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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Happy 20th Anniversary to the Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association!

"The WyVTA was formed in 1999 to help foster communication between veterinary technicians, assistants and office support staff throughout the state."

"The primary objective of Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association is to advance the specialty area of veterinary medicine and increase the competence of those who practice in this field by establishing requirements for certification in our field and encouraging continuing professional education"

Over the last 20 years volunteer individuals have worked to improve the opportunity for Credentialed Veterinary Technicians and other members of the Veterinary Team grow by bringing continuing education to Wyoming every year. It takes the Board Members most of the year to bring Veterinary Professionals to Wyoming to put on a continuing education event. Learning in the Veterinary Profession never stops. As individuals advance their knowledge and skills, we can improve the care that is provided to patients large and small.

We are happy to say that we still have 3 of those charter members that are still active Board Members within the Association. Please take a moment to reach out to Nanette Walker Smith, Deana Baker, and Jackie Van Noy to thank them for their time over the last 20 years. Their hard work starting and keeping the process going has created a foundation for the WYVTA to continue moving forward.

The WYVTA is a great opportunity for our Wyoming Technicians to expand their horizons outside of the practice. As a member of the WYVTA individuals can work with others across the state to advance the WYVTA further into the future. There are many "posts" within the Association that would look great on a resume. Reach out to a board member to talk about how you can challenge yourself.

I look forward to seeing you September 14th and 15th for our 2019 Annual Meeting and Continuing Education weekend.



May 2019 Eastern Wyoming College Veterinary Technology Program Graduates

Kelsey Ashford, Scottsbluff, NE
Tanna Badje, Hay Springs, NE
Cassidy Butcher, Morrill, NE
Katelyn Cooley, Sundance, WY
Kristi Hamilton, Sturgis, SD
Whitney Lewis, Laramie, WY
Taylor Lyso, Wakonda, SD
Baillie Mutchler, Whitewood, SD
Kelly Sue O'Brien, Keystone, NE
Christa Penor, Bozeman, MT
Brianna Santora, Cheyenne, WY
Morgan Shaw, Great Falls, MT
Brielle Smiley, Sheridan, WY

EWC STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

-Kristi Hamilton – Sophomore Rep. & Taylor Ruhoff – Freshman Rep.

Congratulations to our upcoming graduates for May 2019! Taylor Ruhoff will be taking on a new role as the EWC Club President and will be rotating out of the representative roll to the WyVTA. Laurie Luhr will be our new EWC-Sophomore Representative. A new Freshman Representative will be elected at the beginning of Fall Term.

MEMBERSHIP/CERTIFICATION

-Deana Baker, CVT CVT_Members@wyvta.org

Welcome to our newest CVT members of the Association!

LeAnne Williams, CVT and Suzanne Scott, CVT

Membership (for all members) and Certification (for CVTs) is based on the calendar year: January 1 – December 31 and is now renewed biannually (every 2 years). Membership and certification can be started at any time and will cycle in to the 2 year cycle in which you apply.

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%20%20Certification%20%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 you have allowed your CVT to lapse)
 - 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 June 2 @ 7pm MT

Plan ahead for this upcoming ZOOM meetings @ 7 PM Mtn Time

July 7

August 4

September 8 - Board Only

October 6 - 2019 & 2020 Board

November 3 - 2019 & 2020 Board

December 8 - 2019 & 2020 Board

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

NAVTA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

-Dena Wallace, CVT

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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.

SEEKING pictures of Wyoming for our Website overhaul!

Scenery of our diverse landscape, animals we see, and more that signifies Wyoming. Images MUST BE YOUR ORIGINALS to contribute. You must release copyright to the Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association.

A major overhaul of our WyVTA website is COMING SOON. We hope to have you all involved. If you have thoughts or images, please email them to secretary@wyvta.org immediately.

