

NCAVT Newsletter

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Dear Association Members,

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I begin my stint as your President. I have spent the past year learning the ropes from Amanda Dillard. I can only hope to come close to the standard that she has set for this position. With the Executive Board members that I will be working with this year, I have no doubt that the Association will continue to grow. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you, and the Association, in this role.

My primary goal this year is to significantly increase membership numbers. At this point, there are close to 1,000 registered veterinary technicians in North Carolina. The Association has a membership count that is just over 10% of that number. In order for the Association to be a political power and effect change in the profession, we MUST have more members. It is my desire to see the membership numbers increase by at least 100%. While I realize that this is a lofty goal, I feel confident that this goal can be met. However, it cannot be done without the assistance of the entire current membership. Each of you, in joining the Association, has shown a desire to see your profession grow and be recognized. I hope that you will join with the Executive Board in pushing to get more registered technicians to join the Association. More details about my plans will be shared with you in the very near future. Again, I eagerly anticipate the next year and hope that I meet the expectations that you have for me.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Loftis, RVT

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2010 NCAVT Board Members

Heather Sidari, Gail Harrell, Jeannie Losey, Sandy Portilla, Jonathan Loftis, Amanda Dillard, Ann Myers, Beckie Dunn, Jennah Bosch and Janice Moseley

President: Jonathan Loftis, RVT

Jonathan worked in veterinary medicine off and on for 13 years prior to going to CCCC to learn how to do it right. He graduated from CCCC's VMT program in 2001 and went to work at the NCSU Large Animal Hospital. He spent 2 years at NCSU before making the change to education. He is now the Animal Facilities Manager and an instructor for the VMT program at CCCC. Jonathan is married (to Kelley) and they have a ton of "children" including 2 dogs, 6 cats, 1 rabbit, 3 fire bellied toads, and 5 Jack Dempsey cichlids (fish).

President Elect: Amanda Dillard, RVT

Amanda started working in veterinary medicine in 1998. She worked in a small animal practice while attending CCCC. After graduating in 2001, she started working at Carolina Veterinary Specialists in Greensboro, NC. She worked in the surgery department for six years. She is currently the head ICU technician. She lives in Randleman with her husband, daughter, Irish setter Delaney, & cat Oscar. Amanda is excited to still be a member of the board after serving as President last year. She is looking forward to what the future will bring.

Vice President: Sandra Portilla, RVT

Sandra is a 2000 graduate of the vet tech program at Gaston College, located in Dallas, North Carolina. She spent several years working in small animal practice before finding her home at Carolina Veterinary Specialists in Greensboro. She currently works as a surgery tech at CVS. Sandra and her husband Fabian live in Burlington with her wonderful and amazing son Christian, their dog Onyx and two cats, Copperfield and Mr. Bones.

Treasurer: Gail Harrell, RVT

Gail graduated CCCC (then CCTI) in 1975 which was the first class to take the state boards. Straight out of school she went to work at Bass Animal Hospital in Wilson. The hospital was bought out and became Countryside Animal Hospital. She worked there for several years before taking time off to raise her two sons. Gail helped set up and volunteered at a local shelter & spay/neuter clinic for several years as well as volunteering with local Humane Society. She then started working part time in emergency medicine and is now back working full time in a small animal practice in Wilson, Brandywine Veterinary Hospital. When not caring for her 4 dogs and 3 cats, Gail enjoys reading, sewing, spending time with her family & serving in her church. After thirty years in the profession she is glad to see some of the advancements that have finally come about for RVT's.

Retention and Recruitment Officer: Heather Sidari, RVT

Hi I am Heather Sidari and originally from upstate NY. I am a 2006 graduate of Central Carolina Community College's VMT program. I started in the veterinary field around 10 years ago at Quail Corners Animal Hospital in Raleigh, NC. I've concentrated on Emergency medicine since graduation at QCAH and am now working at the NCSU-VTH. Although I started off in the surgery department, I decided to follow my interest as an Anesthesia technician, pursuing my VTS in Anesthesia! I recently started to volunteer and enjoy being a part of Operation Catnip. At this time I have 3 boys, 2 large mutts (Burt Reynolds and the Sundance Kidd) and a wonderful 3 legged Pomeranian (Tinnnnnnny)! I look forward to speaking with future and current technicians!

Education Coordinator: Beckie Dunn

Beckie is entering her 3rd year as Education Coordinator. She graduated from CCCC in 2007, and has worked in mixed and small animal practices since graduation. She currently lives in Wilmington and is employed at a small animal clinic at the beach. She has 2 dogs, Bocephus and Daisy who enjoy trips to the park in their neighborhood and of course to the beach! Beckie is very excited to be working with the NCAVT again this year!!

