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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- Tom Page, AAS, CVT President@wyvta.org

Daylight Saving Time is here and spring is supposed to be around the corner. Thoughts of sunlight, graduations, and vacations start creeping into our thoughts.

We spend our days making recommendations to our clients on behalf of their pet's health. With spring on its way we tend to see more young patients. During these appointments our clients are seeking our knowledge. We make recommendations about total body health, including nutrition, vaccination, parasite control, and blood work that can improve a pet's health and increase its longevity. The goal is to have our friends with us as long as we can.

I have recently been reminded that as we all work extremely hard to take care of our patients, **we also need to take care of ourselves.** We should listen to the words we are saying to our clients on behalf of their pets. **Take time to set that annual appointment and review your blood work.** Then **listen to YOUR doctor and take care of yourself.** Take the time to improve your health so you can be here to take care of all of the young pets you have seen when they are older.

We all want you here for a long time.

MEMBERSHIP/CERTIFICATION

-Deana Baker, CVT CVT_Members@wyvta.org

Welcome to our newest CVT members of the Association!

Jennifer Lynn Blatnick, Tawni Clark, Nadia Garcia, and Chanin Malley

If your membership and/or certification expiration date was December 2018 – You are PAST DUE for renewal! Please get it in as soon as possible.

Membership and Certified Members that have an odd number at the beginning of their member and/or certification number (for example: WVTA17-xxx) need to renew their membership ASAP. CVT's MUST renew both membership and certification every 2 years in order to remain certified. For these members I will need the:

1. Membership: <http://www.wyvta.org/sites/site-5071/documents/MembershipWYVTA19-20.pdf>
2. Certification (CVT's only): <http://www.wyvta.org/sites/site-5071/documents/WyVTA%20Certification%20Application2019-2020.pdf>
 - a. Verification of ten hours of continuing education hours completed within the last two years; and
3. \$40 membership dues (**PLUS \$10 past due fee for recertification, if applicable**) and is **DUE IMMEDIATELY.**
 - a. Please make the check out to the WyVTA.
 - b. Send all items to me:

Deana Baker – WyVTA Certification/Membership
2633 Bighorn Ave
Cody, WY 82414

Monthly Membership Meetings are via ZOOM at <https://zoom.us/> at 7pm MT

NEXT MEETING is April 7 @ 7pm MT

Plan ahead for this upcoming ZOOM meetings:

May 5 @ 7pm Mountain Time
June 2 @ 7pm Mountain Time
July 7 @ 7pm Mountain Time

Meeting login ID's are set up each month and then emailed out a few days prior to the meeting.

If you've never attended before:

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 Nanette Walker Smith (secretary@wyvta.org) if you don't receive the email notification containing the Meeting Room ID information sent approximately 2-4 days prior to the meeting.
3. Go to <https://zoom.us>, click "Join a Meeting" in the top right corner, and enter the meeting ID

SECRETARY'S REPORT

-Nanette Walker Smith, CVT

Be sure to review the minutes of our meetings so you can keep on top of what's happening in your Association! If you have questions please reach out to one of the Board members.

VICE PRESIDENT

-Angela Vance VicePres@wyvta.org

SAVE THE DATE! The date for the **2019 Annual Meeting and Continuing Education Conference will be Saturday, September 14 in Casper at the Ramkota**. Our general topic will be in Dermatology. Due to interest, we are investigating the possibility of extending to Sunday morning, September 15 on the topic of Compassion Fatigue or Fear FreeSM. Please email me if you have any comments or further suggestions on this addition/endeavor! VicePres@wyvta.org

Thank you for selecting me (along with Melanie Beardsley – your Treasurer) to attend the NAVTA/AVMA Leadership Conference in Chicago in January this year! Chicago's conference (NAVTA/AVMA) was an amazing learning experience. We met several diverse veterinary leaders; one of the best resides right in Cheyenne. Gary Norwood DVM. You all probably know of him or have already seen some of the extraordinary work that he does for this industry. The main two issues he deals with are the battle for pharmaceutical and controlled substance issues for the State of Wyoming and of course he is on the Board of Directors in representing Wyoming. His main battle is to keep veterinary medicine and its regulations from becoming like that of the human medical side. We attended the Board Meeting. It was very exciting to see the forums and causes that were being brought up and focused upon, especially in the veterinary technician field: better pay, proposing some way for mandatory licensing, and the advancement for veterinarians allowing their techs to do the things in which they were credentialed and trained for, and the final topic of changing the terminology from 'veterinary technician' to 'veterinary nurse.'