Be on the lookout for a Survey Monkey survey specifically asking you to RATE, by importance, the goals and objectives (or add your own if you feel we need to update) of the WyVTA. After 20 years we feel it's time to review/revise our mission statement. We've made a lot of progress in many areas, but it may be time to focus the Association in a revised direction. **As YOUR ASSOCIATION, it's YOUR TURN to help the Board out with your input.** Look for that separate email, shortly after your newsletter comes out. **The survey link will be emailed to MEMBERS ONLY and will need to be completed within 1 week.**

VICE PRESIDENT

-Angela Vance VicePres@wyvta.org

SAVE THE DATES! The date for the **2019 Annual Meeting and Continuing Education Conference** will be a grand event celebrating our **20th Anniversary** as an Association in Casper at the Ramkota!!

- **Saturday, September 14: Topics in Dermatology** with Jennifer Schissler, DVM, MS, DACVD
- **Sunday, September 15: Fear FreeSM** with Nanette Walker Smith, MEd, RVT, CVT, LVT, Certified Fear FreeSM Professional Speaker

Please email me if you have any comments or further suggestions on this addition/endeavor!

Registration forms and information will be sent out SEPARATELY in early June via email – so please pass them on to your coworkers as well!

Ramkota room rates are \$85/night plus tax

Registration rates will be as follows:

Early bird: August 1 (postmarked by August 1):

Members: Saturday only \$75, Sunday only \$50, Saturday & Sunday \$105

Non Members: Saturday only \$100, Sunday only \$75, Saturday & Sunday \$125

Regular Registration (postmarked August 2-September 7):

Members: Saturday only \$95, Sunday only \$70, Saturday & Sunday \$125

Non Members: Saturday only \$125, Sunday only \$100, Saturday & Sunday \$150

On Site Registration* available on the dates of the conference at the Regular Registration Price (*seating and food options may be limited)

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Mel Beardsley, CVT

February 28, 2019		Beginning balance	\$18,241.28
March 30, 2019	(no March income/expenses)	Closing balance	\$18,241.28
March 31, 2019		Beginning balance	\$18,241.28
Income			
	Jorgenson Labs (2019 Fall CE sponsorship donation)		\$ 250.00
	Memberships & Certifications (new and renewals)		\$ 210.00
Expenses			
	Deana Baker-Office supplies reimb.		\$ 40.86
February 28, 2019		Closing balance	\$18,660.42

***March 2019 Treasurer Report was approved at the April 7, 2019 Meeting*

***April 2019 Treasurer Report was approved at the May 5, 2019 Meeting with corrections reported as approved above.*

Veterinary Technician Student Scholarship

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

LAST CHANCE FOR 2019!!

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

The Scholarship SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING!! \$500 is up for grabs to one lucky student 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.

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 April 7, 2019

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

Tom Page: Welcome new member Jennifer. Our first Update is from Taylor, EWC Student Rep.

Taylor Ruhoff: My only update from EWC is that our new club officers will be taking over the 25th of this month. The new sophomore rep for the upcoming year is Laurie Luhr. We will select a new freshman rep next fall when the new freshman have arrived

Tom Page: Next we will hear from Cambria – regarding Scholarship updates.

Cambria Harmon: All the schools have been notified and the flyers sent out early last month. No applications received as of yet

Tom Page: Thank you for the update.

Kristi Hamilton: Is there/was there a flyer that I can be sure is posted at EWC?

Nanette Walker Smith: Kristi, the flyer and info for the scholarship were in the last newsletter (via email) did you get that? Cristi got it for the school as well. I'll make sure you two EWC folks are added to my email distro list - you may not be as students aren't on the email distro unless they apply for membership outside the school.

We rely on the school to get the info to the students.

Kristi Hamilton: I will follow up with Cristi. Thanks! I will make sure it gets posted. Thanks.

Tom Page: Thank you Kristi. Next will be Dena's update from the NAVTA Rep. Please read.