Secretary: Jeannie Losey RVT, VTS (Dentistry)

1998 Graduate from Pierce College in Woodland Hills California. From 1998-2005 worked in small animal private practice in California, then in 2005 moved to Cary NC and started working at NCSU Veterinary Teaching hospital in the soft tissue surgery service. 2006 to present helped establish the Dentistry service with Dr. William Krug who is a board certified Veterinary Dentist. In 2009 transitioned into the NCAVT Secretary's position and obtained the VTS status in Dentistry. I am married and we have one son a 6 year old who likes to collect snails for pets and is a dinosaur hunter. We have two dogs, Bella, an Italian greyhound, and Mya, who is our newest member that we adopted at the Wake Shelter in March 10'. I enjoy gardening, spending time with the family and presenting continuing education in the field of veterinary dentistry. I am a member of NAVTA and am on the credential committee for the Academy of Veterinary Dental Technicians.

Information Officer: Janice Moseley, RVT

Janice graduated in 1975 from CCTI, now known as CCCC and the first class to take the state boards. Janice worked at Lewis Veterinary Clinic for 5 years, leaving for the birth of her son and returning to work after the birth of her daughter in 1980. Janice has worked at Cliffdale Animal Hospital in Fayetteville, NC for 24 ½ years. Janice has shown and bred miniature long haired dachshunds for over 30 years producing many champions. She currently has 9 mini-longs, 2 labs, 4 cats and 4 Lady Gouldian finches. She is a member of the National Miniature Dachshund Club, NAVTA and NCAVT.

Public Relations/Historian: Jennah Bosch, RVT

Jannah 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. Jennah currently works at a progressive daytime practice in Wilmington. This is Jennah's second office with the NCAVT, having served last year as our president. In her spare time, Jennah likes to garden, travel the world and spend time at the beach now that she is so close. Jennah lives with her 2 dogs, 3 cats, and school of fish.

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

**Spring Conference
March 13, 2010**

We had a great conference this year, with 115 attendees! A wide variety of topics were covered including anesthetizing elephants and handling cats. Many of you attended the business meeting, as well.

We would also like to thank the many vendors who participated. We very much appreciate the donations, door prizes and gifts they offered. A special thanks to Beckie Dunn, Education Coordinator, for the many hours she spent enlisting the help of lecturers, putting together the program, contacting vendors, etc. Great Job!

All of my fellow board members deserve a round of applause for their hard work and effort.

Tech of the Year- Heather Hill Hopson
(more information will follow in next news letter)



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Members of the NCAVT Executive Board,

It is my distinct pleasure to nominate Mr. Berryman Hill for the Community Service Award for 2010.

Berryman has been a student in the VMT program at CCCC since 2008 and has made a tremendous impression on his instructors. He has volunteered innumerable hours tutoring his classmates, and first year students as well, in almost every subject. He makes himself available to assist the faculty whenever needed as well. He has done so with a smile on his face and what appears to be a genuine joy for helping others. Berryman also volunteers with the Animal Pet Adoption and Outreach Center in Cary as well as with the Wake County SPCA in any area where assistance is needed while maintaining his grades and his desire to be the best he can be.

I feel that Berryman personifies genuineness and selflessness in a manner that all students and technicians, future and present, should look up to and aspire to.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Loftis

NCAVT Treasurer's Report
March 13, 2010



	Expenses	Deposits		
Beginning Balance:			\$	8,689.83
Dep. (Raleigh)		\$ 725.00		
Dep. (Raleigh)		\$ 1,294.00		
Deb. Pinnacle Promotion -flash drives	\$ 1,214.45			
Deb. USPS	\$ 4.80			
Staples (Cary)	\$ 64.68			
Deb. Colonial Storage	\$ 552.00			
Dep. (Wilson)		\$ 500.00		
Dep. (High Point)		\$ 200.00		
Dep. (Wilson)		\$ 2,631.50		
Deb. Office Depot (Cary)	\$ 23.68			
Dep. Interest earned SECU		\$ 3.73		
Deb. Maint./Service fee SECU	\$ 1.00			
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	\$ 1,860.61	\$ 5,354.23		
Ending Balance			\$	12,183.45

North Carolina Association for Veterinary Technicians

2/21/10 at 2:30 pm at the NCSU-VTH

Minutes Prepared by Jeannie Losey (secretary)

Attendees: Amanda Dillard (President), Anne Myers (NAVTA Rep.), Jeannie Losey (Secretary), Jennah Bosch (Public Relations/Historian), Jonathan Loftis (President Elect), Heather Hopkinson (Recruitment and Retention Officer), Sharon Lord (Information Officer Elect), Beckie Dunn (Education Coordinator), and Janice Moseley (Information Officer).

Absent: Sandra Portilla (Vice President) and Gail Harrell (Treasurer).

Guest Technicians: Alissa from Knightdale Animal Hospital and Jessica from Animal Hospital at Brier Creek

Tax ID.

Amanda is working with the IRS to get our TAX ID number taken care of since the NCAVT has to move up to a different tax bracket. This will involve electronic renewals and possible audits every few years.

NAVTA Rep.

The NCAVT's NAVTA rep. must be a member of NVATA. It has been proposed that we should change the by-laws to include that the NCAVT will pay the membership fee for NAVTA. This will be voted on at the March 13th business meeting.

Website registration

Amanda's husband has been working hard to get the website registration for the Spring Conference up and going, unfortunately it has been a difficult task.

