

NCAVT Newsletter

April 2008

President's Letter

Well hello all! This is my first letter as your new president. I hope this year brings many good things for the association and all its members. We will be having our first meeting with the new board members soon, so hopefully we will be able to pan out exactly what we want to accomplish for this year. For those of you with internet, there are two ways to check up on the association. We have our official website at www.ncavt.com or our myspace page at myspace.com/northcarolinavrts. I would also like to formally welcome each and every association member to attend any board meetings that they are able to. We always welcome new faces and new ideas! The meeting dates and places will be on each website listed above. Recruitment and retention, as well as continued education are a few of the things the association hopes to embellish on this year. We currently only have approximately 10% of RVTs registered in NC in the association. This is obviously a problem throughout the entire US. If we don't have the manpower, we can't continue to move our profession in the right direction. Without you and your voice, it's hard to make ourselves known within the community. So, I know this is a short letter, but I promise you the rest will not be. Hope to see at least some of you at our meetings!

Jannah Bosch, RVT

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Business Meeting March 15th 2008 Spring Conference NCAVT

Dava Hunt, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 12:30pm

There were 55 people in attendance.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report Starting Jan there was \$10,741.19 in account. As of today there is \$19,389.03 with other deposits to make and bills to pay.

Gail Miller talked about our new Recruitment and Education program we have started.

It is a power point presentation to take into schools to promote the Veterinary Technician

Program and what it does. We also have a new logo designed by Jannah Bosch along with new brochures.

There are 2 new positions added to the board, Education Coordinator and Recruitment Officer.

Education office is a one year term and the Recruitment office is 2 years.

Awards this year: No community service award because we had no nominations.

Technician of the year went to Judy Benrud, she received a plaque for her dedication along with a \$100 gift card.

Election of Officers: President-elect went to Mandy Petree, Vice President to Amanda Dillard, Secretary to Dava Hunt, PR/Historian to Elaine Smith, NAVTA Officer to Anne Myers, Education Coordinator to Beckie Dunn, Recruitment Officer to Heather Hopkinson, and Information Officer-elect to Janice Moseley. Officers at are still on for one more term are Gail Harrell, Information Officer, Jannah Bosch, President, Sharon Lord, Treasurer.

Sharon Lord inquired if there was interest in creating a lobbying group to increase awareness of RVT's existence and abilities in NC lawmakers.

There will be no open house this year at the veterinary school due to construction.

Next year the spring conference will beheld the first Saturday in March because of Spring Break

Door Prizes were then given out. Janetta Kendrick won the Lamp from Forks Creek Pottery and Dava Hunt won the TV donated by Clayton Animal Hospital. The TV was raffled to raise money for scholarships for the 3 tech programs in the state.

The meeting was adjourned.

New board scheduled next meeting for April 19th at 3pm to be held at the vet school.

Meet Your New Board for 2008

President – *Jennah Bosch, RVT*

Jennah graduated from the Veterinary Medical Technology program at CCCC in 1999. She began her career in daytime practice, and in 2002 made the leap to emergency and critical care. She moved to Virginia in 2002 to work at a 24-hour specialty facility, but returned to her roots in 2005. Upon her return to NC, Jennah helped open the first emergency clinic within the Wilson area. She was the head tech there for 2 years, before deciding to try her hand at daytime practice again. Jennah is currently the head tech at Bowman Animal Hospital in Raleigh. This is Jennah's first office with the NCAVT, but hopes to bring new and fresh ideas to the RVT's of NC. In her spare time (what little there is), Jennah likes to garden and travel the world.

President Elect – *Mandy Petree, RVT*

Mandy started her career in a small animal practice in 1998. She entered Central Carolina Community College in 1999. While in college, she moved to a mixed practice to be able to experience all shapes, sizes and species. Mandy was president of her class at CCCC and graduated from there in 2001. She got married in December of that same year. Her first son was born in February of 2004 and her second was born in January of 2007. Her husband is in the US Navy. Mandy is now working at a wonderful small animal practice called River Ridge Veterinary Hospital in Clemmons, NC. Except for a small interruption, where she worked in a surgery practice in Virginia when her and her husband had to move for his career, she has been employed there since 2004. She has a Maltese named Riley, a Shih-tzu named Holly, and a Min Pin named Millie. Mandy says "I'm looking forward to the experience of participating in our organization."

