

North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians

President's Letter

Hello everyone & Happy Spring! I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for their membership this year. As we move forward with our non-profit status, the increase in membership numbers makes all the hard work worth it. I am very excited to announce that after the Spring Conference, we had a member express interest in the Fundraising Coordinator position. We are thrilled to welcome Cindy Davis from Wilmington to the board!

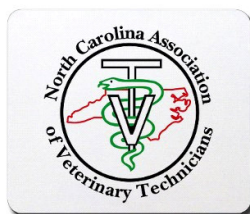
~Amanda Dillard, RVT

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NCSU CVM Open House

The North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine hosted an Open House on Saturday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the NCAVT was present to educate the public on how Veterinary Technicians and Assistants play a vital role in the health and well-being of companion and farm animals.



The Open House featured hands-on exhibits for the public, allowing them to get up close to various animals, large and small. There were also special demonstrations and opportunities to speak with CVM faculty, technicians and students and fun ways to learn about how animal and human health are connected and help each other with advances in medicine. Popular stops were: The Teddy Bear Suture Clinic, where children could bring "injured" stuffed animals for diagnosis and treatment by students in the surgery club; the Anatomy Lab, where skeletons of birds, reptiles and other animals could be examined; and a stop with live rabbits, hamsters, snakes and birds. The Teaching Animal Unit had a mare and foal in a corral for viewing and children got to try their hand at milking a cow. The Open House also had Carnival games for young children and the young at heart.

The NCAVT table was manned by members Anne Myers, Kirsten Cromly, Heather Sidari and Jeannie Losey. This was a great opportunity to make contact with future veterinary technicians by handing out brochures and answering questions on career and educational choices that are available in Veterinary Technology.




Meet Your Board



From left to right: Amanda Dillard, President; Beth Green, Newsletter Coordinator; Jonathan Loftis, President-Elect; Jeannie Losey, Secretary; Jasmin Walthour, Education Coordinator; Anne Myers, NAVTA Representative; Sandi Portilla, Treasurer; Beckie Mossor, Vice President & Public Relations not pictured: Cindy Davis, Fundraising Coordinator

Meeting Minutes

NCAVT 2012 Spring conference business meeting at 11am in the North Theater NCSU-VHC. 3/10/12

1. Thank you for all coming today and thank you to our sponsors.
 - a. Merial graciously provided breakfast and conference bags
 - b. NC State donation of space for the day.
 - c. NCAVT made enough money to pay speakers due to great membership renewals and new members.
 - d. Vendors
 2. Registration for wet labs was incorrectly charged on -line and refunds of \$5 will be given back today. Those who want a refund please see Sandi at the sales table.
 3. 1023 report.
 - a. We did get an attorney to help with by-laws and legal wording. Paper work needs to be approved by secretary of state (a 2nd time) then it can be sent out for the 501c 3 approval with the IRS.
 4. Treasury report.
 - a. Things are looking up, at this time we have \$15,000 in account should be able to go back to our donations to several groups and pay speakers. We expect be able to go back to technician gifts next year (2013) for technician week (NVTW).
 5. Fall conference 2011 recap.
 - a. First fall conference was in Asheville at AB-Tech. we will be trying to bring it back again this fall in Asheville, however if AB tech is not available will possible take it to Hickory at the community college there. Date is to follow soon in the summer news letter.
 6. Community service award.
 - a. Christine Lavelle received this award with a \$150 check from absolute anesthesia
 7. Nancy Robison tribute.
 8. Election positions
 - a. President elect- Jonathan Loftis
 - b. Fund raiser – Cindy Davis
 - c. Public relations officer – Beckie Mossor
 - d. Introduction of the old and new board.
 9. Free door drawings
 - a. Dental chews.
 - b. SPCA tote bags with t-shirt
 - c. Scrub tops from the HSVMA
 - d. Idexx snap tests heartworm 4DX
 - e. Carolina Tiger rescue two tickets
 10. Tech of the year
 - a. Amanda Dillard
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Meet the Member– 2012 Tech of the Year!!

