

## June 2023 Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Howdy all! I will be attending the June WVMA meeting in Laramie along with other WyVTA members to support the Veterinary Practice Act. We are happy to answer any questions or concerns as this process moves forward.

### Vice President

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

Summer is around the corner, which means the Annual Meeting is coming soon.

**SAVE THE DATES!! September 9th and 10th.**

The theme for the meeting this year is ANESTHESIA AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

We are close to sending out the Annual Meeting and Continuing Education Flyer in the next few weeks.

I am working to finalize topics with a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia (DACVAA), a VTS in Anesthesia, and a professional regarding Controlled Substances.

There are a lot of fascinating things going on with in our profession. I encourage you to take some time to get involved with the WYVTA. We will be having board member elections during. I look forward to seeing you there.

### Secretary

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

June 15, 2023 – The National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) and Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health USA Inc. (BI AH US) announced the renewal of the Tuition for Vet Techs Scholarship program and subsequent call for applicants.

NAVTA, in cooperation with Virox Technologies, has launched the Infection Prevention Leader Certificate Program to advance infection prevention best practices in the veterinary profession. The Certificate Program is an online, self-paced program designed to provide animal care professionals with the knowledge needed to reduce the risk of spreading infection and create a safer workplace for their team, patients and clients. The program consists of four complimentary RACE approved courses:

- Pathogens & Disease Transmission
- Infection Prevention
- Cleaning, Disinfection & Sterilization
- Implementation & Communication

August 10th NAVTA will be sponsoring a free webinar for members titled' "The ins and outs of feline parasites" sponsored by Nexgard combo!

**Membership/Certification**

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

We would like to give a warm welcome to all of our new WyVTA members this year!!!

**January 2023 New CVT's:**

Aubrey Arias from Saratoga Springs, Utah  
 Christine Crick from Boise, Idaho  
 Catherine Glaza from Bar Nunn, Wyoming  
 Kimberly Kahn from Douglas, Wyoming  
 Elise Wight from South Ogden, Utah  
 Kendall Yates from Cheyenne, Wyoming

**March 2023 New CVT's:**

Amanda Redditt from Gillette, Wyoming  
 Kylie Hoffer from Moreland, Idaho  
 Gwendolyn Parker from Cody, Wyoming

**January 2023 New VA:**

Brittany Rummel from Mills, Wyoming

**February 2023 New CVT:**

Deverie McCoy from Gillette, Wyoming

**May 2023 New CVT:**

Angela Ice from Rolling Hills, Wyoming

**June 2023 New CVT:**

Grace Elizabeth Rise from Cheyenne, Wyoming

**Past President**

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

Sadly, we had no applications for the scholarship this year. Please let me know if you have any thoughts or suggestions on how to increase interest in our scholarship. I will be happy to take your ideas to the board in hopes that we will have applicants and be able to award it in upcoming years. Ideas can be sent to me at [PastPres@wyvta.org](mailto:PastPres@wyvta.org). Thank you!

**Treasurer**

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

The WyVTA will be present for the WVMA Annual Meeting in Laramie, WY on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> to present and discuss possible legislation for Technician Licensure in Wyoming. Please contact the WyVTA at [wyvta@wyvta.org](mailto:wyvta@wyvta.org) for information about upcoming Town Hall meetings in your area. We've already had Town Hall meetings in Cheyenne and Casper and are hoping to have more in the coming months around the state to hear your thoughts, concerns, and ideas.

**Treasurer Reports**

December 1, 2022	Beginning Balance	\$27,361.81
<b>Income</b>		
	Membership Dues	
5 Regular Memberships		\$212.50
<b>Expenses</b>		
	AMBI - CE Packets	-\$133.00
	Square Fees	-\$7.65
December 31st, 2022	Ending Balance	\$27,433.66

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

February 1st, 2023	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

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

April 1st, 2023	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

**Webmaster-Admin**

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

Those who are devoted to their career and wish it to continue to elevate and succeed in Wyoming need to take a brave step now!

The entire Association will be very exposed and open in the coming months to a couple of years and it's a good thing! Your

Association has been a strong one for 20 years and you should be proud of that!

Now is when we need your voice, your service, and your strength. Medicine continues to advance, animal health in all aspects continues to improve not only animal lives but our own. Should we do as we've always done? Or should we go the distance and strive for better?

This Association is for the entire team. Our CE has always been open and welcoming for entire veterinary teams to attend and learn together. Start this fall, get involved, enjoy learning, enjoy reaching for new methods and goals, improving your mission.

