



Under the Drape

Hello!

I hope June finds everyone on a beach drinking a margarita (Or insert drink of choice)! We have been tackling more important Academy tasks since February, including a round of Credentials application reviews, complete with THE list-serve discussion of 2022, Appeals reviews, phase one of Recredentialing application, BOR nominations, symposium planning, and a new policy and procedure manual!

I hope to see everyone in September for the IVECCS Symposium, where we will still have our examination and general business meeting. I think the hybrid model worked well last year, therefore I will send out a ZOOM for all those members that cannot attend...#hitrecordthistime..... There has been some discussion about IVECCS, and frankly some misconception regarding our presence and exam. We have not pulled out of the IVECCS arena, and although the ACVAA is representing themselves at the ACVS Surgical Summit, the AVTAA does not have a guaranteed presence, or even availability of lectures tracks until maybe 2024. We will continue to have lecture tracks and our meeting at IVECCS, until we as an Academy decide if we want to change to the surgical arena. I am pleased that we have a few lecture tracks available this year for anesthesia at ACVS, and hopefully among this symposium and others, we can continue to increase our speaking presence.

We want to take the time to highlight our nominees for the Upcoming Board of Reagents Election. Thank you to the nomination committee for the hours of research, and time dedicated to contacting the members and providing us a wonderful group of individuals who are all dedicated to our Academy and it's future. Please take the time to read excerpts from the nominee's biographies and statement of purpose. A more in-depth version will be provided with the actual voting ballot. Please read below for your Nominees!

Remember to give yourself some grace during daily challenges. Buy the shoes, hug a cat, run the miles, or whatever brings your joy.....

Jenn



President-Elect: Anita Parkin

I am dedicated and committed to the Profession and have been fortunate to have been working in this Industry for nearly 30 years. I am currently employed in a private referral practice and have been for the last 20 years. My career has been very rewarding, and I feel privileged to have been supported and encouraged to have a fulfilling career which has provided me with many opportunities for personal growth. I qualified with my VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia) in 2009, and since then I have been an active member of the exam and appeals committee and the mentoring program for several applicants. I have taken part in the AVTAA Annual General Meetings (virtually with covid) and in person at IVECCS each year. My interest in serving on the AVTAA Board is to be involved in the future direction and growth of this organization and to be able to represent our members with passion and vigor.



President-Elect: Kelly Wray

I look back at how much medicine has changed from when I started in this field and how much better our patient care is and feel honored to be a part of this. One of my largest accomplishments was passing the AVTAA exam last year. My goal for the future is to continue teaching. I would love to start lecturing at conferences and to write CE or articles. My goal if considered for a position on the AVTAA committee is to become more involved with spreading knowledge of what this position entails and encouraging technicians to pursue attaining their VTS. I would like it to become a more recognized organization, and a more attainable goal for technicians. I think that as a natural teacher and experienced technician I would bring new ideas and energy to the committee.



Treasurer: Katie Brakenhoff (Incumbent)

I have been a member of the academy since 2018 and have been credentialed since 2005 when I graduated from Michigan State University. My husband and I will be married 15 years this fall. We share two awesome kids, 10 and 13 years old. As we both work in vet med, we are guilty of the occupational hazard of taking in too many strays and joke about the zoo we live at. I have a strong interest in finance, keeping up with both our personal and business numbers. Therefore, I would like to serve as treasurer for the academy and feel that this would be a good fit for me to do my part.



Member-At-Large: Shauna Feldsher

Having been a member of our academy for 7 years, I feel it is time to be more of a participant. I have assisted on the examination committee for a few years and mentored applicants, but I have a drive to serve the academy in a broader position. Along with service to the academy, I have a desire to understand the inner workings and relationships we have with other academies and associations. I want to help our academy continue to grow and provide support to individuals and other associations around the world.



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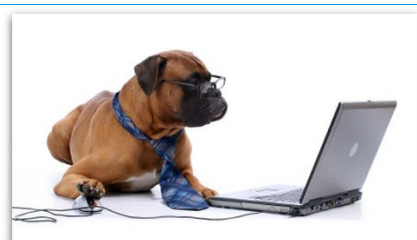
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Member-At-Large: Tasha McNearny

Tasha is a Certified Veterinary Technician from Glenside, PA. She is also a certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner and works closely with the IVAPM to educate the public about animal pain awareness. Tasha became a veterinary technician specialist in anesthesia in 2015. Tasha loves to lecture on various anesthesia and pain management topics around the globe. In her spare time Tasha enjoys reading, spending time with her son, and waiting patiently for the next season of Game of Thrones to return. "I would like to help bridge the gap between DACVAA and AVTAA as I see this is a big area we need to come together on."



Member-At-Large: Chelsey Vanetten

I obtained my VTS in Anesthesia/Analgesia in 2017. I have experience anesthetizing anything from betta fish to elephants (and anything in between!). My favorite part of my job has been taking what I know about small animal anesthesia and applying it to exotic animal species. I have been part of research projects and published several papers on hematology in large mouth bass and marine toads and helped pioneer femoral/sciatic nerve blocks in turtles/tortoises for hind limb amputations. I have been on the Application Committee since 2018 and on the Appeals Committee in 2021 and 2022. I love being able to help AVTAA and I believe being on the Board of Regents will allow me to continue to help my AVTAA Community.



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SAVE THE DATE:
General AVTAA Yearly Business Meeting
September 9, 2022

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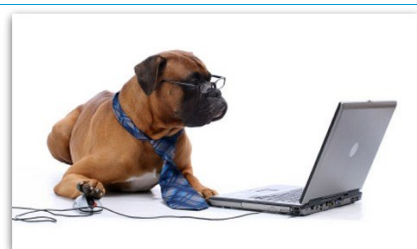
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