This newsletter's "Meet the Member" is Amanda Dillard, RVT. She is our current President of NCAVT and the recipient of the 2012 Veterinary Technician of the Year award. Amanda started her work in veterinary medicine at Southwoods Animal Hospital in Greensboro, NC. There she met fellow NCAVT member Cheryl Cumbo, RVT. She had never heard of a vet tech before, but immediately fell in love with the work and knew that was what she wanted to do. She went on a waiting list for a year to attend CCCC. During this time, she got her state & federal wildlife rehabilitation permit. Birds of prey were her favorite animals to work with. She continued to work at Southwoods while in vet tech school. She graduated with honors from CCCC in 2001. Shortly after graduation, she started working at Carolina Veterinary Specialists in Greensboro, NC and got married in April 2002. She worked in the surgery department for six years. Amanda's passions are anesthesia & surgery. Deciding to start a family, she switched to ICU (better hours) where she stayed for three years. She also managed the in-house blood bank which she discovered she really enjoyed. Amanda has always enjoyed training people to work with animals. In August 2010, Amanda started working at Wake Forest School Medicine in animal research as a Training Coordinator. She has served on the NCAVT board since 2008. She has held various positions including Vice President, President-Elect, & President. She loves meeting all the dedicated vet techs from across the state. "It gives me the fuel I need to keep going on bad days" she states. She was also grateful to be a part of the process for amending the Rabies Law in NC to allow RVT's to administer the rabies vaccine under direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. "I learned a lot about the legislative process during that time – it was eye opening" she stated. Amanda also mentioned that she been very fortunate to work with a great group of fellow board members. She says "They are a great team and I could not accomplish anything without them". Amanda currently lives in Randleman, NC with her wonderful husband, Eric and their 4 year old daughter, Ava. The furry creatures in her life include a 13 year old tuxedo cat named Oscar and a 4 year old goofy Irish Setter named Delaney.



Income Statement

The numbers are still being finalized after the Spring Conference. We currently have a bank balance of \$12,004.34 after most of the expenses of the Spring Conference. Thank you all for your support!

Spring Conference

Thanks to everyone who attended our annual Spring Conference! We had 104 in attendance! We are very thankful to the NC Veterinary School for their continued support of our program with the donation of venue space to hold the conference. We had a great time and some wonderful speakers! All of the speakers at this year's conference were willing to donate their time, however with the increase in member numbers – we were able to pay them all! Topics included Rabbits in Research, Rehab for the down dog, nutrition for exotics, blood transfusions, canine leptospirosis, anesthesia & analgesia, among others. We were also able to offer 2 wet labs: anesthesia & hematology. At the business meeting Jonathan Loftis, BS, RVT was voted into the President-Elect Position. Beckie Mossor, RVT currently Vice President, took on an additional role as Public Relations. Everyone else maintained their current positions to allow time for the non-profit paperwork to go through.

The Community service Award went to Christine Lavelle, a VMT student at CCC for her volunteer work with 3 different non-profit organizations and maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She was nominated by one of her instructors, Beckie Mossor.



One of the highlights of the meeting was saying goodbye to Mrs. Robinson and congratulating her on her retirement. Mrs. Nancy Robinson was an instructor for the VMT program at CCC for 39 years. She was also the first RVT to serve on the NC Veterinary Medical Board (a position she is still serving).



Members & past students filled out cards to express their gratitude for her many years of service and a cake was served during lunch. We all know she will be missed and wish her many joys during her much deserved retirement!

Recruitment and Retention to Public Relations

The Executive Board has voted unanimously to rename the position of Recruitment and Retention to Public Relations in an effort to better encompass the goals of that position on the Board. At the Annual Spring Conference this year, Beckie Mossor, current NCAVT Vice President, agreed to fill this position over the next year and the members agreed by a show of hands in the Business Meeting held March 10, 2012. We are excited to continue to evolve this Association to meet the needs of our members throughout the state. If you would like someone to come and talk to your practice about the NCAVT please contact Beckie Mossor through info@ncavt.org.

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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

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