We'll see you in Casper in September, live or online via Zoom!

### **JOB BOARD**

Located in beautiful Sheridan, Wyoming, Mountain View Veterinary Hospital is a fully equipped veterinary facility staffed with an experienced and professional crew. We pride ourselves on compassionate care for patients and clients, and communicating with clients is a top priority for our crew. If you are looking for a new opportunity that will allow growth, autonomy, innovation, and a sense of purpose, look no further! See the job link below:

<https://galaxyvets.bamboohr.com/careers/137>

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

### May 7, 2023, WyVTA Membership Meeting

Taeha Collins: I call this meeting to order at 7:25pm

Attendance: Taeha Collins, CVT (President); Melanie Beardsley, CVT (Past President); Jackie Breed, CVT (Secretary); Kelly Ferguson, CVT (Treasurer); Beth Zima, CVT (Membership); Jackie Van Noy, CVT (Member-At-Large); Nanette Walker Smith, CVT (Webmaster, Advisor), Jessica Schinkel arrived late. Board Members Absent: Tom Page, Hannah Haman.

#### MINUTES to REVIEW and MOVE to APPROVE:

*Nanette Walker Smith to Everyone:* I motion to approve minutes from March 3 and April 2, 2023

*Melanie Beardsley to Everyone:* The march 3rd one had a weird part under the scholarship about changing. Maybe more needs added to that. I think an important part about what we are changing is missing.

*Melanie Beardsley to Everyone:* I will second approval for April, however.

*Taeha Collins to Everyone:* All in favor of approving April minutes?

*Taeha Collins to Everyone:* Motion passes to approve April minutes-March is to be discussed

*Jackie Breed to Everyone:* 19:30:38 *Nanette Walker Smith to Everyone:* Should remove the transcript esp with the revised dates for submission. Instead, I think having the PD write the letter encourages interaction AND gets them on board with our scholarship.

*Melanie Beardsley to Everyone:* With that in, it will make sense and I second the March minutes with that addition to them.

*Jackie Breed to Everyone:* I'll get that added into the March minutes

*Nanette Walker Smith to Everyone:* So amendment motioned by Mel to add that in, I'll second it

*Taeha Collins to Everyone:* All in favor of the correction to the March minutes?

*Taeha Collins to Everyone:* Motion passes to approve March minutes

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

1. Taeha has nothing to report on this front.
2. Kelly has nothing to report.
3. Beth has nothing to report.

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

1. Taeha has no report.
2. See Melanie's submission as Past President

*Melanie Beardsley to Everyone:* No applications have arrived...yet...I won't call it zero yet, but looking like it might be that way.

**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

1. Meeting May 9 at Raccas in Casper 6:30pm

*Kelly Ferguson to Everyone:* Legislative committee: Town Hall meeting in Casper this upcoming Tuesday May 9th at Racca's at 6:30 pm. At our last meeting, we discussed ways to increase the accessibility of technician programs to those who would like to go to school to become licensed (working with other non-profits, increasing accessibility to our scholarship, etc.)

*Nanette Walker Smith to Everyone:* Other than the changes and requests we would like to put in for licensure both to VPA and VMB are finally coming together. It's good because the committee needs to be well versed in June to present and talk to the DVMs about this matter and not get side swiped like last time.

2. Taeha, Melanie, Kelly and Beth will attend for sure

#### BOARD REPORTS:

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

a. Jessica has nothing to report.

2. **NAVTA Report (Hannah Haman)**

a. In May 2022, the Veterinary Board of Governors (VBOG) voted to endorse a proposed apprenticeship program as a pathway to become Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVTs). The proposal was brought forward by Cascade Veterinary Clinics (a single three- hospital entity) in central Washington and the North Central Workforce Development Council as an answer to the shortage of LVTs. In October, the Washington State Dept. of Labor & Industries (L&I) gave the program provisional approval for one year, a necessary step before permanent approval. NAVTA is against this apprenticeship program stating that it undermines accredited programs and undermines schooled technicians.

**3. Membership/Certification: Beth Zima**

a. Taeha received word from Catie and Dani that they got all their credentials, so they are set! Thanks Beth.  
*Beth Zima to Everyone:* I have not had any more for membership at this time. Everyone is done and mailed out.

**4. Secretary: Jackie Breed**

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

b. All board members, please have something to submit for every newsletter. I have spent a lot of time coming up with things to say about positions, without being the person in those positions. Without contributions from every board position, the newsletter would be very wimpy. Next newsletter will be in June, I will continue to send reminders when they are coming due.