Conference Fax

Amanda has been working on a mass fax to all the hospital in NC, This will take several days since all the new practices will need to be programmed into the system.

Conference breakfast

Sweet tomatoes will need at least two weeks notice for the muffins they will supply for the conference

Panera bread will do 50 bagels with either coffee or cream cheese.

Caribou coffee we are still waiting to hear from if they can participate

Jeannie will contact Dr. Davidson to see if they would be able to donate coffee or the coffee makers if Caribou is not able to help out.

Lecture theaters

Anne will ask the IT staff at NCSU to make sure the lecture theaters are working and ready for the conference that morning.

Vendors

Everyone needs to follow up with their vendors to confirm if they will be at the Spring Conference.

Confirmed vendors are Eli Lilly, Arduus and Jorgenson.

Door prizes

Jannah will be dividing up the door prizes and there will be one door prize per lecture to be handed out after each lecture. No door prizes for the business meeting.

The tech of the year award will be presented with a \$100 gift certificate

Sharon will get the award plaques made at the Crown trophy.

Conference signs

Signs will be need to be made to direct the attendees to the North and South theater areas.

Set-up for Conference

The NCAVT board will be meeting on March 12th at 5:30 to start set up for the conference in the green commons.

Storage Unit

Storage unit is up for renewal. Jeannie will call the company to renew for the next year to pay in full.

Lecture notes

Lecture notes will be printed after March 1st to make sure we don't make too many copies.

At the business meeting it will be proposed that the meeting notes go digital and paper copies can be made on request.

Some digital formats proposed were CD, USB, and on-line availability for downloads.

CE approval

Becky has submitted to the Veterinary Medical Board for CE approval. She will hear back from them next week.

Fall Conference

More discussion on doing a one day CE in Ashville this fall since we were offered the use of the facilities at the college.

These would be lectures only with no vendors.

This would also reach those technicians in the western portion of NC.

Veterinary Assistant program

NAVTA is starting a committee to recognize Veterinary Assistant certification from different programs that they want to regulate.

The board discussed how we would respond if this was brought up at the business meeting in March. At this time NC does not recognize this certificate.

Conference business meeting agenda

Awards, elections for open board positions: President elect, Recruitment and retention officer, Secretary, and Information officer (is now a two year term if the information officer elect position has been terminated).

NCAVT Spring Conference meeting
NCSU-VTH South Theater
Date and time: March 13th 2010 at 11am

Board Attendees: Amanda Dillard (President), Jeannie Losey (Secretary), Jennah Bosch (Public Relations/Historian), Jonathan Loftis (President Elect), Heather Hopkinson (Recruitment and Retention Officer), Sharon Lord (Information Officer Elect), Gail Harrell (Treasurer), and Beckie Dunn (Education Coordinator, Anne Myers (NAVTA Rep.), Janice Moseley (Information Officer), and Sandra Portilla (Vice President) and Spring Conference 2010 attendees.

The 2010 Spring Conference business meeting started out with several door prizes awarded by Butler and Abbott. Introductions were than done by the current board members by Amanda Dillard (2008-2010 President).

First business discussion was on the AB Technician program in Ashville and that the NCAVT was offered their campus facility in the fall for no charge if the Association was interested in providing a one day CE lectures. This would be a smaller venue with lectures only with 4 to 6 hours of lectures, no vendors and possible no lunch to be provided to keep costs down. This would open up CE opportunity to the technicians in the western portion of the state. The Association is looking into September for possible dates. A raise of hands were asked for those who were interested and the census was favorable to the idea.

It was open to the floor for discussion of having the next Conference to go digital to save money, go green, and to make the notes available prior to the conference. Discussion on how to achieve this was to offer the lectures notes on the website to the attendees prior to the lecture so if they would like to print out the notes they would be able to do so. Also a CD version would be supplied to them in their packets at time of checking in to the conference. Booklets will still be an option for those who are interested to purchase at an extra charge. A vote was taken and all were in favor

Treasury report was then read.

A vote was taken to amend the by-laws for the NAVTA Rep so the Association pays for the membership fee. All were in favor.

The board also proposed to eliminate the Information Officer elect position and to extend the Information officer's term to 27 months to overlap the incoming new officer for training. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

Veterinary Technician of the year was awarded to Heather Hopson and the Community service award went to Berryman Hill. Each received a plaque and a \$100 check from the Association.

Elections were held for the NCAVT board position of Recruitment and Retention Office which went to Heather Sidari, President Elect to Amanda Dillard and Secretary to Jeannie Losey.

The floor was then open to questions and a reminder issued that the NCAVT meetings are open to any who wish to attend.

Newsletter deadline is April 1st. All work needs to be turned into to Janice.

Next board meeting will be held at NC State's Teaching Hospital on April 25th at 2:30 pm in the afternoon.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Helping our membership grow will help our profession continue to grow, with more recognition for each individual member.

You can help by enlisting your co-workers, associates and friends to join. Help make changes to exiting laws. Numbers mean everything when dealing with legislative issues!



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