Vice President – *Amanda Dilliard, RVT*

Amanda lives with her husband and 9 month old daughter in Randleman NC. She has been in the field for 10 years. She worked for a small animal practice while in tech school. Amanda graduated from CCCC in 2001. After she took the boards, she started working at Carolina Veterinary Specialists in Greensboro, NC. She worked in the surgery department for 6 years. Currently Amanda is the Head ICU technician.

Secretary – *Dava Hunt, RVT*

Dava has been a Veterinary Technician for the past 25 years. She graduated in 1983. Her first job was with Apex Veterinary Hospital for 12 years in both small and large animal. She went on from there to work with Dr. Bob English at Animal Eye Care in Cary and Wilmington and in Virginia for 10 years. Her current position is with Neuse River Veterinary Hospital for the past 2 years. She has been an active board member for the past 7 years and has held the offices of Vice- President, President elect, President and now Secretary for the past 4 years. Dava lives in Raleigh along with her 2 cats Baker and BJ, both adopted. Baker from ER in Richmond VA, and BJ from a friend when he was 8 weeks. Her hobbies are crafting and watching CSI.

Treasurer – *Sharon Lord, RVT*

Sharon graduated from CCCC in 2004 and worked at the Vet School's Small Animal Teaching Hospital before having a human baby. She worked with Second Chance Pet Adoptions for many years, serving on the Board two terms, one as Secretary. She continues to volunteer with Operation Catnip and at community education events. She is also a member of NAVTA.

Public Relations/Historian – Elaine Smith, RVT

Elaine, has lived in North Carolina all her life. She graduated from North Carolina State University with a Bachelors Degree in Animal Science in 1989, and started working in the human pharmaceutical field as a sales representative for Merck Human Health. After a few years she transferred over to a position in veterinary pharmaceutical sales with Fort Dodge, covering eastern NC. She decided to go back to school in 1997 and entered the Veterinary Medical Technology program at Central Carolina Community College. After graduating in 1999, she worked at VSH in Cary, NC and then the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at NCSU for a number of years. Currently, Elaine is working with AKC Companion Animal Recovery, as a sales representative for their microchip system. Elaine and her husband Brian are the proud owners of 9 dogs and 3 cats, and Elaine is a volunteer canine handler with Virginia Task Force 2 - a FEMA Urban Search and Rescue team.

Information Officer – Gail Harrell, RVT

Gail graduated from CCCC (then CCTI) in 1975 which was the first class to take the boards. Straight out of school she went to work back home in Wilson at Bass Animal Hospital which was bought out and became Countryside Animal Hospital. She worked there for several years before taking time off to raise her two sons. Gail volunteered at a local shelter and spay/neuter clinic for several years as well as her local humane society. She then started working part time in emergency medicine at EC vets and is now working full time at a new veterinary hospital, Brandywine Veterinary Hospital. When not caring for her 4 dogs and two cats, Gail enjoys reading, spending time with her family, serving in her church and going to her family's place at the river.

Information Officer Elect – Janice Moseley, RVT

Janice is a graduate of CCTI in 1975. She has worked in the field for 33 years with a 5 year break while having children. She has worked in her current position for 22 1/2 years with Dr Valenti at Cliffdale Animal Hospital in Fayetteville, NC. Her interests are breeding and exhibiting miniature longhaired dachshunds, NASCAR and baseball. At this time, 8 adult miniature longhaired dachshunds, 7 puppies, a lab, 6 cats and 2 gouldian finches reside with Janice. She is interested in color genetics in the dachshund and is attempting to educate fellow breeders concerning dominant and recessive genes in an understandable manner. She is a member of the National Miniature Dachshund Club as well as DCA. She is aware of the effort and hard work the past board members have devoted to the Association and would like to continue their efforts.