**5. Treasurer Report: Kelly Ferguson**

-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:

*Kelly Ferguson to Everyone:* I'm really sorry for not being caught up on Treasury. I'm struggling with both juggling my time and numbers. Turns out I'm not good at numbers. I honestly might need some help if I can't get it ironed out before our next meeting. I was hoping we could vote on reimbursement for Jackie Van Noy for shipping Beth's computer (\$194.18 for the shipping charges along with an additional \$11.83 for supplies) for a total reimbursement of \$206.01

*Melanie Beardsley to Everyone:* I motion we reimburse Jackie V the total of \$206.01 for the computer shipping/shipping supplies.

*Nanette Walker Smith to Everyone:* TOTALLY 2nd

*Taeha Collins to Everyone:* Motion passes to approve reimbursement to Jackie V for 206.01

*Kelly Ferguson to Everyone:* Jackie V, I'll get you a check in the mail this week.

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

a. I have some things with sponsors changing and working on getting a conversation with Zoetis sponsoring DR. MAMA. This is a great opportunity. Don't know details.. Cubex has pulled it's sponsorship. I'm working on figuring out what other options there are while working with Jan the Speaker.

**7. Past President: Melanie Beardsley**

a. Called bank a couple of times. The lady that is in charge is not there when I call/stop in, it seems. Left my number and they said they would call if they needed me. They have yet to call. Hopefully we are good on that front.

b. No scholarship applicants, yet. The city here said the post office told them people should expect 4-6 weeks for their payments to get from their house to downtown. Did my best to get schools notified. Many of the contacts are not current. Will be working on getting those updated before next year.

c. May project-get shirts/stickers ordered. Keeps getting put on the back burner, but needs to not be at this stage!

**8. Admin-Webmaster: Nanette Walker Smith**

a. Membership Emailing list is updated. We only had one bounce! (one that always does). Should I just update all the board positions emails so if you need to send out to all members via checkmymail you can. The downloadable membership/certification form is now correct on the site with Beth's info on it. But when we made it that easy the web page still has Jackie's on it. We took the entire fillable thing off the website, so it all has to be done on paper since all the other stuff has to be sent in anyway.

*Nanette Walker Smith to Everyone:* I really need media teams help with Facebook - I'm overwhelmed (not like you guys aren't), but it got out of hand when it went into that business suite and I'm just hoping what people are seeing is what we want them to see!

The only other thing than the update to the website for me is Notebook - back on my radar. For end of May and throughout summer. Trying to make sure I have time to address Square and a store addition if we are going to need that. I will need all that information to go in by middle of July please - First full week of August is AVTE conference in SoCal. Plans for next fall are unknown (teaching or just subbing) and still Fear Free'ing. Goals by September are Notebook in full and Square squared away!

**9. President: Taeha Collins**

a. I have called EWC-Dr. Mitchells voicemail is full. I contacted her associate via voicemail-she directed me to Dr. Mitchell. I hired an intern from EWC and maybe I can get ger assistance. Did we ever receive a response to our letter? Resend certified if not?

b. I emailed 3 of 4 emails listed to contact EWC looking for technicians for my own clinic and all 3 were blocked and returned.

c. I sent email to Saam Veterinary Clinic and it too was punted back-Address was

correct-I will follow up with a phone call tomorrow or TUESDAY.

d. Friendly service reminder-I did not receive many agenda items from member the last couple months. The sooner I can get info, I can send an agenda for all to review beforehand so we can have an efficient , productive meeting-It's a busy time of year for all, including me, however-It is super helpful to have items a few days ahead of time rather than scramble hours beforehand. If you didn't know, I am not an IT expert so a little extra time to finagle and fumble around is appreciated. Also, newsletter items are important and needed as timely as possible. They keep those who don't attend our meetings in the know. And Jackie needs the info to do her job efficiently as well-  
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:

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 to Everyone: So next meeting June 4th I motion to adjourn*

*Beth Zima to Everyone: 2nd*

*Taeha Collins to Everyone: Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm. Thank you all for what you do!*

*Unanimously approved at 9:15pm*

## June 4, 2023, WyVTA Membership Meeting Minutes

*Taeha Collins: I call this meeting to order at 7:11pm*

**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) Deanna Baker*

**Board Members Absent:** *None*

**MINUTES to REVIEW and MOVE to APPROVE: May 7, 2023**

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

*Kelly Ferguson: I motion to approve the minutes for May 7th*

*Melanie Beardsley: I second*

*Taeha Collins: Motion passes to approve meeting minutes from May 7 2023*

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

1. Kelly: free Canva subscription approved for social media posts and things.
2. Taeha has nothing to report at this time.
3. Beth: Canva additional items it can do

