

Academy of Veterinary Technicians in Anesthesia and Analgesia

Newsletter

February 3, 2020



The Academy recently held a vote regarding a proposed name change to include the title Nurse. The name change is directed by a movement to include all designations of our Anesthesia family, some of which are referred to as nurses, in the international field. The founding charter members of the AVTA (AVTAA) have always supported inclusiveness for all members. The vote that was put forth by the Board of Regents was not conclusive enough, and could have been misleading in the results. There were three options proposed, but if you study all numbers, there could have been confusion with the proposed questions. It has been decided that in order to clarify all results, another simpler vote will be opened to our Academy. Instead of three choices, there will simply be a question...Do you want to include the title Nurse within our name? Look for the doodle poll to be out tomorrow, and opened for one month. Once the vote has completed, we will study the results, and a clear answer should be unveiled as to how you all would like to have our name branded and soon trademarked. I encourage all of you to exercise your rights to vote regarding the Academy. —Jenn



Under the Drape

February 2020 - State of the Academy

The Board met January 27th and charted out some goals for 2020. You will be receiving a second ballot regarding the academy name with an eye toward following the pathway to trademarking our name and logo. Like dealing with any other legal process, there are multiple steps to take for the waiting game but a 1,000 mile journey begins with the first step.

Another significant undertaking is the review of the Constitution and Bylaws for updating and amending. As amendments need to be voted on at the general business meeting at IVECCS, we're checking to see if an electronic meeting will suffice in lieu of being physically present for your vote to count. This is your academy and your vote is important.

Financially, we are stable but are looking at expenditures such as the purchase of new exam software, AVTAA computer plus external hard drive to store existing exam information on the current computer and hiring an independent to do the psychometrics for the exam results are looming. Application and exam fees are slated to be increased for the year 2021.

Huge news for IVECCS, AVTAA will be responsible for recruiting academy members to moderate the AVTAA sessions! We will also be seeking additional information from the attendees to the sessions to determine how to best craft our program offerings.

The annual report to NAVTA CVTS has been filed and I'd love everyone to take a look at the current membership list on the website. I'm proud of many things about the academy but having 49 international members out of 220 total is pretty high on my list.

I would like to thank all of you for representing the academy by being the best patient advocate that you can be! And please be sure to put forth names to the nomination committee for the positions that will need to be filled.

Katy



More urgent, Friendly reminder, Annual dues \$50 (an increase voted on by the AVTAA membership at the general business meeting at IVECCS 2019)..are **now overdue!!!!** Please visit the website under the members only section ! If you are having trouble accessing the website, please contact Darci.

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WELLNESS

Life sucks.

It's busy.

There are not enough people, and the hours do not end.

Some days it's hard to put on pants.

Our patients and clients sometimes make us question life decisions.

In all sincerity, take a time out...take a moment...reach out...go for a walk. Enjoy the silence and equally enjoy the chaos.

Mental Health Monday should be Mental Health Everyday....

1-800-273-TALK



WE WANT YOU!!!!-

Volunteers Needed for the Nominations Committee.

The Credentials committee will need help this upcoming year

Contact Darci if Interested!

As we grow, our newsletter will hopefully be a source of member case reports, interesting facts, all the relevant hashtags, and maybe a funny meme or two. If you would like to submit any of the above, please contact Jenn Sager.

Looking for the next step? Consider helping your academy!

It's that time of the year again!

AVTAA is looking for nominations for the following positions:

President Elect
Treasurer
Member at Large

Interested but have questions? Contact the nominations committee:

megsmith86@gmail.com

Please submit your nominations to the Nomination committee e-mail:

megsmith86@gmail.com

You can nominate anyone in the academy or yourself!



Its February!!!! Dental month. Don't forget your Local Blocks :)

#localanesthesiarocks

Hey cat ! Smile ! It's Pet Dental Health Month



UPCOMING CE

Western Veterinary Conference
Las Vegas, NV
February 16-19, 2020

AVMA 2020
San Diego, CA
July 31-August 4 2020

IVECCS
St. Louis, MO
September 16-20, 2020

Connexity 2020
Denver, CO
September 30-October 3, 2020

VANS
Las Vegas, NV
October 26-28, 2020