Dena Wallace:

- I submitted the brochure about the scholarship to the regional NAVTA rep who forwarded it to be included in the NAVTA newsletter.
- The AVMA and NAVTA are reporting: FDA officials published the announcement after securing an injunction against the Pennsylvania-based Ranier's Compounding Laboratory and the pharmacist who owns it, Francis H. Ranier. He and the company are forbidden from making, holding, or distributing compounded human or animal drugs that need to be sterile, at least until the laboratory convinces FDA officials that it meets regulatory standards and adds programs to guard against lapses. "FDA does not inspect the vast majority of compounding facilities in the United States because they generally are not registered with FDA unless they are outsourcing facilities," the guidance states. "Therefore, unless FDA receives a complaint, such as a report of a serious adverse event or visible contamination, the Agency is often not aware of these facilities, their conditions and practices, and potential problems with the quality and safety of their drug products." Most other compounding facilities register with states, and the FDA encourages state regulators to assess practices. Unless they are registered as an outsourcing pharmacy, they are not inspected by the FDA. Bottom line, do your homework on the compounding pharmacy.
- DVM360 and NAVTA are reporting: AAHA releases new dental care guidelines. With a focus on the fundamental role of client education and effective preventive care, AAHA hopes to help veterinary professionals keep their patients healthy. https://www.aaha.org/guidelines/dental_guidelines/default.aspx
- On a personal observation note, I know that NAVTA is going through some changes right now, but it seems to me that the website is falling behind.

Tom Page: Does anyone have anything to add pertaining to NAVTA?

Nanette Walker Smith: Thanks Dena! I think Roxane should post the compounding info to the FB page and the AAHA dental stuff in keeping with the info to our members

Tom Page: Next is Deana for Membership/Certification

Deana Baker: I have everything caught up right now. I haven't had any new applicants, but that will begin to change as the VTNE comes closer.

Nanette Walker Smith: I've got all the new ones added into the emailing list and gratefully no bounces as of right now on emails!

Deana Baker: Good to hear Nanette. I'm getting better at interpreting poor writing. Are the VTNE scores going somewhere? I know that Jackie was getting them and forwarding them to me.

Nanette Walker Smith: Likely still going to Jackie unless Tom and Aaron got that fixed last year. They need to go to the @wyvta.org email - appropriate box

Tom Page: I did get an email from AAVSB that I just remembered. I will review it.

Tom Page: Mel, Treasurer's Report

Nanette Walker Smith: Treasurer's report (as reported in the March newsletter) January was already voted on in February, February was voted on in March

Melanie Beardsley: OK. The good news is we finally have everything squared away so I can do my job! Aaron got me everything this AM. So I still have some catching up to do! Couple of big things! Deana, apparently he got some receipts, but never sent the check to you for Jan (?) I believe to reimburse you for some office supplies? I believe it has been approved. Will get that to you ASAP!

Deana Baker: I've never received that check.

Nanette Walker Smith: Yes, was approved back in January - in the minutes Mel. If not Jan - it's Dec.

Melanie Beardsley: The envelope with some checks in it from the end of Feb has not been deposited yet. I'll get them to the bank ASAP also

Nanette Walker Smith: So report those for April then Mel

Melanie Beardsley: I have not received any March checks or receipts for reimbursement so, yes, no activity in March

Nanette Walker Smith: So no change in March = no income/no exp. for March?

Melanie Beardsley: Correct

Nanette Walker Smith: I motion to approve March's Treasurer Report as stated - no in/out; balanced as of Feb end

Melanie Beardsley: I second

Tom Page: Motion to approve March's report as stated no in/out passes unanimously.

Tom Page: Nanette – Secretary's Report

Nanette Walker Smith: CB signatures are back in my hands! Thank you everyone. Hard copies will be in the notebooks if I can ever get them finished. Major portion still need to complete the calendar portion for everyone included.

Nanette Walker Smith: We had a job offer I posted to FB and emailed to everyone in the Mtg announcement will run for 60 days + unless I hear from her.

Tom Page: Angela – Fall CE update

Tom Page: You mentioned something about EZ groom last time

Angela Vance: I will be meeting with Paige from EZ Groom this week. I will be headed to Casper Friday to meet up with you hopefully to visit Ramkota.

Tom Page: I don't have a lot to add to CE. Jorgensen Labs has sent a \$250 check for our meeting. Others are in the works.

Angela Vance: Thank you Jorgensen Labs.