*Kelly Ferguson: The Canva subscription has been approved for a free non-profit subscription. I'll send e-mails to invite people to be on the Canva "team" and you can use it. I just have to add our "brand" to it (i.e. colors, logo, etc).*

*Nanette Walker Smith: Kelly let me know if you need anything for logos etc. I have the jpgs.*

*Kelly Ferguson: So I guess... who needs an invite sent to have access to that?*

*Melanie Beardsley: Media Committee and Nanette?*

*Beth Zima: I did the brochure in Canva, so pulling it up in our account will transfer all the stuff*

*Kelly Ferguson: That makes sense. I'll get those to you guys before the end of the night. You can use it for flyers and brochures and stuff too*

*Kelly Ferguson:* And surveys

*Beth Zima:* We can do a QR code easily in Canva

*Nanette Walker Smith:* Ok... we have time to play with it a bit before Fall CE so let's do that 😊

*Kelly Ferguson:* I can do that

*Beth Zima:* Kelly, I'll send you the brochure to move everything into Canva

*Kelly Ferguson:* I could probably work on a flyer on Canva for the Fall CE conference as well. I'll get with Tom on that.

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

1. Officially no applicants for scholarship. :(
2. Taeha has a total of 5 online VT students at her clinic at this this time-none are qualified to apply for scholarship this year; hopefully next!

**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
  - o Title Protection for Credentialed Veterinary Technicians
1. Next Regional WVMA mtg June 12<sup>th</sup> in Laramie:
  - a. Monday, June 12: Q/A table up in the vendor area all day, a short presentation will be given at lunch. Dr. Healey the WVMA chair of the legislative subcommittee exploring veterinary technician licensure is in charge of the presentation.
    - 1) Dr. Gary Norwood; Nanette Walker Smith, MEd, RVT, CVT, LVT; Tom Page, AAS, CVT; Kelly Ferguson, AAS, CVT (bringing the WyVTA brochures)
  - b. Tuesday, June 13: Q/A table will be up all day. Dr. Healey in charge of the table manning:
    - 1) Tom Page, AAS, CVT and Taeha Collins, AAS, CVT
  - c. Hopefully, bring a brief flyer of Fall CE (will discuss later in this meeting.)
  - d. Tom Page: Could we discuss reimbursement for regional WVMA mtg attendance when we are there to represent WyVTA and the legislation for LVTs?
    - 1) I propose a discussion for those that are attending to cover a portion of the costs, realizing that these folks are taking their time away from work.
    - 2) Legislation Committee: Nanette, Kelly, Tom. Others willing to go: Taeha
      - a) Lodging within reason
      - b) Meals: per diem is generally \$35/day, some meals may be covered by a meeting.
      - c) Travel: current mileage reimbursement is \$0.65/mile per IRS.gov and covers gas, insurance, wear and tear when driving personal vehicle for work.
    - 3) Overnight Monday – Tom and Taeha (double checking schedule)
      - a) **Motion to reimburse for lodging, food, and travel by Nanette Walker Smith. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deanna Baker.**
      - b) **Taeha Collins: Motion passes to approve travel expenses to legislative meeting in Laramie June 12 and 13**
      - c) Reminder to turn in receipts ASAP, Nanette will send out the reimbursement form to the board.

#### **BOARD REPORTS:**

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

Jessica Schinkel: Nothing to report

Jackie Van Noy: Nothing to report

**NAVTA Report** (*Hannah Haman*)

Nothing to report.

**Membership/Certification:** (*Beth Zima*)

- 1) New member joining us from Nevada, and sounds like she would like to be involved.

We need to officially welcome all new members from beginning of the year. We could also include a list of renewing members as well.

- i. These should be called out in the June newsletter (and each subsequent newsletter anytime we have new members).
- ii. Should we list where they are? i.e. city or practice?

**Taeha Collins:** I think listing their whereabouts would show the strength of the association.

*Nanette Walker Smith:* I wasn't sure though if it would be appropriate to put the practice or where they are from

*Beth Zima:* I agree. I can ask them to do a little blurb about themselves if we want.

*Melanie Beardsley:* I think just listing the city. They may not be in a practice or may not want that info out and about.