The way in which veterinary medicine is incorporating the holistic side of things was intriguing for me as well. There are now Chiropractic, Massage Therapy, Hydrotherapy, Ultrasound, and Radiography Mobile units. There is such a demand for veterinary technicians. We did speak with most of the veterinarians that were in attendance from Wyoming. Most exciting were those who were positive about WYVTA and its efforts, offering to donate time and support veterinary technicians to be in attendance for the Continual Education Seminar in the Fall, and encourage leadership in WYVTA. I could really go on and on about the positive impact that the AVMA Conference had. I hope more of you will take the opportunity to attend these leadership conferences.

Secretary's note: Melanie Beardsley's Report from the conferences will be in May's newsletter

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Mel Beardsley, CVT

October 1, 2018	Beginning balance	\$22,704.05
Income		
Zoetis REISSUE CHECK		\$1000.00
Expenses		
RETURNED CHECK Zoetis 9/29/18		\$1000.00
RETURNED CHECK fee (Zoetis)		\$ 15.00
Aaron Tippit – reimbursement Sec'y of State Annual Filing		\$ 27.00
Melanie Beardsley – reimbursement CE thank you cards		\$ 21.38
Deana Baker – reimbursement – office postage		\$ 52.00
Nanette Walker Smith – reimbursements – thank you and gift cards for CE speakers; board notebooks		\$ 159.66
Kim Pattullo – reimbursement – Speaker Fee/Travel		\$1641.55
October 31, 2018	Closing balance	\$20,787.46
November 1, 2018	Beginning balance	\$22,787.46
Income		
Tom Page – overdraw reimbursement Zoetis		\$ 15.00
Expenses		
None		\$ 0.00
November 30, 2018	Closing balance	\$20,802.46
December 1, 2018	Beginning balance	\$22,802.46
Income		
None		\$ 0.00
Expenses		
Tom Page – Cheyenne Trip & Meeting Reimbursement		\$ 111.76
December 31, 2018	Closing balance	\$20,690.70
<i>** October, November, and December 2018 Treasurer Reports were approved at the February 3, 2019 Meeting</i>		
January 1, 2019	Beginning balance	\$20,690.70
Income		
None		\$ 0.00
Expenses		
AAVSB Membership – VTNE Score Reporting – Annual		\$ 300.00
eVetSites – Domain & Website fees – Annual		\$ 745.00
Nanette Walker Smith – postage - Secretary		\$ 30.00
January 31, 2019	Closing balance	\$19,615.70
<i>**January 2019 Treasurer Report was approved at the February 3, 2019 Meeting</i>		
February 1, 2019	Beginning balance	\$19,615.70
Income		
Memberships & Certifications (new and renewals)		\$1250.00
Expenses		
Membership +/- cert fee overpayment reimbursements		\$ 50.00
Angela Vance – NAVTA/AVMA Leadership Conf reimburs		\$1400.59
Melanie Beardsley-NAVTA/AVMA Leadership Conf reimb.		\$1173.83
February 28, 2019	Closing balance	\$18,241.28
<i>**February 2019 Treasurer Report was approved at the March 3, 2019 Meeting</i>		

Veterinary Technician Student Scholarship

By Cambria Harmon, AAS, LVT, CVT; Member-at-Large & Scholarship Committee Chairperson

It's time again for the Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association to award one student a \$500 dollar scholarship! This scholarship is offered for the fall semester of 2019.

Students can be attending an onsite college campus or be enrolled in a distance education program.

The winner, in addition to the monies, will receive a student level individual (voting) membership paid by the Association that extends to the following December.

