

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Kati Martin, CVT

I would like to quickly say that I apologize to everyone who has been trying to get their membership cards renewed or even initialized and started. Our current secretary has been incredibly busy and will be getting all of these things handled very soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me and find out the answer to your question.

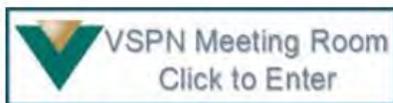
Our Annual CE and Meeting is just around the corner and we are so excited for this one! All members of the veterinary team are welcome, *including veterinarians*, and that is a huge improvement for us! The Wyoming Board of Veterinary Medicine has approved 5 CE credit hours for our session this year. Of course, veterinary technicians are approved by WyVTA for 6 CE credit hours toward certification. See you all in just a short 2 months!

You can reach me via email ([koliver15@yahoo.com](mailto:koliver15@yahoo.com)), phone or text me (307) 677-2188 with any concern, idea, question you have for our association. The WyVTA Board maintains an open door policy to ensure communication so please ask if you have questions!

I hope everyone has a great summer and enjoys the beautiful weather! See you all in September!

**GET ACTIVE ! Consider running for office on September 10; contact President Kati Martin: [koliver15@yahoo.com](mailto:koliver15@yahoo.com) for details.**

**Officer duties are in our Constitution and Bylaws on the website: <http://www.wyvta.org/bylaws.pml>**



Look for the banner below on the VSPN Chat page

**Monthly Membership Meetings – ONLINE:**

**NEXT MEETING is August 7**

**You are invited to our WyVTA Meetings, open to all members and prospective members, the first Sunday of the month at 8pm Mountain time online at**

[www.vspn.org](http://www.vspn.org) > click CHAT on the navigation bar and login with your **VSPN.org** user/pass > click the button or the hyperlink to join the meeting:  
<http://www.vin.com/Members/Unity3/Unity.plx?R=VSPNMEET>

## SECRETARY and MEMBERSHIP

-Karen Nall

Karen Bryant Nall has agreed to take on the position of Secretary midyear from Tessa Schmidt with the

board's approval. We're still working on getting documentation moved over and it's in progress.

Currently, Membership Renewal is ANNUAL\*  
Certification is EVERY OTHER YEAR \*

**WyVTA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION PERIOD  
has BEEN EXTENDED until July 31!**

**Completed applications must be  
received to the WyVTA PO BOX  
by JULY 31<sup>st</sup>**

<http://www.wyvta.org/scholarship.pml>

**WyVTA Fall Annual Meeting &  
Continual Education Seminar**  
*\*See the enclosed registration flyer\**  
**Saturday, September 10**  
Ramkota Hotel, Casper  
Speakers: CSU Oncology Team

## CALL FOR ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

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

Any association business that needs to be brought to the membership for vote in the form of an amendment to the bylaws **needs to be TO THE BOARD by the August 7 meeting for review. Please email [koliver15@yahoo.com](mailto:koliver15@yahoo.com) prior to August 7 with information.**

Current items before the Board for review are:

1. Changing membership to biannual (renewal every two years to coincide with a member's certification renewal)
2. Clerical updates to officer duties to ensure documentation is done on time:
  - a. Treasurer submitting Secretary of State officer changes following Annual Meeting
  - b. Inclusion of information to apply to the Wyoming Board of Veterinary Medicine for veterinarian CE approval of our CE offerings
3. Disclaimer updates to membership and website and good faith statement to membership application regarding background checks, felony reporting, etc.

## MINUTES

**WyVTA Meeting July 10, 2016**

**Kati Martin:** I will call this meeting to order.

*Tom Page:* Karen Bryant's married now, last name is Nall.  
*Nanette Walker Smith:* Congrats to Karen Nall, our new secretary!

**Kati Martin:** Old news: scholarships? Were due June 30.  
*Jackie Van Noy:* Checking the box, nothing as of yesterday.  
*Tom Page:* Extend the deadline?

**Kati Martin:** The end of July would be my suggestion.  
*Tom Page:* I am ok with the end of July. I think we can do the turnaround in time.  
*Nanette Walker Smith:* I would say end of July. August 15th is the date we are supposed to let them know by so they can make their plans to attend. The conference is September 10th.

*Cambria Harmon:* Let the school reps know that no one's applied and see if we can get at least one applicant.  
*Nanette Walker Smith:* Tom - would you mind contacting Cristi Semmler (the EWC instructor) I will send both contacts.  
*Tom Page:* I can call and talk to her.