Tom Page: Does anyone have others they can contact

Melanie Beardsley: I'm waiting to hear back from Patterson, but Ron sounded like they would try to do something. I asked Ron to send me some speakers/ideas.

Tom Page: Thank you Mel. Also Katherine Dobbs can't do the Compassion Fatigue this time.

Nanette Walker Smith: So we are not ready to create the CE flyer yet, correct? Or confirm Sat + Sun?

Angela Vance: What does that mean? Are we only going to shoot for a one day event this time?

Tom Page: At this time I am trying to reach out to Sarah, waiting on contact information.

Nanette Walker Smith: We need to not wait too long. It's already April

Tom Page: I am working with Dr. Schissler to get things on paper this next week for the flyer. I agree as to not waiting.

Nanette Walker Smith: Next newsletter is May - we need to preferably have dates synched up by then because after that it's July. We can do separate announcements, but it's more work/delays.

Angela Vance: I was going to say the same thing Nanette.

Nanette Walker Smith: If we don't have Comp Fatigue we go with nothing or I can do Fear Free. I wish I had other Comp Fatigue, but I don't. There are others, but none that I've seen that I REALLY like.

Melanie Beardsley: Maybe Ron will shoot me some great Comp Fatigue ideas? You'll know as soon as I know if he does.

Tom Page: I think we continue for the next few weeks. Then decide during the month. I do like Nanette's idea about Fear free. What do you all think?

Nanette Walker Smith: I can do a full 4 hours and be fully sponsored, just fyi.

Tom Page: I don't want Nanette to feel like she is second in this choice only that we started down the Compassion Fatigue road due to interest.

Melanie Beardsley: If we don't get a good compassion fatigue/mental health speaker committed in the next couple of weeks, I think Nanette speaking on Fear Free would be a great Plan B!

Deana Baker: Fear Free is fine. I went to the state meeting a few years ago when Dr. Becker spoke on it

Angela Vance: I think if it is going to be beneficial to Veterinary Techs it would be a good idea. I know the last meeting there was a lot of positive about the notion of Fear Free and certification for it.

Tom Page: Our hospital is thinking about getting certified right now.

Kristi Hamilton: At EWC sophomores are all required to get at least Level one certification

Taylor Ruhoff: All of the current students at EWC have gotten their first level of certification; we have also been implementing a lot of those techniques into our classes as well

Nanette Walker Smith: COOL Kristi & Taylor!

Melanie Beardsley: I think that's great that the college is implementing it. I hadn't heard that!

Deana Baker: We've been doing a lot of "fear free" stuff for years. I can't tell you the last time I scuffed a cat.

Tom Page: I think that this is a great opportunity.

Melanie Beardsley: OK, I'll come out and say it...Does this mean we are leaning toward Nanette being a Plan A and not a Plan B?

Cambria Harmon: I think she should speak about it, personally

Melanie Beardsley: I know we have had a lot of requests for mental health lecture the last couple of years. If we did that, maybe mental health could be the focus for the 2020 meeting?

Tom Page: I feel that the discussion is leading to Nanette doing the Sunday Lecture. What do the rest of you think for 2019?

Cambria Harmon: With it being April though and the original speaking falling through I think we need to explore mental health for next year

Deana Baker: good plan

Angela Vance: I would like to know what the CE Credits will be for a two day course.

Tom Page: That is my next question for Nanette on the Fear Free. Is it 4 CE hours for techs and then how many for DVMs?

Nanette Walker Smith: 1 CE hour per 50 minutes with a 10 min break essentially between hours; basically it's 1 CEU per 1 hour of class. Wet labs can vary a bit depending on content/hands on etc. but general rule is 1 to 1

Tom Page: What would we as the Association have to do to have you Speak?

Nanette Walker Smith: I'm speaking at KSU Vet School in 2 weeks. Spoke at NMRVTA last October. Ask me :) I can get you a list of what I can speak on. Then we request that Fear Free pick up the bill as we are nonprofit and we'd like them to sponsor me as a Fear Free Speaker (I'm on their speaker's bureau and advisory group).