The student will also have the opportunity to attend the WyVTA Annual CE meeting and have his/her registration fee and meal sponsored.

For complete rules and guidelines please go to www.wyvta.org > **Scholarship** and download the application.

Applications must be received by June 30, 2019, see the scholarship documentation for all materials required – plan early!

The main requirements are as follows: **The student must**

- be a current Wyoming resident,
- be attending an AVMA accredited veterinary technology program,
- be seeking a degree in veterinary technology, and
- have completed at least two semesters and be enrolled for the following semester.

We've included a copy of the scholarship documentation in this newsletter for your convenience!

MINUTES

WyVTA Meeting February 3, 2019

Tom Page: I call the meeting to order at 7:09pm

Tom Page: First thing is to see if everyone reviewed the Treasurer Reports for Oct, Nov, and Dec. 2018 from Aaron? We need to Vote on these.

Dena Wallace: I move we accept Oct., Nov., and Dec. Treasurer Reports from 2018 as presented

Deana Baker: 2nd

Tom Page: Motion to accept the Oct., Nov., & Dec. 2018 Treasurer Reports passes unanimously.

Tom Page: Moving on to Jan. 2019 Treasure Report. Deposits for memberships will be on Feb. 2019 recording according to Aaron and Mel. They are still having trouble getting the account transitioned (treasurer signing, etc.) with the bank.

Deana Baker: I guess that the receipts that I sent in, in Dec didn't make it

Nanette Walker Smith: Deana, Aaron was still working on them, just asked me about your reimbursement. He has that receipt in with the batch of checks he and Mel are working on. I sent him the minutes from last month where we approved that payment.

Deana Baker: Okay.

Nanette Walker Smith: Motion to accept January 2019 Treasurer Report as presented.

Dena Wallace: 2nd

Tom Page: Motion to accept Jan 2019 Treasurer Report passes unanimously.

Tom Page: Roxane – Social Media Report:

Roxane Rocks: I posted the NAVTA information from Pfizer and opioid availability to our Facebook page on Jan 19th, says 65 people reached.

Nanette Walker Smith: This is good, folks need to get used to seeing it. We keep getting new likes to the page too which is good.

Tom Page: One thing I keep hearing is to SHARE posts. At work they keep mentioning to share posts with family and friends. Should we be doing that to?

Nanette Walker Smith: Yes - you can do that; anyone you feel would benefit from the information

Tom Page: Thought so.

Roxane Rocks: I will keep posting different topics, starting out every other week than maybe eventually weekly. I love the idea of sharing posts

Tom Page: I want to show everyone what Cambria is working on. This is the flyer she is working on for the Scholarships (*screen share of the draft Student Scholarship flyer*)

Tom Page: If you have any thoughts or observations please reach out to her.

Comments included: Kudos, decide on periods or not on each of the sentences; use WyVTA logo or not; very eye catching.

Roxane Rocks: What's the plan for distribution?

Tom Page: I have suggested that she specifically direct individuals to the website for further information. I think the LOGO is a must.

Nanette Walker Smith: Direct link to the scholarship page on there.

Roxane - the list of schools she had at the meeting last month is the distro list. Pretty comprehensive. I believe the announcement should go to NAVTA Rep to include in the state reports as well. We have enough time to get it into the NAVTA newsletter/journal this time.

Cambria needs to update the list we saw last month; it was schools minus the online distance ones which she has, but didn't have on that list.

Tom Page: NAVTA Rep. Report – Dena:

Dena Wallace: NAVTA has instituted a National District Representative system consisting of 11 districts. Wyoming falls into district 11 which also includes Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho, and Montana. Districts 11's representative is: Ryan Frazier, LVT.

The NAVTA board has announced the 2019 Veterinary Technician of the Year is Ed Carlson, CVT, VTS (Nutrition).

Tom Page: Ed has also been very involved in NAVTA Board for many years. Last I heard he was the Treasurer.

Deana Baker: I understand that NAVTA is going to be a part of the AVMA.

Nanette Walker Smith: Actually, AVMA is providing management services, but is remaining a separate entity. Often state VMA's and VTA's utilize same resources - cost saving benefits.

