT

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

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

**Treasurer** - Aaron Tippit, VA

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

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

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

**Website** - Jackie Van Noy, CVT

## Monthly Membership Meetings are now

Via ZOOM at <https://zoom.us/> at 7pm

We are still working on setting up the monthly meeting login ID's so, for now, if you'd like to attend the meeting:

1. 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.
2. Email Tom Page ([wycvvt@gmail.com](mailto:wycvvt@gmail.com)) for the Meeting Room ID that you will enter at <https://zoom.us>, click "Join a Meeting" and enter the ID on the next meeting date/time:

**NEXT MEETING is February 11 @ 7pm MT**

Jackie will post the Meeting ID number on the Website or you can email Tom Page at [wycvvt@gmail.com](mailto:wycvvt@gmail.com)

**Plan ahead for these upcoming ZOOM meetings:**

**March 4 and April 8 @ 7pm Mountain Time**

## THANK YOU!

Veterinary Centers of America gracefully awarded the WyVTA a "VCA Travel Grant to the NAVTA Veterinary Technician Leadership Summit." Our President Tom applied on behalf of our association to offset costs so he and Roxane could attend. We were awarded an equal share of the proceeds from VCA along with 35 other associations across the nation to attend!

Please remember to thank VCA:



## MEMBERSHIP/CERTIFICATION

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

I hope that everyone is staying warm. The renewals and new certifications are filling my mail box so I have been busy. My goal is to process these within two weeks of receipt. So far I have been able to meet that goal for the most part.

**2017 Past Due:** If your membership OR your credential number started with WVTA 17-xxxx you are now PAST DUE. Please get your membership and credentialing update in ASAP or you will be dropped from the roster very soon. If you are not an active/paid member of WyVTA, your credential is invalid. We do receive requests quite frequently to verify CVT status from several states for job verification as well as for status in good standing!

**2018 Renewals:** Since we are fully in the biennial renewal status now, double check your expiry dates on your membership and your certification (if you are certified) to ensure that if you are an even numbered renewal (i.e. WVTA 18-yyyy) that your expiration is 31 December of this year. Be sure to put that on your calendar so you get your renewals sent in prior to the end of the year so there is no lapse!

**Associate Members:** I have not started a numbering system for associate members or those that are uncertified as of yet. I will be assigning numbers as those come in.

We credentialed eighteen new technicians in 2017. In 2018, we have credentialed six new technicians so far.

I would like to introduce our new 2018 members so far:

- Laurianne Senti, CVT, Cody, WY
- Phoenix Fribourg, CVT, Helotes, TX
- Summer Blevins, CVT, Jackson, WY
- Chloe Potter, CVT, Jackson, WY
- Chandra Carr, CVT, Encampment, WY
- Dena Wallace, CVT, Deer Trail, CO

Again if anyone has any questions regarding their membership credential, please email me!

**2018 Membership:** <http://wyvta.org/sites/site-5071/documents/WyVTAMembershipApplication2018-biennial.pdf>  
**2018 Certification:** <http://wyvta.org/sites/site-5071/documents/WyVTA%20%20Certification%20%20Application2018-2019.pdf>

**Deana Baker – WyVTA Secretary**  
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## TREASURER’S REPORT

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

(Note – Nov 2017 newsletter ending balance was inaccurately typed, treasurer’s report submitted was correct as \$15,151.29 as of Nov 1, 2017)

**November 1, 2017 Beginning balance \$15,151.29**

**Income**  
 Membership dues \$ 40.00  
 Donation (vendor) \$1500.00

**Expenses**  
 Website fee \$ 49.00  
 CE Thank You Pics \$ 48.59  
 Tom Page AVMA/NAVTA regs/flights \$1025.10

**December 3, 2017 Closing balance \$ 15,568.60**

**December 3, 2017 Beginning balance \$ 15,568.60**

**Income**  
 No Income received \$ 0.00

**Expenses**  
 Roxane Rocks AVMA/NAVTA regs/flights \$ 752.96  
 EVetSites Annual Website Fee \$ 623.00  
 Website Fee (final) \$ 49.00

