

2022 AVTAA
Annual
Membership
Meeting

Brought to you by ZOOM
and In-Person theatrics!

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2021 Annual Business Meeting Notes

Call to Order: 12:16pm CST

Introduction of the BOR members: Jenn, Darci, Amanda;
ZOOM- introduction of BOR members not in attendance

AVTAA 2020 at a glance:

- First remote general membership meeting
 - Over 60% participation 🤗
- First cooperative awarding of the Louise O'Dwyer Aspiration Award with AVECCTN (won by an AVTAA applicant!) 2020
- First joint meeting with NAVAS and ACVAA held virtually 2020
- First participation by AVTAA speakers in inaugural NAVAS virtual spring symposium 2021

Trademark – update! It's happening

- published on trademark website, mistake fixed, not completely registered yet, still in trademark phase, we are listed in the registry so things are moving along

Exam

- Administered first online and remote exam in 2021; 2020 exam canceled; spent 2020 getting exam ready for online
- Kudos to Brenda Heller and exam committee for getting this all ready.

Bylaws, Constitution and Mission Statement updated

Created individual email addresses for BOR and committees

Committee Reports:

Financial Update:

- Transitioned our bank to a national bank, Chase; transition complete.
- We have \$87,508.12 in the bank currently.
- In 2021 we have made the following financial gains and expenses that led to that amount!
 - \$1,026 in Advertisements
 - \$3,060 Application fees
 - \$11,085 Membership fees
- We have spent the following
 - \$250 in October 2020 toward Louise O'Dwyer Award
 - \$1,000 toward NAVAS conference
 - \$2,163 for Copyright Attorney
 - \$457 in Paypal and Quickbook Fees

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Meet Your Current Board of Regent Members