Dena Wallace: Correct, they are in a managing partnership, but will still be independent

Deana Baker: I understand that the Executive Director stepped down for some reason

Nanette Walker Smith: Ex. Dir. retired some time ago - the hunt for the new director started last fall.

Dena Wallace: I will be at my annual company meeting this week and will ask marketing about donations for the CE meeting

Tom Page: Deana – CVT & Membership Report:

Deana Baker: The membership stuff is going well. The rush is over but I do have a few stragglers

Nanette Walker Smith: Do we want to do a call out in the March newsletter of new members if we have any?

Deana Baker: We have two new members. Both are from UT. We can sure welcome them for sure. The new member's numbers will have a 19 prefix

I had to send a couple of applications back because they were still current. There are also some people that are due refunds for overpayment. I sent that info to the Treasurer with the checks.

Nanette Walker Smith: So we are still having issues with \$10 for certification when they don't need it? I'm assuming that's the overpayment?

Deana Baker: People are still confused about the \$10 certification fee.

Nanette Walker Smith: Ok thanks Deana. We'll figure out something on that certification info on the app review!

Tom Page: Mel with the Treasurer Report for January

Melanie Beardsley: Well, we are hopeful to get everything changed over at the bank this week. I think we have everything in order on our end and just have to find time to do it.

Deana Baker: I'll need another roll of stamps soon, but I'll submit a receipt when I buy them.

Melanie Beardsley: I think that is all I had. I'm REALLY hoping to get it all transferred over soon!

Tom Page: Nanette – Secretary Report

Nanette Walker Smith: Board signature pages for the September Constitution and Bylaws updates are in the mail – still moving at a snail's pace; see the email sent to the signers for order and contacts. Any questions when you get yours please text or call me

Tom Page: Mel can you give us a thought from your trip to Chicago from the NAVTA Leadership/AVMA Conference?

Melanie Beardsley: Sure! It was really inspiring! It was really good to put names to faces and connect with the NAVTA board. They really are there for us! The CE meetings were good, too. Mental health was on the forefront of a lot of conversations which I am a champion and struggling with.

Nanette Walker Smith: Remember Mel and Angela - I would like reports for the newsletter = March and May would be great

Melanie Beardsley: I'll volunteer for March since Angela isn't here tonight.

Nanette Walker Smith: Great Mel, that works for me :)

Melanie Beardsley: I got a lot of contacts at the conference as far as possible speakers for mental health stuff, however, meant to ask Ron from Patterson and forgot when I had him on the phone this last week. I will be talking to him more, though.

Tom Page: Angela is not here tonight, but the date for Fall CE we are working on with the speaker (Dr. Schissler) is Sept 14th.

Deana Baker: Thanks

Tom Page: Ok. President's Report

Does anyone have a vendor that they can take the lead on?

Tom Page: March 3rd is the next meeting.

Nanette Walker Smith: Next newsletter is March right after that meeting so please be prepared to get your items in to me.

Deana Baker: I'll move to adjourn

Dena Wallace: 2nd

Tom Page: Motion passes; meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

WyVTA Meeting March 3, 2019

Tom Page: I call the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Tom Page: We have Taylor here tonight with an update from EWC.

Taylor Ruhoff: Thank you! The club is helping with rodeo concessions March 22-24, we are holding our last dog wash April 13, and we are having a freshman trip for the club April 27-28. Kristi will update on our most recent dog wash.

Kristi Hamilton: Not much to update you on. The club had a great dog wash last weekend - 29+ dogs. IT was a busy day I've heard.

Taylor Ruhoff: To add on to Kristi's information about the recent dog wash, there were 39 dogs in attendance and we made roughly \$650

Kristi Hamilton: There are 12 of us in the Clinical Problems (COMPS) class - 8 who began with me as freshmen. There isn't anything that happens specifically for/w/with Vet tech graduating. We get our picture taken as a group and that's it.

Nanette Walker Smith: Pretty decent retention really Kristi :) great job! When's the official date?

