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Under the Drape

Hello my AVTAA Family!

I've got to say how excited I was and still am about IVECCS 2019. So many positive actions on multiple fronts! I believe we had great communication with ACVAA not only at the joint luncheon, which was attended by perhaps a record number, but also at the sit down meeting with the ACVAA liaison committee on Friday evening. The Board of Regents had a meeting Sunday morning prior to the annual business meeting with a number of thoughts and suggestions that will be presented to the membership over the course of the year for input. The information session was attended by several DACVAA members. I'm grateful to see this interest in how they best can support their applicants! Be still my heart, the 20th anniversary get together was heartwarming to see academy members come together and put faces to names in a social setting. The anniversary pins are a beautiful collaboration between Darci Palmer and Brenda Feller. The NAVAS informational session brought about requests for participation from our academy with VIN/NAVAS rounds in 2020 as well as a request for one of our members to take a hand in "Technician's Corner" section of the NAVAS website that is a discussion forum. It is in need of some direction, content etc. If you're interested, give me a shout and I'll put you in touch with their website coordinator.

I'm very much looking forward to the coming year as we, as an academy, address some timely issues that will ultimately make us a stronger unit.

Katy

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IVECCS 2019

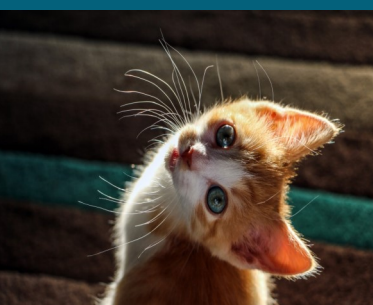
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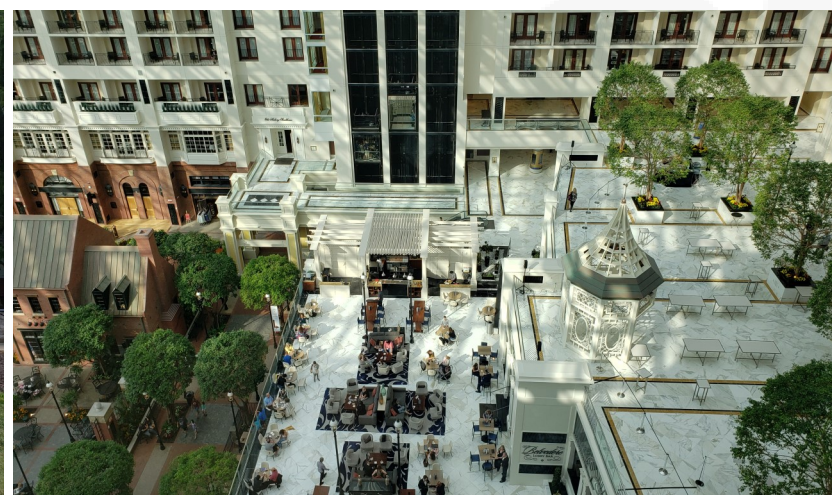
IMPORTANT DATES:

Recertification Packets
Class 2004, 2009, 2014
due :

October 31, 2019 11:59pm
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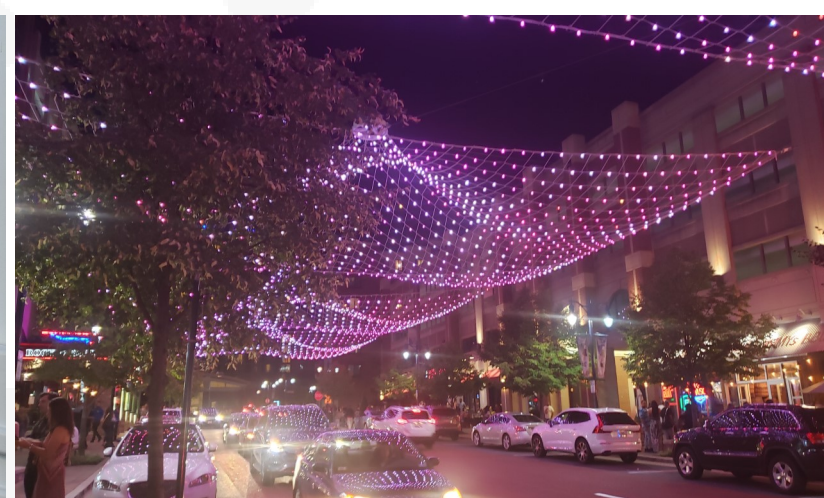
Gaylord Convention Center
National Harbor, MD