**December 31, 2017 Closing balance \$ 14,143.64**

*\*\*These two months will be voted on at the February 11 Meeting*

## CE FALL SEMINAR:

- Marlane Hicks, CVT [mar\\_hicks@yahoo.com](mailto:mar_hicks@yahoo.com)

I’ll be gathering quotes from the hotel we used this past fall and our previous hotel for September dates so the Board can evaluate those hopefully by the next meeting. We are also leaning toward cytology and immunology topics for the next Fall CE and are avidly seeking speakers. **If you have contact suggestions, please email me ASAP!**

## NAVTA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

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

With the new NAVTA Executive Board newly settling in, I’ll have more to add to my ‘column’ next newsletter with updates. If you need anything from NAVTA, be sure to let me know!

## The Veterinary Nurse Initiative

by Roxane Rocks, CVT; Member-at-Large

What do you want to be called, a veterinary technician or a veterinary nurse? Some of you may be aware of the NAVTA effort to pursue legislative amendments in the 50 states to change the name

to Registered Veterinary Nurse. For those of you who aren’t familiar with this movement, this article is for you! At the recent Leadership Conference held by NAVTA at the AVMA Conference in January, this topic was covered in detail even though it’s been on the discussion circuit for several years. The Veterinary Nurse Initiative, or VNI, was officially coined in 2016 using the following concepts as listed on the NAVTA website:

- The goal of the initiative is to standardize the credential for our profession in terms of credentialing requirements, title, and scope of practice throughout the nation.
- A standard title should be used in all 50 states; in addition, a standard should be set in all 50 states for maintenance of credentials.
- A standardized credential will unify the profession and grow professional recognition.
- The veterinary consumer needs to understand what credentialed veterinary technicians/nurses do on a daily basis in regards to patient care
- Pet owners are demanding qualified veterinary nursing personnel, which leads to consumer protection and patient care

So what does this really mean to those of us working in the field?

First and foremost, the change will eventually implement title protection, allowing only qualified individuals to carry the credential. Next, if there is a national standard of credentialing, it will be easier to work in other states without having to transfer your credentials and/or fulfill additional requirements instituted by your new state of residence. Additionally, if there is clarity of the role of a veterinary technician/nurse, then it stands to reason that the public will better understand what we do and the qualifications we possess. This can ultimately elevate our profession and create a public demand for credentialed individuals to be involved in the care of pets.

It all sounds great, right? Well, to get to this point the first step is to create a single designation for all credentialed technicians – Registered Veterinary Nurse. Once this designation is established, each state will begin to align with standardized credentialing. In 2018, Ohio, Tennessee and Michigan will be introducing the initiative into legislature.

National Credentialing and Title protection isn’t something that will happen quickly. Current estimate is it will take 5 to 10 years to implement in interested states. There is still a lot of discussion to be had, and even more work to do. You owe it to yourself to learn more about the VNI. Visit [www.navta.net](http://www.navta.net) and click on the link “Veterinary Nurse Initiative.” From there you can read about all the aspects of the ‘movement’ and you can make your own decision how you feel about it. If you have questions or just want to voice your opinion, please feel free to contact any board member of your WyVTA. Let’s start the discussion to see what is best for the technicians in our association.

## MINUTES

**WyVTA Membership Meeting December 3, 2017**

**Tom Page:** Welcome everyone. Let’s get started. I call the meeting to order. Marlane - would you start by letting folks know what you are starting for the Vice President post?

**Marlane Hicks:** Sure. I am working on finding a topic of CE for the fall. I have been in contact with Tenley Haak with the WYVMA to see if she could mention that we are looking for some feedback on CE. I have also reached out to some large animal technicians and veterinarians as to CE they would like us to look into and was able to get some feedback from them as well.