*Nanette Walker Smith:* Yeah - that's kind of what I was thinking to Taeha. UP to you - this first batch might be big as we are 6 months behind :)

*Beth Zima:* And if they want.

**Taeha Collins:** Or just the state..

*Nanette Walker Smith:* We need to feature our members a bit more - if they see their names in print maybe they will get more active LOL

**Taeha Collins:** Good idea Beth...I think recognition would be helpful.

*Beth Zima:* Also on Facebook too

**Secretary: (Jackie Breed)**

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

**b. NEWSLETTER ITEMS NEEDED NOW**

**2. Treasurer Report: Kelly Ferguson**

- 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:**

- 1) NO INVOICES or BILLS submitted; Jackie Van Noy received her reimbursement

*Nanette Walker Smith:* I WOULD like to see the # of memberships we take in because the \$ number is hard to figure out because it includes square fees and late fees sometimes. Just so people can see numbers. BUT.... if we get the welcomes going from membership - we wouldn't need to... So that solves me transparency issue LOL

*Kelly Ferguson:* I could get those numbers to you really fast. I have them out in front of me and we could input them if you would like. December - No late fees, no first-time certifications. January - 4 1st Memberships, 1 late Membership, and 8 regular memberships. February - 1 late membership. March - 3 first-time memberships. April - zero dollars in or out. Total number for December was 5 memberships (forgot to mention that).

*Nanette Walker Smith:* [So Moved -approve Dec '22 - April '23 Treasurer's report](#)

*Melanie Beardsley:* [I second](#)

**Taeha Collins:** MOTION PASSES

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

- a. Good evening everyone. I have finally put together parts of the conference. The theme of the year is **Controlled Substances and Anesthesia/Analgesia**. Currently, this is where we are:

**Saturday 8-12pm - VIRTUAL-- Donna M. Sisak CVT, LVT, VTS(Anesthesia/Analgesia)**

- i. We are discussing the following topics and the best order to put them in.
  1. The Anesthesia Record – Friend or Foe – It's About the Trends & Goals
  2. "Please pass the ....gas.": The Anesthesia Machine
  3. Pain – Understanding and Advocating.: The Veterinary Technician's Perspective
  4. "It Takes a Village" – The Veterinary Technician/Nurse's Role in Pain Management
  5. TIVA – Total IV Anesthesia: An Anesthetic Approach for the "Totally" Challenging Anesthetic Patient
  6. Safety first - tips to improve anesthetic safety
- ii. SPEAKER BIO 2023: Donna M. Sisak CVT, LVT, VTS (Anesthesia/Analgesia). Donna has 38 years in the Veterinary profession. Her first five years were spent gaining firsthand experience in small animal hospitals in Pennsylvania. From there her love for the veterinary profession and passion for teaching led her to academia and the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital – University of Pennsylvania upon graduating from Harcum College, Bryn Mawr, PA in 1991. At Penn she satisfied her "drive" to perform top medical care to patients AND her "desire" to educate which led her to obtain a VTS (Anesthesia/Analgesia) in 2006. For the last 15 years Donna has been immersed in specialty medicine at Seattle Veterinary Specialists/BluePearl fulfilling her role as VTS (A/A) providing in-house and regional training. Donna is an enthusiastic member of the ELANCO and ZOETIS professional speaker panel, involved in educating and advocating for safe anesthetic/analgesic care. Her longevity and passion for the profession make her a great champion for patients and veterinary technicians/nurses.
  1. Possible Power Point Proceedings--Not confirmed yet
- iii. Working with Kate from Elanco and Donna. We will pay Donna for speaking honorarium of \$1500, and Elanco/Covetrus will reimburse the Association for that amount as a donation.

**Saturday 1:15-5pm-IN PERSON: Dr. Khursheed Mama**

- 1) I have been working with Justin Haack with Zoetis to identify and authorize the speaker for Saturday afternoon.
  - a. As of 6/2/23 at 5pm I found out that Zoetis is going to sponsor all of Dr. Mama's costs.



b. I will be communicating as soon as possible to identify topics for the afternoon session.

**Sunday 8-11am-IN PERSON: Jan Woods**

- 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 manage a DEA audit in a veterinary practice.
  - a) 3-hour RACE approved
  - b) I have a meeting with the CEO of VetSnap this coming Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, including sponsorship and demonstration possibilities, to see how we can work together.
  - c) Currently Jan's contract has the possibility to be covered by the Association or sponsorship.