Gaylord Convention Center– Lobby View
National Harbor, MD



National Harbor Pier



Late Night Lights!

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

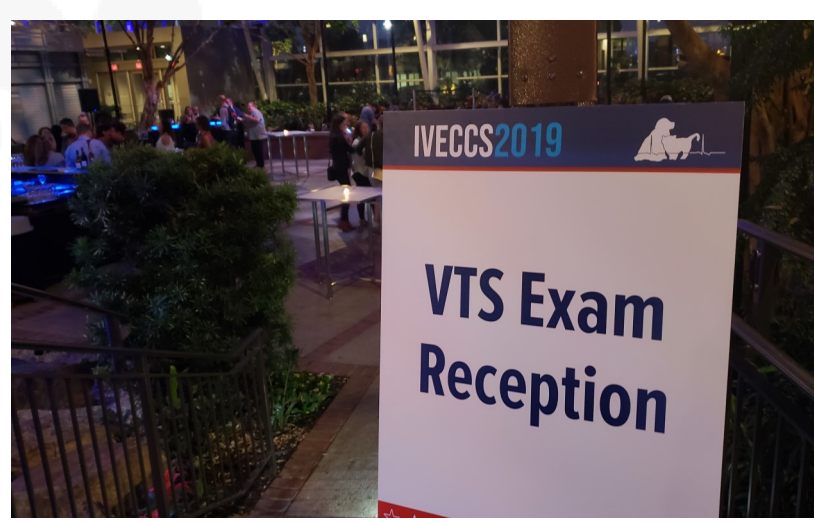


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As we grow, our newsletter will hopefully be a source of member case reports, interesting facts, all the relevant hashtags, and maybe a funny meme or two. If you would like to submit any of the above, please contact Jenn Sager.



Swag given to the Exam Candidates....I admit, I wear mine to work!



Much needed reception after an 8 hour exam. What a great venue to mingle with ALL VTS members from all Academies.



ACVAA and AVTAA Liaison Meeting Granite City Brewery



ACVAA President- Dr. Egger and Katy speaking together at the Midmark Sponsored ACVAA/AVTAA Luncheon



AVTAA 20th Anniversary reception



AVTAA 20th Anniversary reception- Harry Latshaw and Katy



February 1995 at WVC in Las Vegas. Organizing meeting of VTAS. L to R: Paige Jones, Charlie Hoffman, Lorraine Wyant, Phyliss Shantz, Harry Latshaw, Deb Reeder, Glenn Horne

AVTAA 20th Anniversary reception



WVC 1999 AVTA received NAVTA recognition. L to R: Dean Knoll, Craig Cornell, Harry Latshaw, representing AVTA; Monica Cassidy and Linda Merrill, representing NAVTA