**Nanette Walker Smith: Motion we extend the Student Scholarship due date to July 31st, postmarked by, mailed to the PO box. Tom will contact the Student reps immediately to let them know and drum up support.**  
**Cambria Harmon: I second.**

**Kati Martin: 5 in favor, none opposed; motion passes.**  
*Cambria Harmon:* I was wondering if there was a way to let other schools know about our scholarship?  
*Nanette Walker Smith:* The NAVTA Journal is the best place. Must be a Wyoming resident attending any AVMA approved school.  
*Cambria Harmon:* For students that attend outside of Wyoming, but maybe there aren't many that go out of state. I went out of state, didn't know about it, nor did the school I attended.  
*Jackie Van Noy:* I have worked with 3 or 4 people that have taken the distance programs - Penn Foster and San Juan.

**Kati Martin:** We could contact those programs with the scholarship information.  
*Melanie Beardsley:* I've mentioned in the NAVTA journal updates.  
*Cambria Harmon:* Seems like we should try something different to get the information out to Wyoming students. NAVTA is a great way. I would love to try and send out the info to some places.

**Kati Martin:** Nanette - would you send Cambria the flyer for the scholarship.  
*Nanette Walker Smith:* I'll resend the updated flyer to the board.  
*Cambria Harmon:* Let me know of any other programs to send to.

**Kati Martin:** Mel, did you get a response from NAVTA for credentialing and background checks?  
*Melanie Beardsley:* NAVTA's recommendation on background checks was that they don't have one and generally think it is best for the employer to run the check. It sounded like NAVTA had not been approached with the background question much. They basically said there are different "levels" of background checks available, so even states that run them still have employers rerunning them. So I think we should just maybe put something on our website that we recommend employers run checks and leave it at that?

**Kati Martin:** Thank you. I like the idea of having it left up to the employer; until we have a problem, we can leave it that way.  
*Nanette Walker Smith:* Interesting, Mel. Did they say anything about disclaimers for states credentialing? We might have a person sue the association because we've credentialed a person without a background check. That's kind of where Deana was coming from and she's got a point - devil's advocate.

**Kati Martin:** Isn't that where the statement about recommending the employers check comes in?  
*Melanie Beardsley:* I don't think they mentioned that, but it wouldn't be a bad idea. That's what I was thinking, Kati. Puts the responsibility on them.

**Kati Martin:** Exactly, and we can put it in the CBs and on the website that prevents us from being responsible when there is an issue.  
*Nanette Walker Smith:* The RACE accreditation information was old business; however, with the information about approving veterinarians for Wyoming and just requesting that from the Wyoming Board of Veterinary Medicine and us self-approving until

we are in the Practice Acts, I think that's a moot point. We just don't have enough out of state people right now that it matters to spend the funds for RACE documentation (per my email the other day).

**Kati Martin:** I think the RACE issue is a good thing to do, just isn't quite cost effective for us I don't feel.  
*Nanette Walker Smith:* CE UPDATE: Contract with Ramkota is done; Wyoming Board of Veterinary Medicine (WBVM) has approved our CE for 5 CEUs for veterinarians as of this Thursday, so I updated the flyer and resent that to Vicki Smith, Ex. Dir. at WyVMA, who assured me she would get that out to the veterinarians. Should have Lori let Dr. Thamm et al know, they may want to let that word out on their end. I can send it to CACVT as well.

**Kati Martin:** And are we planning on sending out hard copies of our CE flyer to all members/clinics and previous attendees?  
*Nanette Walker Smith:* Needs to get done ASAP. If I do a mini newsletter, I can do up to 4 pages (2 sheets of paper), which can just be folded and closed with tape or dots, (preferred over staples).

**Kati Martin:** I feel like a mini newsletter would be good to get it out.  
*Nanette Walker Smith:* No need for a motion IMHO.  
*Melanie Beardsley:* I gave Lori a list of clinics from last year minus the ones I got back due to incorrect mailing address, etc. I recommended she get a current member list from Karen for mailing to members. Do you want me to compile a nonmember list from the last couple of years and mail hard copies to them too?

*Nanette Walker Smith:* Okay. And actually, this makes more room in the August newsletter for any amendments we need to add. Those need to be discussed and motioned/voted on by the board to be placed on the notification and ballot by that newsletter in time, since our CE is early in September. I need to get that newsletter out by the 10th of August. We meet on the 7th of August. So I will call for any motions/amendments as well in this mini newsletter.