**Tom Page:** Is there anything regarding VTNE or the website, Jackie?

**Jackie Van Noy:** No

**Tom Page:** Thank you Jackie. You should have been sent the check for the December website payment. Aaron will be sending out an annual check going

forward. It will pay January to December 2018. When I talked to eVetSites about the annual payment Jackie, they said something about an update to the site. Do you have information on this?

Jackie Van Noy: Not yet; they usually send out emails with update notification. I'll see what I can find out.

**ADDENDUM: Email Board Vote: eVetSites website and domain change to pay annual website/domain fees by WyVTA check was motioned by Nanette Walker Smith, seconded by Cambria Harmon, and unanimously approved.**

**Details:** Annual check paid in December to cover the following January through December calendar year (to eliminate monthly payment burden of our webmaster and reimbursement paperwork).

**Accounting will be as follows:**

\$49.00 (monthly charge) x 12 months = \$588.00

Annual (calendar year) domain charge = \$35.00

**Total = \$588.00 + \$35.00 = \$623.00 payable by Dec 30 each year.**

**Tom Page:** Thank you. Do any of our folks from EWC have anything that they would like to add?

Amanda Johnson: I have nothing.

Kristi Hamilton: Nothing from me either.

**Tom Page:** Thank you. Let's move on the preparing for 2018:

Marlane and Mel have been working together to start the CE find for next year.

Roxanne and I will be attending the NAVTA and AVMA Leadership Conference January 4-7th.

Jackie is going to work on making some changes to the website. For those of you that would like to have a picture and bio put on the website, send the information to Jackie.

Aaron and Mel have a few ideas for a new logo. If anyone else has the ability to draw, please submit a draft for review. Do you have any other thoughts on this, Mel?

Melanie Beardsley: No, other than I need to get to work and get me ideas on paper!!

**Tom Page:** I think those on the board deserve the recognition for their help.

Just a reminder to all that membership is due in to Deana. If you don't have yours submitted, please get it in.

Looking towards next month, Roxanne and I will be traveling back from the conference on January 7th. We need to see about moving the meeting to January 14th.

No objections on changing the meeting date.

Melanie Beardsley: Can you change it on the calendar on the website, Jackie?

**Tom Page:** I will be making a contact via ZOOM. I will be reviewing it further this month for using it for January 14th. I will be sending the link as I learn it. Good call, Mel. I will work to make sure you have the link to add to connect to ZOOM, Jackie. Is there any old or new business to bring up to the group?

Melanie Beardsley: If no one else has anything, I motion we adjourn.

Marlane Hicks: I second

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

Participants: Marlane Hicks, Tom Page, Amanda Johnson, Melanie Beardsley, Kristi Hamilton, Jackie Van Noy, Courtney Carroll

## WyVTA Meeting January 14, 2018

**Tom Page:** Welcome everyone. I call this meeting to order @ 8:07pm As everyone can see there are going to be some getting used to the new system and process. I have my update from the President post written in on the Agenda. Would every one please confirm that they can see it on the Zoom screen?

All confirmed

**Tom Page:** Aaron, can you give us a Treasurer Report?

Aaron: I got a fresh wave of membership checks and I revamped my reports a little just to make it easier on me. \$14,143.64 in the account starting the year. I'll have a complete January report at our February meeting, but so far in the first week \$690 in memberships and certifications rolled in this week. I do owe a 20 dollar reimbursement for over paid dues this year Only things I have left are 1 I need to buy a book of stamps and 2- we need to vote on the AAVSB check

**Tom Page:** We received the 2018 Bill for AAVSB. Last year we paid in June, July due to billing error.

Nanette: \$250 annually?

**Tom Page:** Yes Annually

Nanette: Motion to pay AAVSB for VTNE recording fees of \$250 for 2018

Cambria: I second

**Tom Page: Motion Passes unanimously.**

Nanette: Motion to allow for Aaron to purchase a book of 20 stamps \$9.80 (\$0.49 through 1/21/18)

Cambria: I second

**Tom Page: Motion for Aaron to purchase stamps. One book passes**

Nanette: NOTE: Reimbursements to Tom and Roxanne are already approved up to \$1500 for AVMA/NAVTA; no further voting is needed unless reimbursement requests go over that amount. Receipts are needed; however, prior to reimbursement.