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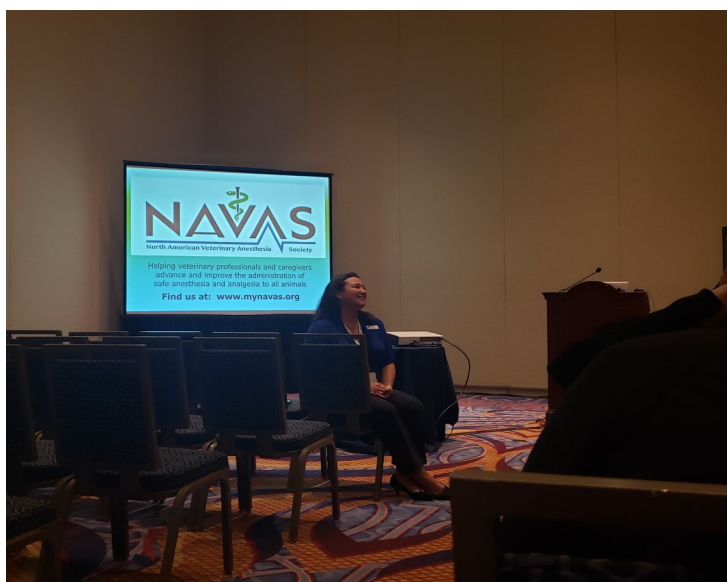




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AVTAA 20th Anniversary reception – After Party



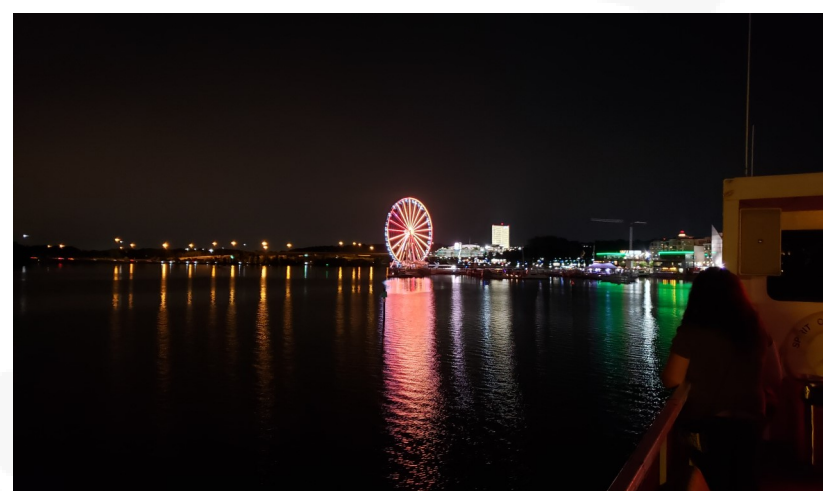
NAVAS Informational Meeting



Kate Lafferty Speaking!



Speaker/Moderator Dinner – Yacht at Sunset



The End!!!!

WE WANT YOU!!!!-

Volunteers Needed for the Nominations Committee.

The Credentials committee will need help this upcoming year

Contact Darci if Interested!

IVECCS 2019 General Business Meeting Highlights:

September 8, 2019

The AVTAA Membership meeting had a record number of 40 attendees in attendance. Katy began the meeting discussing old business agenda items. Other topics discussed were:

Increasing annual membership dues by \$10

The practical exam portion of the AVTAA Exam will now be called the Clinical Competency Exam

A membership vote earlier in 2019 updated the constitution to match the Bylaws. We are now reviewing the Bylaws. Help may be solicited from the BOR to the general membership for input.

Committee reports were reviewed

2020 Pre-applicant numbered 105! 87 were approved... the Credentials Committee will need help!!

26 candidates took the exam this year! The AVTAA exam was reviewed prior by two ACVAA diplomats for accuracy and content.

All AVTAA members were encouraged to attend the NAVAS information session and take part in the offered free membership.

A formal vote was obtained regarding a request to bestow Mary Ellen Goldberg with a Honorary Membership as outlined by the previous constitution. The motion passed. Welcome Mary Ellen.

UPCOMING CE

ABVP Symposium
Denver, CO
October 10-13, 2019

ACVS Surgery Summit
Las Vegas, NV
October 16-19

Anesthesia Nerds Symposium
Las Vegas, NV
October 28-29, 2019

VMX
Orlando, FL
January 18-22, 2020

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

