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WELLNESS

Life sucks.

It's BUSY. I had a client wait four hours in the ER for a hotspot.

Some of us have been isolated for WEEKS....

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

Under the Drape

My goodness the time is flying by. This will be my final Under the Drape as sitting President of AVTAA. How did that happen?!

I hope everyone is remaining safe, well, and most importantly, sane during this challenging time. Behind the scenes, there has been lots of email snowstorms, Zoom and GoToMeetings and missed symposia where we usually connect with friends and peers.

First – AVTAA annual business meeting will be held on September 26, 2020 virtually. We have been working in conjunction with NAVAS and ACVAA for the three organizations to hold our annual meetings virtually. I will be able to send out a final notice and schedule of the planned events soon. Our business meeting will be secure and of course limited to the membership as we do plan on having a vote occur.

Second – And I personally find this exciting, due to the shortened anesthesia portion of IVECCS and ACVAA/AVTAA presentations, we are working to hold a virtual meeting the weekend of March 5-7. Working with NAVAS and ACVAA can only strengthen our communication and mission to provide the best practices of anesthesia to our patients.

Third – Not the fun stuff, an individual has been identified as misappropriating the VTS credential and associating it with the academy. A formal complaint has been made to the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiner where she is licensed as well as entities that have provided CE and training material for previous employers. The state board has indicated that their part of the complaint investigation will take at least three months. NAVTA and CVTS have additionally been notified of the complaint.

Fourth – We have put together some information dealing with concerns of some of the ACVAA members about our application and exam process. I hope to be able to share the whole response with the AVTAA members.

Let us know how you like the newsletter and how we can improve our communication with the members. It is your academy and we are simply the shepherds.

Katy



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The HUMPY Bit.

The LUMPY Bit

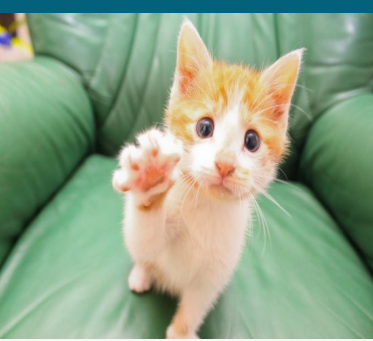


The JIGGLY bit

Red flags: Lots of Jiggly bits.
A lumpy bit **on** the jiggly bit.
Big tall lumps.
No humps, lumps or jiggles.

AND Squiggly stuff you have no idea about but the patient looks bad.

We want to take the time to highlight our nominees for the Upcoming Board of Regents 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!



WE WANT YOU!!!!-

Volunteers Needed for Applicant Mentors!!

Contact Brynn if Interested.

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.

Ever want to try public speaking? Send your CV, list of topics and descriptions to

Brenda Feller

Need Online CE?

Check out many resources...

VSPN, VetFolio, VETgirl, Today's Veterinary Nurse, ThinkAnesthesia, VANS

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Nominations Corner

President-Elect: Jody Nugent-Deal

Hello fellow Academy members! My name is Jody Nugent-Deal and I have been nominated for the incoming President-Elect position. A little bit about myself. I have been an AVTAA member since 2009 and have been active with Academy duties for the last 10 years. I actively serve on the Credentials Committee, am the current chair of the Appeals Committee, regularly mentor potential applicants, and I am in my 6th year as a Member-At-Large. These experiences have given me the opportunity to understand the many facets of how the Academy functions. This position requires dedication, passion, and strong leadership. I believe I can provide this for our membership.



Treasurer: Katie Brakenhoff

Hi, I'm Katie Brakenhoff. I received a Bachelor of Science from Michigan State University in Veterinary Technology back in 2005. My husband is an equine surgeon and together we share two kids (8 & 11), a 6-pack of dogs, 1 cat, and a tropical fish tank. After we were married, I became the chief financial officer of our household, 12 years and counting. This also includes keeping the books for our LLC. I routinely operate off of a budget to keep our personal finances in check, as well as set goals for accelerating debt reduction and increasing long-term savings. My interest in becoming treasurer would combine my love of finance along with a desire to serve our academy. I would like to learn how this aspect of our academy functions, with the goal of maintaining our financial viability. I have both the time and attention to detail in order to do this job well. Looking forward, I am also able to attend the necessary IVECCS meetings to fulfill the requirements of this position. With mentorship, I anticipate a smooth transition during this change of leadership. Thank you for your time and consideration!