Deana Baker: On the Fear Free, would we come out of it with some kind of certification?

Nanette Walker Smith: Deana, no. However, usually I'm able to get a short term sign up for certification that waives part or all of your fees for Level 1 (there are now 3 levels of Fear Free). It would also give you an additional 7 hours of CE if completed.

Tom Page: We have a discussion on the floor. What direction does the board want to go?

Melanie Beardsley: I motion we have Nanette speak on Fear Free and table the Mental Health CE for 2020.

Angela Vance: I second

Tom Page: Motion to have Nanette speak on the topic of Fear Free for Sunday, Sept 15th, 2019 passes unanimously.

Tom Page: CONGRATULATIONS Nanette. Thank you all for working through this change of direction.

Tom Page: Nanette had another item to bring up.

Nanette Walker Smith: Sorry, thanks everyone. Other item just FYI. Cristi sent me the list of graduates for EWC for May (14 students) so they will be published as congrats for that newsletter. There is one grad for Fall - we will identify that person then.

Kristi Hamilton: thank you!

Tom Page: Thank you all for attending. I don't have anything else tonight.

Melanie Beardsley: Then I motion we adjourn before out time runs out

Nanette Walker Smith: second

Tom Page: Motion to adjourn passes at 8:23pm.

WyVTA Mtg May 5, 2019

Tom Page: Welcome everyone! I will go ahead and Call the Meeting to Order at 7:03pm.

Welcome back to Charlene and welcome to Laurie Luhr, the new representative to WYVTA from EWC and veterinary technician student.

Taylor Ruhoff: Kristi Hamilton and I are retiring from our positions as EWC reps to WYVTA as she is graduating and I was elected to be club President. This is the last meeting that I will be attending and a new freshman rep will be picked in the fall. Laurie is the new Sophomore rep for EWC

Tom Page: Congratulations on the President Post Taylor

Taylor Ruhoff: Thank you!

Laurie Luhr: Thank you!

Tom Page: Do you have the information on Commencement for next Friday it would be appreciated. I am working to see if my schedule will allow me to attend.

Taylor Ruhoff: Graduation is Friday, May 10th at 7pm. It is being held at EWC.

Cambria Harmon: I have not received any scholarship applications to date; due date is June 30 for consideration for 2019.

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Tom Page: We were contacted by the AAVSB regarding the VTNE score reporting. They scores must now go to a wyvta.org email (no personal emails anymore.) I have contacted AAVSB and they will be coming to the CVT/Membership Board email: CVT_Membership@wyvta.org

Nanette Walker Smith: All WyVTA business needs to go through our board emails.

Tom Page: Next we will here from Mel with the Treasurer's Report

Nanette Walker Smith: Mel - on your NOTES for Jorgensen labs check PLEASE Include this is for Fall CE. For auditing purposes this is MAJOR. We have to document any donations. What are the \$210 donations???

Melanie Beardsley: I think I have everything caught up. I can add that note, no problem! That was membership dues.

Nanette Walker Smith: Ok so that needs to be moved to the appropriate column. **Motion to approve Treasurer's report for April 2019 with appropriate corrections**

Deana Baker: I second

Tom Page: Motion to approve April Treasurer's Report with correction PASSES unanimously.

Melanie Beardsley: I do have one question before we move on. We had an overpayment with a membership I deposited. I'm assuming I'm ok to just write those checks when that happens?

Nanette Walker Smith: As for the reimbursements for overpayment - yes - those you can write - just make sure they are recorded on the treasurer report, of course, and let us know each month. These are things Deana and I can work on trying to figure out how to make the applications more clear.

REMEMBER tho - membership is Jan - Dec. so if they sent in membership after Jan 31 and it's a renewal, it's late. Sorry - certification and membership

Melanie Beardsley: OK, perfect! We owe one person \$10. I'll look her up and get it to her.

Angela Vance: Does that mean there is a late fee?

Nanette Walker Smith: Angela, yes there is a late fee for certifiers if they don't re-certify before the deadline= a processing fee

Deana Baker: I'm not sure how we can make them clearer. I think that people just get in too much of a hurry and don't read the forms.

