

NCAVT Board Meeting
May, 18 2015
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Present: Anne Myers, Sherrie Yuscak, Amanda Dillard, Cindy Davis, Tonya Tenters, Cathy Mann, Beckie Mossor, Jeannie Losey, Jonathan Loftis

Not Present: Stacey Hathaway, Megan Guffie, Kristin Callis

- Call meeting to order - Beckie
- Beckie asked for an approval of April's meeting minutes
 - Jonathan made a motion, Cindy seconded the motion, ayes have it
- Position Updates:
 - President – Beckie
 - Announced resignations of Stacey Hathaway and Kristin Callis
 - Will call AB Tech about graduation date and set whom will attend
 - Vice President – now an open position
 - Received Stacey's resignation letter effective 5/15/15
 - President Elect - Cindy
 - Secretary – Amanda
 - Treasurer – Jeannie
 - \$14, 360 in the bank
 - still needs computer to be able to run Quickbooks
 - Several board members recommend the Board purchasing a computer or laptop, Cindy makes a motion for Jeannie to purchase one for with a budget of \$500-1000, Jonathan seconded the motion, ayes have it
 - Would like to think about possibly ordering some new stuff to sell (bags, coffee tumblers and the portfolio, etc). Not all need to have our logo. Some can be pet based for public events. Cindy will share with Jeannie her Pinterest Vet Tech gifts board to offer further ideas for selling items
 - Jeannie would like to get rid of the phone, the rest of the Board agrees. Amanda will remove from website, then Jeannie to disconnect service. The main source of contact will now be our email address and Facebook.
 - Education Coordinator – Anne
 - Fall Conference – Dudak speaking about pigs, not pocket pets
 - CE approval letter needs to go to the board, info about conference to go out in August
 - We need to brainstorm about online only vs paper registration, some members complained about not having a paper option
 - Make sure to do survey about the conference to members after the conference, Amanda stated we can use 123signup for this. Tonya also mentioned starting a survey for speakers on the communication process and their experience
 - Starting to look for Spring 2016 speakers
 - Public Relations – Cathy is complemented by Beckie for doing a great job on Facebook, we are reminded that it is important to “like” and “share” to generate publicity
 - Cathy would like to participate APS in Durham 2016
 - Tonya recommend team events for exposure
 - Fundraising – now an open position

- Received Kristin Callis’s resignation letter effective 5/18/2015
 - Beckie knows someone who is interested in the position
 - Maureen Susi nominated by Beckie to finish out Kristin’s term, Jonathan second, ayes have it
 - Beckie will contact her to let her know the results
 - We need to get her contact info to update our info and add her to the yahoo group email list
- Newsletter – Tonya
 - Conference promo edition for fall conference – will work with Anne
 - Would like more editions to keep members engaged
 - Maybe a graduation edition?
 - Suggested a “Meet the Clinic” section
 - Cut down the financial report size or frequency?
 - Suggestions of twice a year or 1 large report with smaller versions in other editions
 - Amanda to send out spring edition tomorrow
- Members at Large
 - Sherrie – working to get settled, Beckie to send out Member at Large job descriptions that Jeannie wrote up
 - Jonathan – CCCC got a 5 million bond for new VMT building, plan to break ground in 3 years, 42 grads! NCVMB meeting this Thursday – more to come after that.
- Website Update – Cindy. This item was tabled due to time constraints.
- Beckie let us know that NAVTA is discussing the name of vet techs RVT vs LVT vs CVT to try to have all states use the same term
 - They are pushing hard for the nursing terminology
 - Different names has to do with how the state regulates things
 - Topic is going to be brought up at AVMA this year.
 - Jonathan will let NCVMB know that we would like to wait to see how things progress at the national level before making any changes to the NC practice Act to prevent confusion.
- Tabled due to time constraints - New submitted business: Beckie will get with Anne to discuss.
 - Merial has a 1h Race Approved CE Technician talk that they are interested in sharing with an audience.
- Membership
 - Add Membership Option for Hospitals? – Amanda to look at promo options
 - Membership changes?
 - Look at Jan-Dec vs. based on when member signs up
 - Discounts for hospitals that sign up 4 or more members
 - Needs good planning to make sure it is manageable
 - Do We Need to Update brochure – all agree yes, Cindy, Cathy and Tonya volunteer to update
- Rep. from the NCAVT give a short (10 minute) presentation about our group to any new graduates taking their boards to try to get more members. We already go to the school graduations, but this would help capture people who move to the state and online graduates. It is also another opportunity for state school grads because pinning ceremonies and graduation is a hectic day (not many taking advantage of free membership)

- ayes have it, Jonathan will check with Tom Mickey to see if it would be possible
- Suggested updates to the NCAVT Bylaws:
 - Article IV #1 discusses voting for the board at the conference by show of hands, etc. rather than nominations and voting prior and announcement of new board at the conference
 - Needs to be updated to electronic
 - All agree
 - Cindy is working on this
 - Change the description for the Associate membership. The bylaws description on the website says: Associate Members must be a graduate of an AVMA accredited program but hasn't registered with the NCVMB yet our website membership states 'open to Veterinary Assistants, Kennel staff, Receptionist, Groomers, etc.'
 - Website has the wrong version. Need to update the website.
 - VP position or not? We do not have anyone currently interested. Think about just having President Elect, maybe have a Past President to stay on?
 - Everyone to think about it and plan to vote at the next meeting.
 - Beckie – possible new non-voting position, a NCVMB rep. Jonathan serves the role by default now, but we may not always have him.
- Motion to close meeting – Jonathan, Sherrie seconded the motion.