Aaron: This is all this month but once the January report is done it will be and the "paper trail" is kept too

Marlane: Here are the topics I am looking at for the fall CE. Immunology and Principles of Vaccinations, and Cytology Focusing on Mass Cell tumors and different grades as well FNA's and what to look for. I am looking at the 2nd week of September for the meeting. I would like to discuss this with Wyoming State Vet Lab and CSU and see if we can get someone to speak on those subjects. Some of this will be large animal related as well.

Cambria: On the CE- I sent an e-mail to the Pathologist (Dr. Lester) that I use to work with at Pilchuck as well for some recommendation on speakers.

Nanette: Are we staying at Parkway Plaza or going back to the old one?

**Tom Page:** We can discuss that and see if we can get a quote from both.

Marlane: I need to get some dates nailed down and see when I can get the speakers here. We may even look at the College, so that we might have use of the lab with microscopes.

Nanette: Did the evals give good input on dates? Might be nice for board to see results of evals. Give us a better idea of what happened/how it was perceived?

**Tom Page:** That sounds great. We will also have to shop around if we do the college to get a rate for rooms for travelers.

Marlane: I am planning on contacting Wyoming State Vet Lab to see if we can get someone from there to come speak. I will contact Parkway Plaza and see what they can do for rooms if everyone is happy with the rooms that they stayed in there. They have always seemed to give the best rates.

**Tom Page:** I have a trip to Colorado to a few hospitals next week. I will let you know if I hear anything. I will get you the name of the person we worked with last year.

Marlane: That would be great. As far as the evals from the conference, there weren't a lot of feedback, just some suggestions that we cover more large animal stuff and that we do some general information about vaccines.

**Tom Page:** The website is down. I will be following up on this tomorrow.

Deana: I have been getting membership renewals and new certifications. I have ten more going out tomorrow. Two of them are new. So far I have credentialed six new people this year!

Cambria: That is great news.

**Tom Page:** We will be receiving a travel grant from VCA for some of our expenses to the NAVTA meeting.

Nanette: I need the VCA logo or whoever it is we are supposed to thank for the grant. I do not have it in my email.

I'd like to see Tom and Roxane write up information on what they learned from the leadership conference over the next month or two so we can use those in the newsletter.

I have Aaron's Nov and Dec Treasurer reports to final out the year for the newsletter. Looks like all the sponsor checks came in from the sponsors/vendors.

I will get the newsletter out ASAP as soon as I get the updated membership list from Deana. We won't cut anyone out yet, but we'll do one more reminder that dues are past due if they were due Dec 31, 2017.

**Tom Page:** Roxane, can you give us an update from your view of the trip?

Roxane: It was a fantastic conference, even though it was bone chilling cold! The most immediate benefit for the Association will be how to increase our social media presence. Facebook, Twitter, etc. The other sessions I went to will help with establishing goals, evaluating our culture and networking tips.

**Tom Page:** I have asked Roxane to help me with the Facebook page, because I am not good at it.

Nanette: I do the FB page for my work – there is a Pages Manager feature that helps immensely that's a free app and easy to use on the computer as well. We'll talk!

**Tom Page:** I will work with Roxane to get her logged in to FB

Roxane: There was a lot of talk about the Veterinary Nurse Initiative. I submitted a quick info piece for the newsletter. Hopefully, we can start a dialog with the membership about it.

**Roxane: I move to adjourn the meeting.**

Aaron: Second

**Tom Page: Thank you all, Meeting adjourned unanimously @9:16pm**

Participants: Marlane Hicks, Tom Page, Deana Baker, Nanette Walker Smith, Jackie Van Noy, Aaron Tippit, Cambria Harmon, Roxane Rocks

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