

North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians

Spring 2011



President's Letter

Hello everyone & Happy Spring!! I am delighted to have the opportunity to serve as your NCAVT President again.

Our 2011 Spring Conference was a big success and I would like to thank everyone for their attendance. We had 139 people in attendance! I also want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we explained the new By-laws, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee. There is a copy of the new By-laws on the website, but please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

I am looking forward to a great year with our members. I would like to get your involvement with NCAVT. If you are able to attend a job fair, local school job fair, girl scout troop, etc. please let us know. We can supply you with brochures and other supplies to help promote the field of veterinary medical technology!

I am proud to be working with this group of executive board members. We have representatives from the Asheville area to Wilmington and everywhere in-between. We have various work backgrounds ranging from small animal practice, private specialty medicine, university specialty medicine, teaching, and research!

~Amanda Dillard, RVT

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Special points of interest:

- Fall CE Coming to Asheville!
- Meet the Technician of the Year!

Spring Conference Recap

On March 19, 2011 the NCAVT held their Annual Spring Conference at the NC State CVM in Raleigh, NC. The Association was thrilled to have the participation of many outstanding speakers, vendors, and most of all attendees! We were host to over 130 technicians, assistants, and other para-professionals. Difficulties in the economy have required most to stretch their dollars as much as possible; this applies to the vendors, sponsors, attendees and even the Association. Therefore, we're even more appreciative than ever for the donations, sponsorships, and support that we did receive from the veterinary community. THANK YOU!!! You can find a list of our sponsors on our website at www.NCAVT.com. We look forward to beginning the planning process for next year's conference very soon!

Thanks to all Sponsors, Vendors and Attendees of the 2011 Spring Conference.

The North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians Board would like to say thank you to everyone involved in making our 2011 Spring Conference a huge success. We had a record number of attendees this year with a total of 139 signing in at registration.

Donations this year were by Nestle Purina Petcare which supplied the lunch bags. Merial stepped up and donated the cloth totes bags, pens, and note books. They also supplied the coffee and donuts for breakfast. The Veterinary Specialty Hospital of Cary and North Raleigh donated cash for the end of day door prize and Absolute Anesthesia gave a monetary donation for the Technician of the Year award. Boehringer Ingelheim donated the 2 gift baskets from Bath and Body works.

We would also like to recognize the Vendors who set up their tables and spent the day with us. This included VMT students from Central Carolina Community College, Jorgensen Laboratories, Elanco, NCASAM, Animal Care System, Miller Motte College, United States Equine Rescue League, Charles River Laboratories, Research Triangle Branch- AALAS, Fork Creek Mill Pottery and Ms. Gail Harrel RVT with her awesome collection of dog collars and leashes.

Special thanks goes out to North Carolina State University and Dr. Mike Davidson who has allowed us the use of North and South theaters for lectures over many years and to Mr. Jim Brawley who supported the Veterinary Teaching Hospital NCAVT members and staff by providing CE funds for 11 people to attend the conference.

Each year the Conference is made possible by a set of volunteers (your elected board members) who work on their free time to arrange to make this possible. We hope that all who attended had a good time and most of all acquired new knowledge to bring back to their practice.

~Jeannie Losey RVT, VTS (Dentistry)

Board Of Directors



From left to right: Anne Myers, Beckie Mossor, Jonathan Loftis, Gail Harrell, Janice Moseley

Executive Committee



From left to right: Anne Myers, Heather Sidari, Beckie Mossor, Amanda Dillard, Kirsten Cromly, Jasmin Walthour, Jeannie Losey, Beth Green, Sandi Portilla

Area Events

4th Annual North Carolina Week for the Animals

Apr 30, 2011 to May 8, 2011

During the extraordinary week, animal shelters, humane groups, educational institutions and non-profit organizations across the state will be hosting wonderful animal-related special events which will be saving lives, building relationships, helping animals and strengthening communities throughout the state.

