

March-April 2024 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Taeha Collins, CVT; President@wyvta.org

Howdy everyone! It's trying to be Spring-like in Wyoming! Our board members are working diligently on preparing our 2024 Fall CE Conference in Casper September 14-15. There will be many valuable topics offered by our speakers. Save the date in your calendar! Registration information will be sent out mid-summer so be looking for an email. Also be on the lookout for our scholarship application that will be coming out later this spring. I am honored to enjoy another year as your President, and I truly hope we can continue to grow our association in the state of Wyoming as we work together-We speak for those who can't.

Vice President

Julia Wilmerding CVT; VicePres@wyvta.org

I have been working with Tom Page to make this years' conference another success!

Secretary

Jessica Schinkel, CVT; Secretary@wyvta.org

This year is flying by! Before you know it, we will all be together in Casper for the annual conference and I cannot wait!

NAVTA Representative

Hannah Haman, CVT; NAVTARep@wyvta.org

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

Please keep us updated with any changes to your address! Interested in becoming a member? For more information, please visit <https://www.wyvta.org/membership-application-2023.pml>

Past President

Melanie Beardsley, CVT; PastPres@wyvta.org

Looking forward to having a great number of application submissions this year!

Treasurer

Kelly Ferguson, CVT; Treasurer@wyvta.org

Please see the Treasurer reports in the meeting minutes.

Webmaster-Admin

Nanette Walker Smith, CVT; wyvta@wyvta.org

Be sure to check out the website for all the updates to board member bios!

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) if you do not receive the email notification containing the Meeting Room ID information sent approximately 2-4 days prior to the meeting.

Approved dates for 2024: ++ Newsletter months

May 5

June 2 ++

June 30 – Early due to July 4th (Fall CE Registration opens – information eMail-out)

August 4 ++

August 25 (board only final prep for Fall CE) *Note early due to Labor Day (Last Chance to register for Fall CE)

September 14/15: Annual Fall CE (general membership meeting Sat 14th over lunch)

October 6 (2024-25 board) ++

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December 8 (2024-25 board; official changeover to 2025 board) *Note later date due to

Thanksgiving weekend ++

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

MARCH, 3, 2024, WyVTA Membership Meeting

Taaha Collins: I call this meeting to order at 7:04pm

Attendance: Taaha Collins, CVT (President); Melanie Beardsley, CVT (Past President); Julia Wilmerding (Vice President); Kelly Ferguson, CVT (Treasurer); Beth Zima, CVT (Membership & Certification); Tasha Wiburn-Patterson, CVT (NAVTA Rep); Tom Page, CVT (Member-At-Large); Tia Shackelford, CVT (Member-At-Large); Nanette Walker Smith, CVT (Webmaster, Advisor)

Board Members Absent: Jessica Schinkel, CVT (Secretary)

MINUTES to REVIEW and MOVE to APPROVE: No meeting minutes to approve for February due to Zoom error. Motion to approve January meeting minutes by Kelly Ferguson. 2nd by Deana Baker.

MEDIA COMMITTEE: (Kelly Ferguson, Secretary; Taaha Collins, President; and Beth Zima, Membership/Certification) Nothing to Report.

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

1. Will be working to get information to applicants at the school in Torrington, and to NAVTA.
2. Will go over dates and final draft at April meeting.
3. **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: (Tom Page, Jackie Van Noy, Deana Baker, Nanette Smith Walker, Kelly Ferguson)**

1. LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE of the WVMA and WyVTA

2. Title Protection for Credentialed Veterinary Technicians

3. Importance of Title Protection

- a. Exploring VT licensure per request of the Joint Board of Agriculture Letter of response to the WVMA members for the vote results at their meeting in January regarding proceeding forward with LVT (licensure), Title protection for VTs, and the on the job trained testing period (challenging the VTNE) to become licensed in WY. Kelly wrote a letter regarding the subject that will be posted in the WVMA Newsletter and will be attending the meeting in Cody in June.
- b. Brief survey about what the interest is in by this joint committee in licensing veterinary technicians in Wy by the state of WY.
- c. Importance of having Rules and Regulations starting with Scope of Skills governing what an LVT can/cannot do, enabling the DVM to continue to be the person in charge and responsible for what the VT does/is.

BOARD REPORTS:

1. **Member At Large** (Tom Page, CVT and Tia Shackelford, CVT)
 - a. Tia has nothing to report.
2. **NAVTA Report** (Tosha Wilburn-Patterson, CVT)
 - a. Nothing to report.
3. **Membership/Certification: Beth Zima CVT**
 - a. 56 renewals-Expecting 2 more!
 - b. Make sure all your membership information is current. We had 19 members with changes we were not notified about.
4. **Secretary: Jessica Schinkel CVT**