Taylor Ruhoff: I think publicly congratulating new graduates is a great idea as long as you received their permission to do so

Roxane Rocks: How do we feel about listing new graduates in the newsletter, and publicly congratulating them?

Kristi Hamilton: The graduation date is May 10th. I will bring it to Comps tomorrow afternoon and get official permission -- I think that would be very nice! Thank you.

Tom Page: Rox that's a great idea for May

Unanimous for congratulatory notice via newsletter to the new graduates pending EWC approval

Nanette Walker Smith: Great Kristi - if you can get that information and approval (via Dr. B or Cristi Semmler) that would be great.

Tom Page: Roxane – Social Media Report:

Roxane Rocks: In previous meetings we have discussed what kind of posts we, as a board, want to appear on social media. The policy currently in place is 'only veterinary content or veterinary related self-help information, as well as career opportunities will be considered for publication.' What I'm looking for now is a consensus on fine tuning that guideline; specifically addressing the type of veterinary organizations allowed to post or be cited as a source for a post. I personally subscribe to several veterinary related newsletters and frequently I find information that may be of interest to other members of our Association. Some of these are nonprofit organizations, but some of them are not. In the past we have rejected submissions that could be loosely construed as solicitations for business; however, last month I posted on Facebook that the FDA is now allowing Pfizer to import limited quantities of injectable opioids for use in the veterinary market. Pfizer is clearly a for-profit company, and while we didn't formally endorse that company we did provide information about the company. My Question is: Should we post information that is essentially free to readers even if the source cited is a for-profit company? If there are basic guidelines I would feel more confident about the types of posts I can put on Facebook. I want to be sure to properly represent the ideals of the current board so we publicly speak with one voice.

Nanette Walker Smith: It's a good question Roxane - I believe if it's a release such as Pfizer's it's viable to post to the group. It's medically important. And it's a release from NAVTA which lends credibility (although should not grant it automatic post ability).

Dena Wallace: I agree Nanette

Nanette Walker Smith: I had a request for a bimonthly blog posting and turned it down because it was essentially an advertisement.

Angela Vance: I agree to that also.

Deana Baker: I feel that anything that comes from a reliable source should be posted. Especially if it involves dealing with all the reoccurring drug shortages.

Nanette Walker Smith: Some as we've mentioned before are difficult to discern from trolling for business vs. helpful to veterinary medicine. IMHO - I think that if there is question, as much as it might be a pain to the board, a quick email out to the board for responses would be prudent. Just to bounce. 90% of the time these are pretty easy to call, but 10% of the time - a second/third opinion would be very helpful. THANK YOU for your attention to this Rox

Roxane Rocks: That is reasonable.

Tom Page: As we work the process I think it is good to discuss with each other briefly. It is appreciated Roxanne.

Dena Wallace: Cambria could you get me a copy of the finalized flyer so that I may forward it on to our NAVTA regional rep?

Tom Page: Dena, NAVTA Report:

Dena Wallace: NAVTA is reporting that a recent startup called ScratchPay is seeing 400% increase in usage from last year. Pet owners with veterinary bills ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 can apply for various payment plans and interest options through ScratchPay. Once a plan is selected, the user's veterinarian receives a confirmation email and is paid via direct deposit. This process does not affect the borrower's credit score. I don't know if your practices use it but it sounds promising

Tom Page: We use ScratchPay it is working for us.

Deana Baker: We use it and we have had good results with it. People qualify for ScratchPay when they can't qualify for CareCredit.

Cambria Harmon: We started using ScratchPay recently at the emergency clinic I work at as well. It's going well so far

Roxane Rocks: In reference to ScratchPay. This is a perfect example to my question. Something we would want to put on social media?

Nanette Walker Smith: Could do that Rox - because that's a report from NAVTA and reference NAVTA when you do it.

Dena Wallace: I think that of ScratchPay is of benefit to the practice and the client, it is reasonable to include in on social media.

Cambria Harmon: Yeah it opens revenue that is another option other than care credit.

Tom Page: Agreed. I have a rep I can talk to also about seeing if they would be interested in sponsorship or would does someone else work with them that they would want to?

Roxane Rocks: Thank you for the input.