Tom Page: We will hear from Nanette's Secretary Report next:

Nanette Walker Smith: NEWSLETTER INFO DUE IN NOW PLEASE by FRIDAY

Website revisions are finally moving!! Thanks Roxane for your input.

- Briefly for the website - we're working on reorganizing the tabs and simplifying
- Also we need a mission statement - short/sweet 2-3 sentences. Rox came up with a great demo, but we were kind of thinking we should go to the membership with a survey of say 10 things the association should be about/focused on moving forward.
- We are in our 20th anniversary year!!! It's time to revisit

Nanette Walker Smith: Are y'all amenable to a list (we'll send out to the board for review first and then get it out to a survey next and take the top 3 and work them into a mission statement.

Melanie Beardsley: I think that sound like a good way to approach it.

Deana Baker: yup

Nanette Walker Smith: Also... we thought it would be really nice to jazz our site up with WYOMING pictures submitted by members - they would have to allow us copyright, but that way we could get images from all over Wyoming with its diversity. Animals, scenery etc.

Angela Vance: that sounds like a great plan.

Nanette Walker Smith: Ok... Rox and I will get honed in on a draft list quickly and get it out. I'll put something about this in the newsletter so members will be working on this.

Angela Vance: Fall CE Update (*summarized from meeting*)

- **FOOD:** Still looking for morning and afternoon break/snack sponsor. Hotel has breakfast included for those who stay at the hotel.
- **Lunch:** Zoetis is coving luncheon. Suggesting both the Southwestern and Deli Buffet. Taco bar and sandwich bar with a lot of variety. All the set-up, clean-up, and tear down is done by the motel staff.

- **ROOM SETUP:** Currently we have opted to set-up of the banquet rooms for 50 individuals. We can adjust those numbers within two weeks of the WYVTA Conference to include options: classroom set-up 75-80 individuals, which would include seating in the back (that seating to go to the students whose attendance is at no charge) or if our attendance goes above 81-110 we would all have seated option only, this will bring its own difficulty come lunch time.
- **MEET and GREET:** Friday night.
 - 5pm-6pm: Room review
 - Agenda Board Meeting from 6pm-7:30pm with dinner included. (Sponsored by a vendor, or otherwise the board has agreed that we would still have the dinner as a buy your own.)
 - 7:30pm-9:00pm visiting with the attendees. Getting to know them, interest in leadership/association goals, etc. The idea behind this is to engage everyone that attends. Sponsor/vendor-discussion in the works for both the dinner and the meet and greet. If the vendor doesn't wish to do this it is the president's recommendation that we do this anyways as part of our 20th year celebration.
- **Conference Registration Forms:**
 - TOPICS: Saturday: Dr. Schissler – Dermatology; Sunday: Nanette Walker Smith – Fear FreeSM**
 - Food:** gluten free/food allergy notification
 - Cost: Early bird: August 1 (postmarked by August 1):**
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 - *Member, Student (which program must be included per Zoetis sponsorship requirement):**
- **Ramkota Package,** Ramkota in Casper, WY: SLEEPING ROOMS/RATES
 - \$85.00 per room per night rate plus taxes for up to four people per room.
 - Includes a complimentary hot breakfast buffet in Remingtons Restaurant
 - Complimentary hotel shuttle

Roxane Rocks: I move to adjourn this meeting

Nanette Walker Smith: second

Tom Page: Motion to Adjourn Passes at 8:14pm. Have a great month.

JOB BOARD:

Would you like to post your job listings in our newsletter or ONLINE at our website or on our Facebook page? Please email the Secretary@wyvta.org for assistance. You may also refer to our social media policy posting at our website, Facebook page, and in this newsletter for posting details.

JOB POSTINGS!

Seeking Certified Veterinary Technician or veterinary assistant for mixed animal practice in Riverton, WY: Vibrant, friendly, busy working environment with extensive hands-on interaction; will train on the job. Wages and benefits very competitive, based on experience and motivation.

Contact G Bar G for more information.