Camp Unleashed-Asheville

May 12, 2011 to May 15, 2011

Come spend four days and three nights with your "best friend" and experience dock diving, agility, nose work, clicker training, hiking, off leash fun, doggie campfire, American Dog Idol, wellness workshops, canine first aide and more all on 600 acres of beautiful land with two lakes.



Sanford Walk With Me

May 7, 2011

9:00am to 1:00pm

Admission: \$10

Gather your furry friends for a day of fun and fitness with Easter Seals UCP North Carolina at the inaugural Sanford Walk With Me!

April 10, 2011

NCAVT Board of Directors and Executive Committee Agenda

Location: Sandi Portilla's house

Attendees:

Executive Committee: President: Amanda Dillard, RVT; President Elect: Kirsten Cromley, RVT; Vice President: Beckie Mossor, RVT (by phone/conference); Treasurer: Sandi Portilla, RVT; NAVTA Officer: Anne Myers, RVT, VTS Cardiology; Information Officer: Beth Green, RVT; Education Officer: Jasmin Walthour, RVT; Secretary: Jeannie Losey, RVT, VTS Dentistry; and Recruitment and Retention Officer: Heather Sidari, RVT.

Board of Directors: Jonathan Loftis, RVT; Gail Harrell, RVT; and Janice Moseley, RVT.

1. Introductions and explanation of positions for the new board members and old.

- a. Made sure that everyone has copy of ops manual.**
- b. Going over the meeting issue with gas and location since we are all located in different parts of the state.**
- c. We will be reducing the in person meetings unless we have to, such as for Tech week and the Spring and Fall conference.**

2. Website

- a. Amanda will need a copy of the technician of the year nomination letter, which Sandi will email Amanda along with pictures from the day she went to Robins clinic to give her the award.**
- b. Group pictures will be posted soon on the website. Vendors and donors will also be posted on the website.**

3. Discussion on the need for universal identifying lapel pins for the board – total cost with shipping and tax = \$172.76

Example below – gold with black lettering & magnet backing-all voted to get the name tags.



4. Newsletter

- a. Will be done on adobe program. We will need to e-mail the articles to Beth.**
- b. Went over the layout of the newsletter. All articles need to be sent to Beth by the end of Thursday 14th. Jeannie will mail out to members that have not provided us e-mail addresses.**

5. Treasurer's report.

- a. The closing balance is \$16,000 but after all checks clear it will be \$11,000.**

Meeting minutes continued...

b. Sandi is still working on the books but will post them to the website when done.

6. Graduation dates, gifts & who will attend

a. AB TECH is August 5th (time not known yet) on a Friday Heather and Kirsten will do.

b. CCCC August 11th at 11am Beckie and Jonathan with the possibility of Heather.

c. Gaston August 11th Jasmin will attend. Looking for a second person to attend with Jasmin.

7. Asheville CE

a. October 8th is the date we are looking to do the fall conference. This is one week before Tech Week. JoEtta Newman now the director at AB Tech & will be the contact person for trying to get approval with the school. We may need to get Mig (CPA) to write a letter that our 501c is in process.

b. We will be offering up to 6 hours of CE for \$50.

c. Beth to send Jasmin information on speakers.

d. Jasmin is contacting specialty clinic in Asheville for fall conference speakers and starting to call vendors to attend.

8. Assignments before the next meeting

Anne- NAVTA write up for the NCAVT changes and contact Dane for next year spring conference date

Beth- get newsletter out by the end of April

Jeannie- get with Kirsten for fall conference registration and will be mailing out newsletter to non-e-mail members

Amanda- update website, nametags, get contacts for fall conference speakers, send letter to speaker of house and start calling companies to sponsor Tech week (NVTW), send pictures of executive board to Anne for NAVTA

Kirsten- AB tech and working on Registration for fall conference

Heather- write about the job fairs that she attended for the newsletter

9. Tech week we need to start thinking about what to do and to give. Can we find a sponsor?

10. Letter of support to the speaker of the house.

a. The NCAVT will be sending a letter recommendation for Jonathan Loftis for the open position on the Veterinary medical board.