Dena Wallace: NAVTA is also warning about continued pet food recalls. In February 2018, two cases of the same Salmonella Reading strain were linked to Raws for Paws Ground Turkey Food for Pets, and a larger pattern of pet food recalls has emerged in recent months with eight companies affected by excess levels of vitamin D in their food formulations late last year.

Nanette Walker Smith: Any clue about why Vit D?

Tom Page: 8 companies!!! Looks like I missed the list.

Dena Wallace: I haven't heard follow up as to how the formula ended up so badly tainted

Tom Page: Hills reported that it was incorrectly labeled we it reached them.

Tom Page: Next is Cambria – Scholarship Committee

Angela Vance: Great work and way to hassle Cambria.

Cambria Harmon: So sadly I still do not have all of the flyers out to the schools yet. I wasn't able to call anyone last week. I will have time tomorrow and Tuesday to get the rest of the list completed. It is quite time consuming to call the schools, but once I get them called this year I shouldn't have to do much in the future because I will have all the contact info for them.

Tom Page: I would like to see the updated flyer when you are working on your emails please.

Nanette Walker Smith: Cambria, can you send the final to me and I'll put it in the newsletter

Kristi Hamilton: Have there been any scholarship applications from EWC?

Cambria Harmon: I can send you a copy of the flyer I am sending. It doesn't look too much different from the original, but I'll probably try to do a different one each year. I haven't received any applications as of yet, Kristi. I'll also send you and Nanette the finalized school list so others have it besides me once I get all the emails

Tom Page: Deana – CVT & Membership:

Deana Baker: The membership stuff has slowed down. I certified 2 new members since last meeting. I sent Nanette an updated membership list. Anyone that has a 19 prefix is a new member.

Nanette Walker Smith: Got it Deana - thanks. I'll be updating the emailing list as well before the newsletter send out. We have done the welcome to all NEW members in the past - I can resurrect that now that Deana has the membership back under control and I have that information.

Tom Page: Mel – Treasurer Report

Melanie Beardsley: Before I forget like I did last time. We went out to dinner with NAVTA and they just did one ticket. I paid 40.00 for the two of us (Angela & my portion of the bill). I just initialed that I did that. Is that OK?

Nanette Walker Smith: Re Melanie's question regarding the dinner - that was under the budget for the conference - it was covered in that under food costs. If the check would have been split it would have been part under Mel and part under Angela. Neither of them went over the \$1500 budget so as long as that's in their breakdown in the treasurer's internal report for an audit for a detail, we're good. I.e. you'd state that it was a NAVTA dinner and who was there.

Melanie Beardsley: Perfect. I just didn't know if I needed to have Angela initial the receipt or something.

Nanette Walker Smith: That would be corroborated with the total budget and per diem for each of you. Without it being a repeated offence it shouldn't be an issue with that information included.

Tom Page: Are there any expenses to vote on?

Melanie Beardsley: I have not received any receipts for this go around.

Deana Baker: Not from me but I haven't been reimbursed from the last ones that I sent in.

Melanie Beardsley: Deana, you should have received that by now. I'll look into it.

Nanette Walker Smith: Melanie, Aaron has the receipts - he asked me about them and I showed him where the approval was in the minutes that it should be reimbursed - thanks.

Melanie Beardsley: Will do. I'm pretty sure it went out last Saturday, though.

Nanette Walker Smith: I mean January report?

Tom Page: Jan report not available right now.

Nanette Walker Smith: That said - the information on the February report is all covered by previous meetings and votes so I move to approve the February report as reported - PENDING approval of January report.

Dena Wallace: 2nd

Tom Page: Motion to accept Feb with approval of January passes.

Secretary's note: January Treasurer's Report was approved during February 3, 2019 meeting, therefore, February's Treasurer's Report is approved as reported and voted upon in these minutes.

Tom Page: Nanette - Secretary Report

Nanette Walker Smith: ALL NEWSLETTER REPORTS are DUE THIS SATURDAY - HARD DATE. Something - anything if not listed here.

AND: I'm hoping Tom and Mel have signed CB's signature pages and they are on their way to the next stop?