G Bar G Veterinary Services, 1975 E Monroe Ave, Riverton, WY 82501; 307-587-1996

Best Friends Animal Health Center is hiring! We are a busy, 3 doctor small animal practice in Central Wyoming. We have in-house blood work, digital x-ray, and ultrasound. We perform numerous soft tissue and orthopedic surgeries weekly in our surgical suites with updated monitoring equipment. Our dental suites include digital dental x-ray and updated monitoring equipment. We focus on quality patient care through client communication and education. We are looking for a Certified Veterinary Technician or experienced veterinary assistant to join our hard-working team. Our technicians assist in exam rooms, are in charge of hospitalized patient care, and monitor all patients under anesthesia. Technicians must be able to communicate clearly with clients and other staff members. Technicians rotate on call weekends, averaging one per month. Certified Veterinary Technician or significant previous experience as a veterinary assistant is required. Must be an excellent communicator and work well on a team. Must have own transportation. We offer matching simple IRA, life and short-term disability insurance, CE allowance and monthly wellness allowance.

Please submit full resume with references via e-mail to Megan Okes, DVM at info@bestfriendsanimalhealthcenter.com

Best Friends Animal Health Center; www.bestfriendsanimalhealthcenter.com 307-235-4889

Yellowstone Animal Health Center is a single veterinarian practice looking for the right veterinary technician to join our family! Because we are a small clinic, you will perform typical veterinary technician duties, as well as communicate with our amazing clients on a daily basis. Mental health is extremely important and therefore we do not have weekend hours. On the rare occasion, after-hours assistance may be required.

Requirements: Must be a certified/registered veterinary technician able to work both independently and as a team member. Dentistry, anesthesia, surgery, radiology, and laboratory are all areas the applicant should feel comfortable in and show proficiency. Your roles will also include providing exceptional customer care both on the telephone and in-person.

Pay: \$13/hour pending experience; Employer matching retirement and paid vacation/personal time after probationary period.

Location: Cheyenne, WY; Please send resume to:

Yellowstone Animal Health Center; Attn: Rebecca Marcy, DVM; 109 Kornegay Ct., Cheyenne, WY 82009

For questions, please email: drmarcy@yellowstoneahc.com

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**WYOMING VETERINARY TECHNICIAN ASSOCIATION
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

c/o Cambria Harmon, CVT, LVT
WyVTA Scholarship Committee Chairperson
152 W. Maple St.
Walla Walla, WA 99362
www.wyvta.org
(307) 277-7676

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

The purpose of this scholarship is to aid Wyoming residents in obtaining a degree in Veterinary Technology.

Minimum Requirements and Limitations:

- Students must have completed at least 2 (two) semesters, or semester equivalents, at an AVMA accredited veterinary technology program and be enrolled in the next semester.
- The scholarship is limited to current Wyoming residents only, but the accredited program may be distance education or on site as long as it is an AVMA accredited institution of veterinary technology.
- Individuals may apply annually as long as eligible, but may only be awarded the scholarship one time.

Requirements to be submitted at the time of application:

1. Proof of Wyoming residency (copy of Wyoming driver's license, etc.)
 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.*

KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS



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Cover Sheet & Form of Understanding

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Name		
Mailing Address (street & number)		
Mailing Address (city, state ZIP)		
Contact Phone		
Email		
List colleges/universities attendance; most recent first		
	Dates	Degree
Scholarships/Awards received; most recent first		Date
List any extracurricular activities or work history associated with veterinary medicine; include a current resume if applicable		Dates

Include all of the following along with this sheet as the cover page:

- Proof of Wyoming residency Proof of program enrollment Two (2) letters of recommendation
- 500 word (max) typed essay Resume if applicable

*Please ensure your official transcript is being sent directly to the WyVTA

I, the undersigned student, understand that if I am awarded the WyVTA student scholarship this year, I 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 me to reimburse the WyVTA for the awarded monies immediately.

Signature of Applicant



Wyoming Resident Students



\$500.00 Scholarship Opportunity



From the Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association

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For additional requirements and application please visit www.wyvta.org

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