**Kati Martin:** The only amendments I have in my notes are for the biannual membership and Secretary of State (SoS) filing for treasurer office changing.  
*Nanette Walker Smith:* Right and double checking board of vet med for vet CE information. We need/want to include that in the VP /CE information regarding veterinarians can be approved for CE by State BVM. Just send it to [JoAnn.Reid@wyo.gov](mailto:JoAnn.Reid@wyo.gov), (307) 777-3507 with all the information (speaker including credentials, topic, dates, hours, etc.). And the disclaimer/background check thing as well.

**Melanie Beardsley: I motion to adjourn.**  
**Nanette Walker Smith: Second.**

**Kati Martin: 5 in favor; none opposed; motion passes.**  
**Kati Martin:** Next meeting is August 7, 2016. Thank you so much for the great meeting everyone.  
*Participants:* Tom Page, Cambria Harmon, Kati Martin, Melanie Beardsley, Jackie Van Noy, Nanette Walker Smith

**WyVTA Board:** <http://www.wyvta.org/contact-us.pml>

Kati Martin	President
Deana Baker	Past President
Lori Power	Vice President
Karen Schutt	Treasurer
Karen Bryant	Secretary
Melanie Beardsley	NAVTA Rep; Scholarship Committee
Tom Page	Member-At-Large; Scholarship Committee
Jackie Van Noy	Member-At-Large & Webmaster
Courtney Carroll	EWC Student Rep-sophomore
Amanda Johnson	EWC Student Rep-freshman
Cambria Harmon	Scholarship Committee
Nanette Walker Smith	Advisor

# WYVTA

## Annual Continuing Education Conference

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**Saturday, September 10, 2016**

8:00am-5:00pm

Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center  
800 N. Poplar Street  
Casper, WY

### Guest Speakers:

#### Colorado State University's

#### Oncology Team:

- Douglas Thamm, VMD, DACVIM (Oncology)
- Susan LaRue, DVM, PhD, DACVS, DACVR (RO)
- Kristen Weishaar, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Oncology)
- Elizabeth Atencio, CVT

### Topics will include:

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- **"Not Your Grandma's Radiation Therapy: New Radiation Technology"** (2 hours); Susan LaRue, DVM, PhD, DACVS, DACVR (RO)
- **"Clinical Trials in Veterinary Oncology"** (1 hour); Kristen Weishaar, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Oncology)
- **"Dispelling the Myths of Animal Cancer"** (1 hour); Douglas Thamm, VMD, DACVIM (Oncology)
- **"Aftershocks of Chemotherapy: Managing Adverse Events"** (1 hour); Douglas Thamm, VMD, DACVIM (Oncology)
- **"Title TBD"** (1 hour); Elizabeth Atencio, CVT

### Registration due: August 19<sup>th</sup>

Registration postmarked by August 19<sup>th</sup> is **\$70 for WyVTA members** and **\$90 for non-members**.

\*Registrations postmarked after August 19<sup>th</sup> will be \$100 regardless of membership.

#### Send registration to WyVTA Vice President:

Lori Power, CVT  
3581 Meadowlark Dr.  
Casper, WY 82604

Morning snacks, lunch, and afternoon desserts will be provided and are included with registration fees.

Don't forget to mention the WYVTA for special rates when reserving your room at the Ramkota!

**A block of rooms has been reserved for the WyVTA** for \$83/night plus taxes.

**Call 307-266-6000 soon!**

Annual WyVTA Board elections and our annual meeting will be held during lunch and the Board encourages everyone to attend.

**Nominations are still being accepted;** please contact Kati Martin, WyVTA President

[koliver15@yahoo.com](mailto:koliver15@yahoo.com)

## See you there!

#### Questions?

Contact Lori Power at:

(307) 247-3802 or [lori.bestfriends@gmail.com](mailto:lori.bestfriends@gmail.com)

**6 hours of CE; WYVTA approved for Certified Veterinary Technicians**

**5 hours of CE; WYVMA approved for Veterinarians**

Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association  
2016 Continuing Education Registration  
Sept 10, 2016

Please **PRINT**:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**WyVTA member?** (circle one) Yes No

Lunch options included with registration: (select one)

- Asian Chicken Salad
- Southwest Chicken Wrap
- Montreal Crusted Steak Sandwich

**Registration: (Select one)**

- Early Member Registration \$70 (Post marked on or before August 19<sup>th</sup>)
- Early Non-member Registration \$90 (Post marked on or before August 19<sup>th</sup>)
- Late Registration \$100 (Post marked after August 19<sup>th</sup>)

**Make checks payable to:** Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association

**Please mail registration with payment included to:**

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