Melanie Beardsley: Will be this week!

Tom Page: Angela – Vice President Report

Angela Vance: Other than doing a revision of my brief report of the NAVTA Leadership Conference/AVMA Conference for Newsletter publication. I don't think I have any more to say than what I have included here: Chicago's conference (NAVTA/AVMA) was an amazing learning experience. We met several diverse veterinary leaders; one of the best resides right in Cheyenne. Gary Norwood DVM, you all probably know of him or have already seen some of the extraordinary work that he does for this industry. The main two issues he deals with are the battle for pharmaceutical and controlled substance issues for the State of Wyoming and of course he is on the Board of Directors in representing Wyoming. His main battle is to keep veterinary medicine and its regulations from becoming like that of the human medical side. We did attend most of the Board Meeting. It was very exciting to see the forums and clauses that were being brought up and focused upon, especially in the

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Cambria Harmon: I hope that things move where veterinary technicians are more utilized in practices where they can be used to their full potential. I think it will help reduce the amount of people that get out of (leave) the field. Thanks for the update.

Nanette Walker Smith: Nice to see vets in support in Wyoming :) Every little bit helps!

Angela Vance: Agreed Cambria and your welcome Nanette.

Melanie Beardsley: We are getting more and more vet support as time goes by!

Tom Page: President's Report and questions we haven't covered yet for you from me.

Tom Page: Kristi and Taylor Thank you for keeping us informed on events.

Tom Page: Dena, Let us know if your company has any thoughts of sponsorship.

Dena Wallace: As soon as I know, you'll know!

Tom Page: Deana. These are two individuals from Utah that are looking to become members. I sent you an email earlier today.

Tom Page: Angela and I are looking to set up more time this month to talk about the meeting and weekend. Vendor update for Fall CE is as follows:

Vendors—Tom has started the conversations with several vendors:

1. Zoetis: Saturday Sponsor (Speaker Jennifer Schissler, DVM; Meal, Venue)

a. Speaker's proposed topics include:

- 30 Minutes: Commitment to comfort, diagnosing the itchy dog
- 30 minutes: Food trial tips and tricks
- 50 minutes: updates and Q and A on new treatments for canine atopic dermatitis
- 30 minutes: treatment of staph pyoderma in the era of methicillin resistance (I can spin this to recognition of resistant cases and good hospital hygiene)
- 30 minutes: Yeast dermatitis and topical therapy
- Possible: a lecture and multiple videos for skin diagnostics (50 mins) and ear diagnostics (50 mins)
- Potential: create at least one 30 minute workshop session for communication (phone call scenarios) after the first three mentioned sessions
- Other: ?

b. Contacts: Sean, Justin, Lyn, Shelby

c. Shelby has a name for Compassion Fatigue

Discussion in the works:

1. Covetrus-Elanco: Contacts: Brady and Graydon

2. Idexx: Contact: Alex

a. Idexx and Alex are looking into speakers for Compassion Fatigue

3. Hills: Contact: Linda

4. Powder River (Veterinary Supply): Contacts: Shawn and Kara

5. Jorgensen Labs: Contact: Jake

6. EZ Groom: Contact: (Angela)

Sponsor letters sent to interested individuals:

1. Boehringer Ingelheim: Contact: Ben

2. First Veterinary Supply

3. Royal Canin: Contact: Monica (Tom meeting with on Tuesday 3/5)

4. MWI: Contact: Jacob

5. Merck: Contact: Lenny

6. Wedgewood Pharmacy

7. Dentalaire

Does anyone else have sales reps that they can talk to?

1. Patterson? Mel?

2. Abaxis?

3. IM3?

Tom Page: If you have Vendors that you can contact please let me know

Tom Page: Nanette what about Fear Free?

Nanette Walker Smith: If I lecture Fear Free will sponsor - is that what you are asking? I'm on the speaker's bureau and the FF Advisory Group. I'm level 1 and 2 and should be level 3 and hopefully groomer certified by then. No they don't do donations without speakers

Tom Page: I'm Fear Free Level 1, just passed.