NAVTA Representative – Anne Myers, RVT

Anne graduated from the Veterinary Technology program at Central Carolina Technical College and passed the State and National boards in 1985. After working in a small animal private practice, she was hired at the North Carolina State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital in 1987, and has been there ever since, starting out in the small animal ICU, then the Oncology Service, and for the past 10 years with the Cardiology Service. Last year she had the opportunity to become an organizing committee member of the Association of Internal Medicine Veterinary Technicians and will become qualified as a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Cardiology in June 2008. Anne lives in Apex with her husband and 2 sons. She enjoys outdoor activities such as walking, bird watching, and gardening, and she likes to cook. Anne would like to say "thank you for allowing me to be our associations NAVTA representative."

Education Coordinator – Beckie Dunn, RVT

Beckie graduated in 2007 from Central Carolina Community College. She is currently working at a mixed practice in Fayetteville. During her time off she enjoys fishing, especially surf fishing, shopping, traveling, and gardening. Beckie has 2 dogs, "Bo" and "Daisy" and is very excited to be the first Education Coordinator for the NCAVT.

Recruitment and Retention Officer – Heather Hopkinson, RVT

Heather is our new Recruitment and Retention Officer. She is a 2006 graduate of Central Carolina Community College and currently works in the Large Animal Hospital at the NCSU Vet School. She also works part-time at a small animal private practice. Heather has a Miniature Schnauzer named Dallas and a cat named Evil Kitten. She says she is looking forward to meeting as many people as possible and bringing new faces to the NCAVT.

New Political Lobbying List!

Are you concerned that NC Rabies Law says only a DVM or Certified Rabies Vaccinator (a person who has received two days of training) may administer a rabies vaccine, but an RVT (with two years of training) may not? Or that a similar new euthanasia tech status is being created by the NC Dept of Agriculture? Help create an awareness of our existence and abilities in NC lawmakers. Our aim is to learn of these proposals before they become law or policy and visit, write or call our state officials to improve our standing. To join us, by tracking the bills or just to help sign our petitions, please email your information to sharon.lord@gmail.com
Thanks for your support.

MySpace

Go to www.myspace.com/northcarolinarvts. You can go to the web address and click add friends. For any questions contact Heather Hopkinson – Recruitment and Retention Officer



Many thanks to everyone that made the 2008 Spring Conference a success.

We would like to say how much we appreciate all the hard work the retiring board members did. You will be missed!

Also we want to thank all our sponsors for their help with the conference. Without them it would not have been possible. A few of our major sponsors were: NC State Veterinary College, Hill's, Merial, NCPHP, and Wilson Printing.



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6/14/08 – Advanced Education for Veterinary Technicians-
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November 6-8, 2008
North Carolina Veterinary Conference

Pacific Veterinary Conference- Sacramento, California – staff@cvma.net – www.pacvet.net

We would like to inform your membership of the 2008 Pacific Veterinary Conference, an exciting annual conference for veterinary professionals. The California Veterinary Medical Association is sponsoring the conference.

The Conference is June 26-29, 2008 in San Francisco, California. It provides 34 hours of technician – specific continuing education taught by highly respected speakers. Technician tracks include:

- Emergency and Critical Care-Mary Tefend, RVT
- Digital Radiography-Candi Stafford, CVT
- Dentistry-Brook Niemiec, DVM
- Pain Management-Nancy Shaffran, RVT
- Wound Management/Osteoarthritis-Dr. Benoit Charette
- Full Day Program Presented by the American Association of Equine Veterinary Technicians

In addition to the technician tracks, the conference will feature four days of veterinary and Practice Management seminars. Dr. Al Aldrete and Alex Henderson, RVT will also be conducting a workshop entitled, “How to Become an RVT-How Hard is it?”



You can go to the above website for more information.

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

Judy Benrud has been a technician for the past 30 years. She started Second Chance Pet Adoptions and still helps out when she can. She is currently working at NCSU-VTH in Internal Medicine and gives up her time to help with wellness clinics on the weekends. She has served on the NCAVT board in many capacities and is a member of NAVTA. We congratulate Judy on her hard work and dedication.



CHECK OUT THE NEW LOGO



Thanks again to Jennah Bosch, you did an outstanding job