**b. Conference Gifts**

- i. Partner Gifts: Like the one we gave Dr. Wells from BI last year. Their help this year was paramount. Large Buffalo 'Partner' with Card
  1. Kate Hoffer, Elanco
  2. Justin Haack, Zoetis
- ii. Speaker Gifts: 307 Metal--Speaking with today (Sat, June 3)
  1. Large Buffalo ('Speaker' and 'WyVTA 2023') for the 3 speakers
- iii. Vendor Gifts: Buffalo ('WyVTA') and Card
  1. Idexx—Tim
  2. Hills—Linda
  3. MWI—Joshua
  4. Looking into others (i.e. Idexx, Hills, MWI are confirmed, and others)

**c. Lodging/Conference Rooms: Ramkota Hotel, 800 N. Poplar St., Casper, WY 82601**

- i. Room, Drinks, Snacks, in the works
- ii. Lunch: looks like buffet
- iii. Complimentary room: Unsure, but might use it for Jan Woods if we pay for her out right.
- iv. Friday Setup after 5 pm (Theater Room is ours)
- v. Sunday teardown by 3pm

**d. Store: T-shirts, Stickers, etc.**

- i. Giving the box of T-shirts to Kelly for tracking as Treasurer
- ii. T-Shirts are not part of CE meeting (STORE) or it's income/expenses – will move this to Past President/Treasurer as the Store Team

*Nanette Walker Smith:* I'll get with Kelly/Mel beforehand to figure out the best way to track the shirts this time including if we want to change things in the online store (now grouped by sizes - smaller and larger, not individual nor color). Any Store updates/changes I want to have done BEFORE September

- iii. Bag/bag stuffers (Beth), Bags (Nanette?)

*Beth Zima:* I can bring stuff from my office again this year. The bags, pens, etc. for the conference.

*Nanette Walker Smith:* I'll see what I can round up. If we do not have bags this year, please let me know. Bass Pro has some really cool ones for the non-plastic bags stuff. They are \$1.99 to customers, but I should get those for 50% off if I do it before July... I'll double check.

- iv. **Motion by Tom Page to purchase (2) 45gal Husky latching totes with wheels to store Events items and Store items for \$39.98 each. We have outgrown what we were using. 2<sup>nd</sup> Melanie Beardsley. Unanimously passed.**

*Tom Page:* I will purchase and turn in receipt with travel receipts next month.

**Past President: Melanie Beardsley**

- a) Notice from the bank that there was a stop payment check from Jackie Van Noy. (I guess I'm still getting the mail from the bank.)
- b) Stickers/shirts have not yet been ordered (prior to meeting); will get on that this week.

**Admin-Webmaster: Nanette Walker Smith**

- a) Notebook update – A full day is on deck this week to finish the list of all documents to go into the Notebook. Again, I am attempting to put the entire notebook together for all board members and they will be tabbed for each office. This way all items can be looked up and discussed with prospective board members as needed. Hopefully as well we won't have to move them around as much unless someone rotates off the board. I hope to have that list

completed by the end of this week. If I send that out to y'all it will be to check to see if there is anything I've missed from current docs or that should be on there that is not. Then I will get them moving forward one by one into a master copy and have them ready for September.

- d) I am out of town 6/15-6/20. - My hope is PRIOR TO THAT any documents, flyers, registration stuff for Fall CE by the June 12 so I can get it done and into Viki before I leave and posted to Facebook so registration can open – earlier the better.

**President: Taeha Collins**

- b) We have 2 meetings after tonight to button up the details for September's CE. Please reach out if there is something I can help with, regardless of how small the detail.
- c) I have NOT gotten the Certified letters sent to EWC. I will send them this week. Nanette gave me direct contact info. I have an intern this summer completing her 240 hours so I will quiz her as well for info. EWC's participation is important! I currently have 3 students enrolled in online courses. 2 more joined in after they got info about legislation. One has already completed her first semester. Another is well into semester. Fingers crossed my personal goal to have all CVTs in clinic is closer 😊 I am currently the only one-And have been for 8 years..

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

- i. StockDoc Job ad in Facebook (needs contact info from Taeha before it goes into the newsletter). REMOVE- already filled
- ii. Dinner Meeting Fire Rock in Casper on Saturday, September 9 at 6pm for new and old Board is reserved and set.
- iii. **NOMINATIONS NEEDED for all board member positions – TALK TO PEOPLE. Nominations (self or someone else, please contact Taeha at [President@wyvta.org](mailto:President@wyvta.org))**

**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:**

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++

**MOTION by Nanette Walker Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Beardsley; VOTE to ADJOURN unanimous at 8:47pm**

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!**