Kristi Hamilton: WOW! I just got my level 1 and am so looking forward to MORE! Please lecture.

Nanette Walker Smith: congrats Tom and Kristi :) I will if I'm asked ☺ Have sessions will travel (clinic, association, school)

Cambria Harmon: I would be very interested in learning more about Fear Free

Nanette Walker Smith: Cam - they have equine coming out and avian

Melanie Beardsley: I hadn't heard about the equine. That's cool! And would be a way to incorporate large animal.

Taylor Ruhoff: They have just now introduced Fear Free to us freshman so I would also be very interested in learning more

Tom Page: I think that would be something that we can put on newsletter and FB. It benefits individuals, practice, and patients

Melanie Beardsley: I know it's a pain, but what if we do a SurveyMonkey or FB poll to see who would be interested in a Sun meeting.

Nanette Walker Smith: We can do that. If needed.

Tom Page: Is it the opinion of the group that we should see about a Sunday morning with Compassion Fatigue.

Melanie Beardsley: And that subject may draw some vets/other team members for that day only even...maybe?

Nanette Walker Smith: (We did agree to this last month :)

Tom Page: Just making sure. Thank you all. Let's do it.

Nanette Walker Smith: RE: Meeting Friday night - if we get dinner (i.e. sponsored) - great, if not we can figure it out from there - i.e. Subway sandwiches. But meet Friday before Saturday's event is a definite yes.

Tom Page: Agreed for Friday night.

Melanie Beardsley: I'm with Nanette. I'm in be dinner paid for or not.

Cambria Harmon: Me too if I can make it for the dinner before

Nanette Walker Smith: Only change to our regularly scheduled meetings - September 8th is set - we already have a date for the Fall CE meeting

Nanette Walker Smith: So we will have a board meeting on the 8th as a prelim for the conference

Tom Page: Sept 8th meeting just for last minute items.

Nanette Walker Smith: I move to adjourn - looking forward to your newsletter items by Saturday eve :)

Dena Wallace: 2nd

Tom Page: Motion to adjourn passes unanimously at 8:21pm. Good night all.

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Award: One \$500 scholarship awarded annually to one Wyoming resident.

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 2. Proof of current enrollment in an accredited AVMA program (receipt from registrar or program director letter)
 3. Official transcript sent directly from the school to address above showing successful completion of at least two (2) semesters, or semester equivalents, of the program
 4. Two letters of recommendation; at least one from a person within the veterinary profession such as veterinary employer, supervisor, or teacher (DVM or CVT)
 5. Typed essay explaining personal and professional goals and need for scholarship (500 words maximum)
 6. Signed and dated Cover Sheet & Form of Understanding for completion of the semester of scholarship award
- PLEASE NOTE:* If the student is awarded the scholarship, the student must provide proof of completion of the fall semester or semester equivalent via transcript copy as soon as completed. Failure to complete or provide the transcript will require the student to reimburse the WyVTA for the awarded monies immediately.

Submission instructions:

- **Complete, Typed Application Packet submissions are DUE by June 30th** of the year the student is applying for the scholarship. It is highly recommended the application packet be sent in prior to the deadline!
- **All items* should be in ONE envelope mailed to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson (address above)**
- ***Your school transcript should be sent directly to the WyVTA via mail to: PO BOX 34, Cody, WY 82414**

Scholarship Award Information:

- Notification will be via certified mail/telephone call by August 15th.
- Monies will be awarded via check which will be post marked no later than August 20th to the student's address listed on the application.
- Student is encouraged to attend the Wyoming Veterinary Technician Continuing Education Meeting traditionally held annually in September and accept the award certificate in person. *The WyVTA will sponsor the recipient's meal and registration fees.*
- WyVTA will extend one (1) Student Level Membership to the scholarship recipient starting from the award date valid through December of the following year.
- The student will be asked to provide a photograph or be photographed for the WyVTA to feature on the website and used in public announcements such as in the NAVTA Journal.
- *The WyVTA Executive Board and Membership strongly recommended that scholarship monies be used for books, laboratory fees, and/or to assist with tuition.*

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