Treasurer: Lindsey Scanson

Lindsey Howard has been working in veterinary medicine for over 20 years. Upon graduation from technician school she spent six years working for The University of Tennessee's College of Veterinary Medicines small animal anesthesia and critical care departments. She is currently working full time at Vetland Medical Sales and Services as the Veterinary Division Manager/ Customer Support Manager and part time at BluePearl Veterinary Partners as a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Anesthesia. Since achieving specialization in 2008 I have always worked to be an active member of the academy by serving as a BOD member, Exam Committee Chairperson, and currently a member of the Credentials Committee. I would love the opportunity to continue serving the AVTAA as our Treasurer. I think my previous experiences on the BOD and other committees make me uniquely qualified for the position. I am no stranger to crunching numbers as part of my current full time job includes crunching and managing numbers for our Veterinary Sales Division and Warehouse numbers. Thank you for your consideration.



Member-At-Large: Misty Moranville

Misty Moranville earned her CVT from Bel-Rea in Denver, Colorado in 2006. She worked in a corporate small animal practice for two years prior to jumping on an opportunity to expand her knowledge and passion for anesthesia at Colorado State University in January 2008. She strives to inspire her students to be the best advocates for their patients, critical thinkers, and lifelong learners. I would like to be member at large to get involved in a variety of different committees in the academy. For the past two years I have reviewed applications and I have reviewed appeals once. I would like to have a deeper understanding of the inner workings of the credentials committee. I would like to advocate for the academy amongst the other VTS academies, the ACVAA, and NAVAS. I am self-motivated, work in a timely fashion and work well with others.



Member-At-Large: Sharon Klingler

Sharon Klingler RVT, VTS(Anesthesia & Analgesia, EVNT) has been a veterinary technician for over 40 years. She worked in private practice for 20 years where she worked in both an emergency and a general practice as the office manager, the anesthesia technician and emergency technician. In 1997, Sharon joined the anesthesia department at the University of Georgia Veterinary Teaching Hospital to pursue a career in anesthesia. She became a credentialed member of AVTAA in 2005. While at UGA, she provided a large portion of the anesthesia support for emergency and after hour cases in both the large and small animal departments. In 2006, she moved to Whitesboro, Texas to join the staff of Dr. William Rhoads at Premier Equine Veterinary Services as the anesthetist and office manager. Sharon has been a speaker to technicians and veterinarians at both the local and national level. In her spare time she enjoys horseback riding and gardening.



Member-At-Large: Shauna Feldsher

Since my first year as a member of the Academy of Veterinary Technicians in Anesthesia and Analgesia (AVTAA), I have strived not only to be involved but also maintain my involvement. This has been achieved through mentoring new applicants, actively voting when necessary, and serving on the credentials committee reviewing applications. Serving the peripheral committees has been fulfilling and allowed me to gain insight into the academy and its inner workings and policies. This year, 2020, marks the 5 year anniversary of my introduction and induction into the academy. The time has come that I feel empowered to take on a more active role and work directly with our revered board of directors. As a member at large, not only will my voice be heard directly but I will be in a position to allow for other, maybe more quiet, voices to be heard and presented to the board. I cannot promise to install vending machines in the cafeteria or that I have a great FFA schedule lined up (J), but I can assure you, the AVTAA members, that I will fully commit to serving the academy abundantly, passionately, and whole-heartedly. My depth of service will maintain and uphold the mission and reputation of our respected and admired academy.



UPCOMING CE:

RIGHT NOW...



IVECCS
Virtual Event
September 12-14 2020

Connexity 2020
Virtual Event
September 30-October 3, 2020