President:
Jenn Sager
#allthehashtags





President Elect:
Jody Nugent-Deal



Immediate Past-President:
Katy Waddell



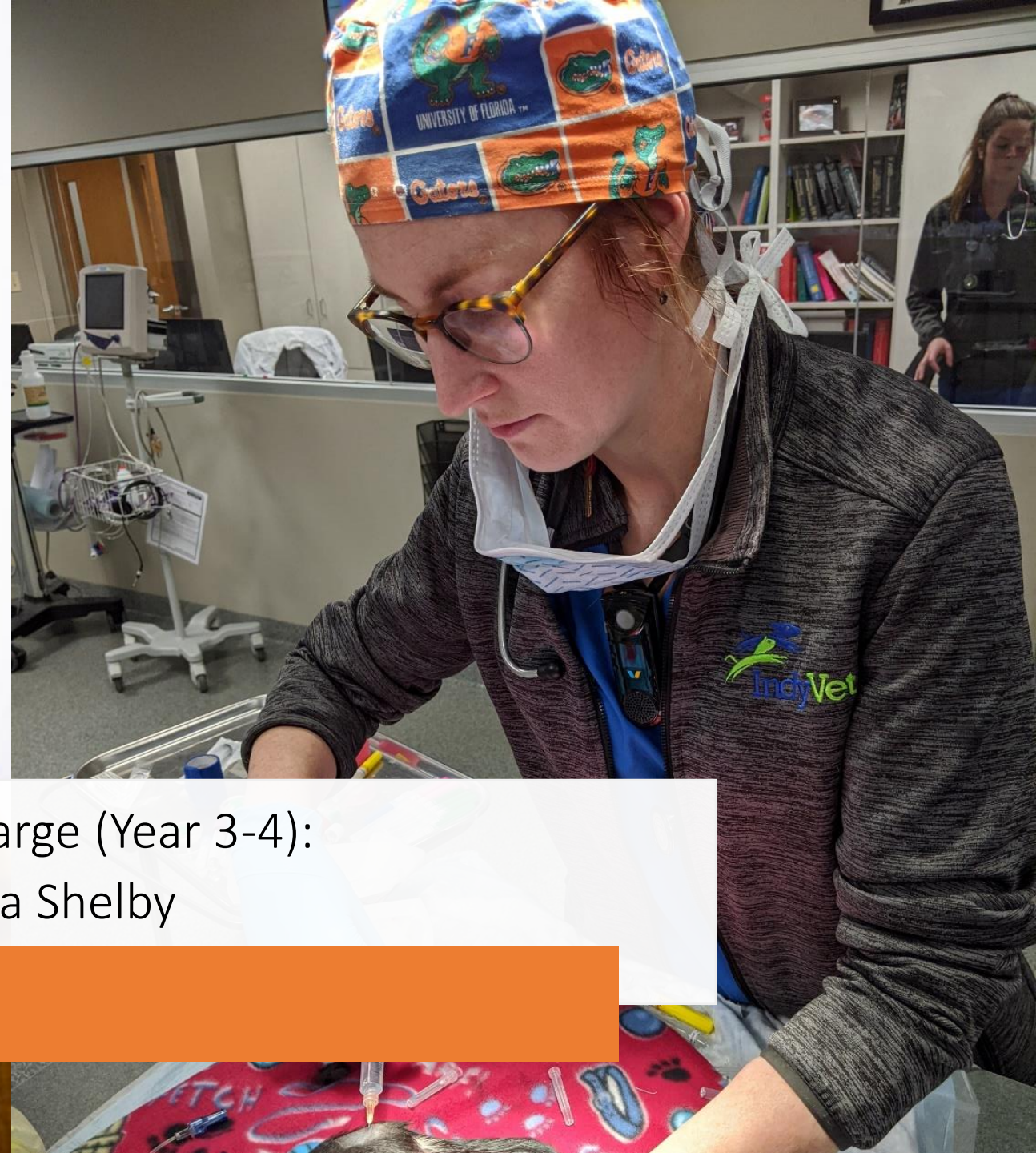
Executive Secretary:
Darci Palmer

Treasurer:
Katie
Brakenhoff



Member-At-Large (Year 1-2):
Sharon Klinger





Member At Large (Year 3-4):
Amanda Shelby





Member-At-Large (Year 5-6):
Brynn Hogan





Committees

that make a difference



AVTAA Operating Budget - General Membership.pdf



Under the Drape

Hello Family!

What challenging times we have had of late. I hope everyone is well and continues to be safe. The Board of Regents met May 11 and made the horribly difficult decision to cancel the examination for the 2020 approved applicants, due to the unknown nature of the Covid-19 virus, and the ability to safely travel nationally, as well as internationally, for the exam candidates. All candidates will be deferred till next year. They will still be able to submit an essay for the **Louise O'Dwyer VTS Aspiration Award**. This is a scholarship award between AVTAA and AVECCCTN to honor the memory of Louise. A winner is jointly chosen by committee.

Other board business included discussion on:

ACVAA has potentially decided they will not be present at IVECCS if the conference occurs in person for 2020. IVECCS has been unable to confirm if an in-person conference will occur. Since the AVTAA track is managed by VBOCS, contingency plans are being made for either an in-person or virtual platform.

NAVAS has offered to host 3 tracks of CE through zoom. The Society has asked AVTAA to leave our own track (maybe 8 hr of content) within this virtual meeting. This is still in the works and a call for proposals will be sent via the listserv once concrete details have been determined. I'm joining the joint education committee so keep an eye out. This has been discussed as a one off type of venture due to the pandemic and is not meant to replace AVTAA's IVECCS conference track.

Feasibility of having a Zoom platform meeting for the annual business meeting, in lieu of an in person gathering. The platform can handle polls so that we can elicit votes for any/all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. These are currently under review and it is hoped to have any proposed changes to the membership by July as well as a slate of nominees for the open positions of President Elect, Treasurer and Member at Large. I'll have more information on date and time and will update everyone.

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to visit the "facelift" for the website. Let us know what you think.