11. Amanda will set up a yahoo calendar.

12. Discussion was started on starting an assistant/support position membership for the NCAVT.

a. Meeting was ended with no decision made.

13. Schedule next meeting will be e-mailed out with a possible chat room meeting. Jeannie to check with NCSU's IT department to get a skype connection on a big screen in a classroom.

Fall CE Opportunity!!

We are pleased to announce our first Fall Conference in beautiful Asheville! It will be at the AB Tech Campus on October 8th, 2011. The leaves will just be changing! It will only be \$50 to attend. There will be one room, but we plan to have 6 speakers, therefore you can get 6 hrs of CE. We have looked at your evaluations from the Spring Conference and are working hard to fill some of your topic requests. More details will come as the date gets closer and we will get the website ready for registration, so keep you user ID's & passwords handy!

Meet The Member

This quarter we would like you to meet this years "NCAVT Veterinary Technician of the Year"
Robin Jones

Robin was so excited to be nominated and chosen as Vet. Tech. of the Year by her Office Manager and co-workers at Tri-County Vet. Robin has worked at Tri- County since she graduated from CCCC in 1996 and truly considers her co-workers family. While attending CCCC Robin worked as an assistant at Quail Corners Animal Hospital in Raleigh, and completed her externship with Quail Corners as well. She says her favorite place to be in the hospital is in the lab and loves anything she can look at under the microscope. While work does take up most of her time, when not at work, Robin enjoys spending time at her home in Burlington with her husband of 16 years, their Corgi "Suzie" and their 20 year old Cockatiel "Jellybean".

Recruitment and Retention

Spring has been a very busy, exciting and fun season for the NCAVT! The spring conference was a success and I would like to thank you all that attended and hope to see you again next year or at the fall conference in Asheville.

On April 3rd, Knightdale United Methodist Church held a career day for their community. It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon and I was able to talk to parents and students about the field of Veterinary Technology. I would like to thank Tina Batchelor, RVT, for her invitation and assistance with our booth!

On Tuesday April 12, I had the privilege of speaking with the students of Apex High School. I was able to lecture on the many careers we are presented with as RVT's. I was pleased to have feedback that a lot of student's minds were opened and interested!

As for the rest of spring, I have a few more dates to speak with students of all ages and I am most looking forward to speaking at the graduation of AB Tech and CCCC. We thank you again for your support and if you have any events in your community that you need your fellow recruitment and retention officer to speak or help out at, let us know!

~Heather Sidari, RVT

Income Statement for 1/1/11 to 4/19/11

INCOME

Conference Registration	7,770.00
Interest Income	3.39
Membership Dues	3,430.00
Contributions Revenue	450.00
Sales	565.00

TOTAL

12,218.39
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EXPENSES

Bank Fees Expense	3.00
Conference Expense	3,207.30
Federal/State Fees	60.00
Interest Expense	0.00
Mailing Expense	626.70
Materials	0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	90.25
Office Supplies Expense	252.46
Paypal Expense	129.81
Phone Expense	276.45
Printing Expense	578.36
Rent Expense	0.00
Tax Expense	0.00
Wages Expense	0.00
Website	107.40

TOTAL

5,331.73
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Net Income

6,886.66
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Donated space expense	3,387.00
Donated space	(3,387.00)
Donated Services	(300.00)
Donation Expense	2,050.12
Donations	(1,470.12)