Not present for the meeting but has nothing to report.
5. **Treasurer Report: Kelly Ferguson CVT**
 - a. Kelly has nothing to report this month-Tied up with Legislative Committee and lots of renewals to filter through.
 - All bills being submitted for reimbursement must be in the Treasurer's email box or the WyVTA PO BOX at least 1 week prior to the 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) **Motion to vote:** to reimburse Beth for postage/supplies made by Deana Baker. 2nd by Nanette Walker Smith.
6. **Vice President: Julia Wilmerding [FALL CE 2024- September 8-10]**
 - a. Julia has officially resigned as Vice President.
 - b. Julia/Toms list of contacts thus far=
 1. Elanco-Joe/Kate Collaboration starting.
 2. Spoke with Hills-Casey-casey_weber@hills.com. JOINT CARE
 3. Zoetis-Idea as of 5 pm Friday night
 4. Solensia-in person
 5. Librela-Virtual
 6. Prostride-(Equine Joint injections)
 7. Laura Honey-Idexx-laura-honey@idexx.com. Email sent
 8. Royal Canin-Limited communication
 9. BI-Dr.Wells-referring to new vet tomorrow
 10. Companion Health-John Austin
7. **Past President: Melanie Beardsley CVT**
 - a. Nothing new to report.
8. **Admin-Webmaster: Nanette Walker Smith**
 - a. Nothing to report.
9. **President: Taeha Collins CVT**
 - a. Nothing new to report other than we need a new VP ASAP!
 - b. Will chat will Julia tomorrow about Co VP

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

MOTION and VOTE to ADJOURN at 08:31pm

April 7, 2024, WyVTA Membership Meeting

Taeha Collins: I call this meeting to order at 7:04pm

Attendance: Taeha Collins, CVT (President); Melanie Beardsley, CVT (Past President); Tom Page (Vice President); Jessica Schinkel, CVT (Secretary); Tia Shackelford, CVT (Member-At-Large); Nanette Walker Smith, CVT (Webmaster, Advisor); Members: Christine Crick, Dena Wallace, Jackie Van Noy, Faithe Mullins, and Courtney Carroll.

Board Members Absent: Kelly Ferguson, Julia Wilmerding, Beth Zima, Tosha Wilburn-Patterson

MINUTES to REVIEW and MOVE to APPROVE: March Minutes

Motioned by Tom Page, 2nd by Nanette Walker. Motion approved.

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

1. Taeha has nothing to report.

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

4. Melanie reports Scholarship is done, sent out, and will hopefully get some applications this year!

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

4. LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE of the WVMA and WyVTA exploring VT licensure per request of the Joint Board of Agriculture

5. Title Protection for Credentialed Veterinary Technicians

- This survey is designed to get feedback towards writing Credentialed Technicians into the veterinary practice act. The survey is to create conversation and responses from veterinary team members throughout the state.
- The Legislative committee has the survey that needs to go out to membership. The survey has been designed by Kelly Ferguson on Survey Monkey. Please complete the survey within 10 days once you have received it.

BOARD REPORTS:

10. Member At Large (Tom Page CVT and Tia Shackelford, CVT)

- a. See Vice President report.

11. NAVTA Report (Tosha Wiburn-Patterson CVT)

- a. Nothing to report.

12. Membership/Certification: Beth Zima, CVT

- a. Nothing to report.

13. Secretary: Jessica Schinkel, CVT

- Newsletter is going out this month. Please submit your items in WORD format in Calibri Font 11. That allows me to make the change over.

14. Treasurer Report: Kelly Ferguson CVT

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15. Vice President: Tom Page

[Motion to vote to have Tom Page be made a temporary Vice President until a co VP can be found made by Nanette Page, 2nd by Melanie Beardsley. Motion passed.](#)

Tom has agreed to help propel our annual meeting by continuing the Vice President duties, but if you are interested in the position, please contact Tom or any of the board members!

2. Julia had made good progress in contacts and working on topics for Fall CE. What we have so far:

- a. Dates are September 14 and 15 at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper, WY.
- b. Topics are leaning to osteoarthritis: pain prevention, prevention, and surgical treatment; Large Animal component covering livestock and equine; and we are working on one more.
- c. We are hoping to have topics/speakers/etc. settled by the next meeting so we can get our registration forms up and CE open for registration.

16. Past President: Melanie Beardsley CVT

- a. We will be looking into ordering some new merchandise to expand our selections. This will include long-sleeved shirts and potentially some crew neck shirts. Melanie will have some quotes to vote on at the next meeting.

17. Admin-Webmaster: Nanette Walker Smith

- a. Opportunity to work with DVM360. The association feels this would be a good source for vet techs.

18. President: Taeha Collins, CVT

- a. In order for us to keep our meetings short and progressive, I **REALLY** need agenda items sooner than Sunday. I know we are all busy with vet tech life and personal life. Would it help to have a reminder earlier in the month?

The meeting does sneak up on us all. This month is crazy for a bunch of us, but we need to do better. End rant. Begging next.

b. Don't forget newsletter submissions! Due asap

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

- We need an AD for Vice President to CO-VP immediately through the end of 2024. Tom and the Board are on deck to help that person. Please reach out to President@wyvta.org or VicePres@wyvta.org as soon as possible!
- Clothing options
- 360 info

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

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- Thanksgiving weekend.++

MOTION and VOTE to ADJOURN at 9:04pm