Katy



Good, I have your attention :)

Ready for the next step in your career?? The AVTAA has open positions coming up. Consider adding one of the following positions to your resume:

- Member at Large (6 year term)
- President-Elect (2 year term)
- Treasurer (2 year term)

No experience, no worries! All positions will be given guidance from the previous holder. This will be the last call for nominations for this year. If you'd like more information on each position or would like to nominate yourself/someone else contact: Neagan Smith neaganath99@gmail.com



Communication



- Newsletter
- Website Overhaul
- Brochure Update
- Willing to publish or artistic?
avtaa.vts.publicrelation@gmail.com

Conference

- Chair- Kate Lafferty
- Provide Anesthesia Technician Lecture and Laboratory Support
- Contact every major conference-varied response
- Website vault for available speakers with titles, CVs
- Willing to speak?
avtaa.vts.conference@gmail.com





Credentials

- Chair- Joanne Zimmerman
- Application Overhaul
- Blind Application with 45 graders
 - 3 member team graders, 1 stand-by reviewer if necessary
 - 1 Breach in Confidentiality
- Standardization of Grading rubric
- BLINDED APPLICATIONS!!!!
- 2023- Currently in Progress
- 2024- Changing Case Report, Skills List (JTA)
- Willing to join? avtaa.vts.credential@gmail.com