Cashbook Statement for 1/1/11 to 4/19/11

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Other
Opening Balance		0.00		
Statement Opening Balance		0.00		
01/01/11	Balance		5,019.71	
01/03/11	Vonage - Debit	44.37		
01/03/11	AT&T - ck# 645	98.97		
01/10/11	Office Max - Debit	26.92		
01/11/11	SECU Foundation	1.00		
01/11/11	Dividend Earned		1.24	
01/13/11	USPS - ck# 648	176.00		
01/18/11	Staples - ck# 646	571.08		
01/19/11	Visa Check Debit - unknown	1.95		
01/21/11	Post master - ck# 649	220.00		
01/28/11	Paypal Transfer		500.00	
02/01/11	Ray Harrell - ck# 647 (stamps)	44.00		
02/03/11	Vonage - Debit	44.37		
02/08/11	SECU Foundation	1.00		
02/08/11	Dividend Earned		0.82	
02/11/11	Deposit		1,186.53	
02/11/11	NC Secretary of State	60.00		
02/22/11	Paypal Deposit		500.00	
02/22/11	Regency Florist - Flowers for Gail	88.30		
02/28/11	Deposit		300.00	
02/28/11	Deposit		2,315.00	
03/01/11	Deposit		1,875.00	
03/03/11	Vonage	44.37		
03/08/11	Secu Foundation	1.00		
03/08/11	Dividend Earned		1.33	
03/14/11	US Postal Service	10.70		
03/15/11	JustHost - web hosting company	107.40		
03/15/11	Staples	139.14		
03/16/11	Excalibur Awards ck#651	107.75		
03/18/11	Office Max ck#652	7.28		
03/19/11	Brian Lapham (speaker) ck#653	150.00		
03/19/11	Margaret Gruen (speaker) ck#654	150.00		
03/19/11	Devorah Marks (speaker) ck#655	150.00		
03/19/11	void ck#656	*0.00		
03/19/11	Rita Hanel (speaker) ck#657	*150.00		
03/19/11	Kristen Cromly (speaker) ck#658	*150.00		

Cashbook Statement Continued...

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Other
03/19/11	Allen Cannedy (speaker) ck#659	150.00		
03/19/11	Meghan Ellis (speaker) ck#660	150.00		
03/19/11	Robin Lazaro (speaker) ck#661	150.00		
03/19/11	Heather Sidari (speaker) ck#662	*150.00		
03/19/11	Jeannie Losey (speaker) ck#663	150.00		
03/19/11	Nancy Robinson (community service	*100.00		
03/19/11	Jonathan Loftis (riembersment) ck#66	68.00		
03/19/11	void ck#696	*0.00		
03/19/11	Hailey ? (end of day prize) ck#697	200.00		
03/19/11	Jason's Deli ck#698	1,054.88		
03/21/11	Deposit		1,060.00	
03/21/11	Deposit - paypal		500.00	
03/21/11	Dunkin Donuts - coffee	54.36		
03/21/11	Harris Teeter - conferene food	64.79		
03/21/11	Wal-Mart - conference food	100.52		
03/22/11	Deposit - paypal		4,500.00	
03/23/11	Deposit		840.00	
03/23/11	Deposit		1,530.00	
03/28/11	Deposit		535.00	
03/28/11	Mig Murphy Sistrom, CPA ck#699	*2,631.47		
03/31/11	NCSU Vet Hospital - supplies	45.00		
03/31/11	USPS - po box	176.00		
04/04/11	Vonage	44.37		
04/08/11	Wake Forest Animal Hosp. - refund ck#7	*45.00		
04/08/11	Lillington Vet Hosp. -refund ck#701	*65.00		
Closing Balance			12,719.64	
Statement Closing Balance			16,011.11	

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The North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians is a non-profit organization designed to support the veterinary technician profession. It began as a small group of dedicated veterinary medical technicians in the Wake County area in the early 1980s. The number of members grew to 62 in 1987 and became the North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians. In 1992-93, officers of the NCAVT were instrumental in helping Bill 747 pass in the NC General Assembly. The bill essentially kept the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act from becoming open to individuals who had not graduated from an AVMA accredited program of veterinary medical technology and successfully completed the National Veterinary Technician Exam and State Boards.

AVMA Accredited Programs

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College
340 Victoria Rd
Asheville, NC 28801
828-354-1921
www.abtech.edu
Director: JoEtta Newman, RVT

Central Carolina Community College
1105 Kelly Dr
Sanford, NC 27330
919-775-5401
www.cccc.edu
Director: Dr. Paul Porterfield, DVM

Gaston College
201 Highway 321 South
Dallas, NC 28034
704-922-6200
Director: Dr. Kristine Blankenship, DVM



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