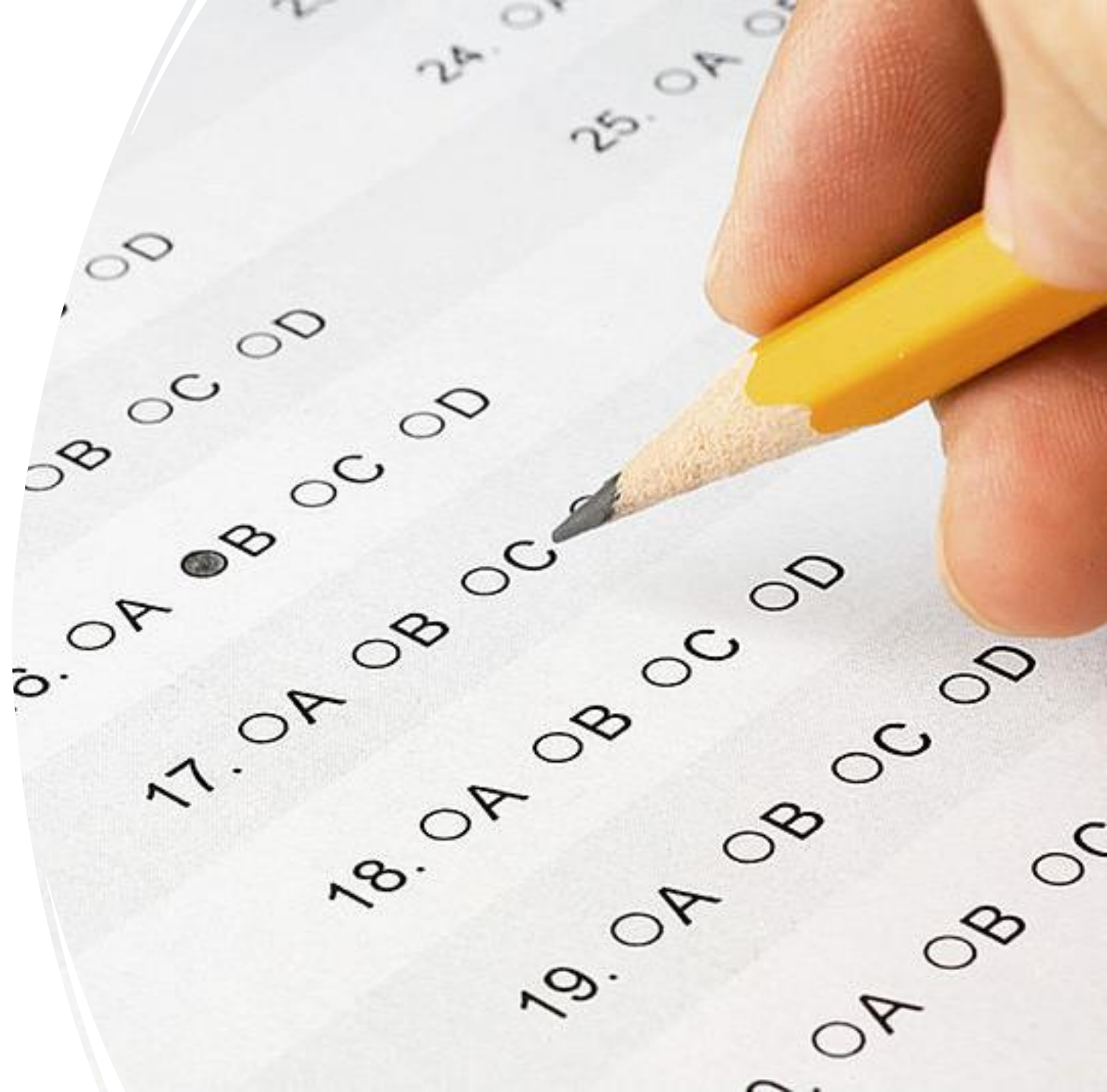
Appeals

- Chair: Jody Nugent-Deal
- Re-review applications that were rejected from the credentials committee
- Review entire application
- 13 review requests this past year
 - 21 members review
 - 9 reviewed, 4 did not follow directions
 - None overturned
- Willing to help?
avtaa.vts.appeals@gmail.com



Exam

- Chair- Nicole Shuey
- Review all questions from our Members and ACVAA
- Multiple Choice and Clinical Competency
- Rates exam, prepares question bank, proctor and grade
- Exam 2022 (10) remote and (4) in-person-14 total
- Online Exam Software and Statistician- Dr. Hansen!
- Willing to help? SME's needed
 - avtaa.vts.exam@gmail.com





Recredential

- Chair- Jenn Sager
- Members- Amanda Shelby
- Review requirements and application of current members for renewal of VTS designation
- Acquires exam questions for Exam committee
- Current Class 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017- 60 total
- Application Due October 31
- Willing to help? avtaa.vts.recredential@gmail.com

Mentor

- Provide support for incoming applicants
- Specific regulations of application involvement
- Chair- Brynn Hogan
- Willing to mentor?
avtaa.vts.mentor@gmail.com



Nomination

- Responsible to recruiting BOR Nominees
 - President-Elect
 - Treasurer
 - Member-At-Large
- Chair- Meagan Smith
- 250 Members- 237 Eligible
 - 69 votes
 - 29.1%



2022 Election Results





Meet Your New Board of Regent Members



President Elect:
Anita
Parkin





Treasurer:
Katie
Brakenhoff





Member-At-
Large
Tasha
McNerney





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**Welcome to the Home of the North American
Veterinary Anesthesia Society
in Partnership with the ACVAA, and AVTAA
Helping veterinary professionals and caregivers
advance and improve the safe administration of
anesthesia and analgesia to all animals...**



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LOUISE O'DWYER
VTS ASPIRATION
AWARD



COLLABORATION BETWEEN AVTAA AND AVECCTN

- **Louise O'Dwyer VTS Aspiration Award Application Form**
- **What:** This \$500 USD cash award is awarded annually to a VTS applicant in Anesthesia & Analgesia or Emergency & Critical Care.
- **Requirements:** An applicant who has been accepted to sit for the certifying examination in Anesthesia & Analgesia or Emergency & Critical Care within the same calendar year. Applicants must provide a 500-word essay answering the question
- **“What do you hope to accomplish once you obtain your VTS?”.**
- **Deadline July 31st, 11:59 EDT of the calendar year.**
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Questions?

