

AVTAA General Meeting September 9, 2024

IVECCS- St. Louis, Missouri and via ZOOM attendance

In-Person Attendees: Jody Nugent-Deal, Jenn Sager, Sharon Klinger, Hanna White, Abby Blubaugh, Nicole Shuey, Justin Lancaster, Melanie Tong, Katie Brakenhoff, Jesse Roberts, Travis Bruns, Emily Geisler, Tessa Lastovka, Darci Palmer, Jess Birrdwell, Bonny Lee Kennedy, Megan Crowley, Kate Lafferty, Anita Parkin, Trish Farry, Harold Davis, Sue Mckenzie

Did not record ZOOM attendees

Meeting Called to Order- 1215 CST Jody Nugent-Deal

1. Introduction of Current BOR Members: (small explanation of job requirements)
 - a. Jody Nugent-Deal- President
 - b. Anita Parkin- President-Elect
 - c. Jennifer Sager- Immediate Past- President
 - d. Darci Palmer- Ex. Secretary
 - e. Katie Brakenhoff- Treasurer
 - f. Tasha McNerny- MAL Year 1-2
 - g. Sharon Klinger- MAL Year 3-4
 - h. Amanda Shelby- MAL Year 5-6

2. Financial report- Katie
 - a. Assets- Dues, exam fees, etc roughly 24,000 annual
 - b. Operational Expenses- about 14,000 annual
 - c. Current Balance- estimate 110,000
 - d. Dues reminder- Due Jan 1, Late after March 31 (will incur late fee and must provide CE hrs), Dec 31 unpaid will lose VTS

3. Committee Reports
 - a. Communication- Jenn S. Chair
 - i. 2025 redo and overhaul of exposure, social media presence, website update
 - b. Conference- Tasha M.- Chair
 - i. Expansion of AVTAA presence, IVECCS, ACVS, and others
 - ii. Will expand members with new Bylaws
 - c. Pre-Application- Tessa L. Chair
 - i. 82 approved, 23 denied 2024 (mostly lack of hours)
 - d. Credentials- Joanne Z. Chair
 - i. Executive Secretary assistance
 - ii. 51 Blinded (ensure no bias), 4 unblinded, 19 accepted (40%pass rate) 2024
 - iii. Good starter committee
 - iv. 3 members review same group of applications to ensure outcome majority-
Need MORE

- v. Questions from Group: would be great to have European conversion charts in application review; Less criticism from ACVAA on pass rate? NO; Clarification on Skills list number percentages equating to 69/72 skills
 - e. Appeals- Elizabeth H.- Chart, Jody mentoring
 - i. Re-reviews applications submitted for appeal in exact same manner as Credentials Committee
 - ii. Always need more members
 - iii. 0 over turned 2024
 - f. Exam- Nicole S. Chair
 - i. First year created brand new LA exam, MC and CC
 - ii. Lots of work rebuilding question bank
 - iii. Complete remote exam, Nicole has a running list of approved testing sites, including at each IVECCS symposium
 - iv. Will send to Statistician for evaluation- not graded on a curve, higher pass rate because of better questions
 - v. Exam 2024 19 first time, 2 deferred candidates, 1 LA candidate, 5 retake (4 second retake, 1 third retake); graded MC and CC (executive board and Nicole); results sent to candidates by Oct 31
 - vi. Questions from Group: Need more specific competency subject matter questions? Pharm? LA. YES
 - g. Recredential
 - i. Due date October 31. Class of 2004, 2009, 2014, 2019
 - ii. Exam questions sent to Exam committee
 - iii. One candidate no response
 - iv. New Chairperson- Amanda Sheets, Jenn Sager mentoring, as she is up for recredential.
 - h. Mentor
 - i. New chairperson midterm appointed by BOD- Rebecca Talbot
 - i. Nomination
 - i. Meagan Smith Chairperson- gathered nominations and held elections for MAL and President elect
 - ii. Wants to send a survey out post election to determine interest or lack there of in nominations from Academy
- 4. CVTS
 - a. Anita Parkin representative gave update on business
 - i. P and P manual sent out for CVTS
 - ii. CVTS accepts and approvals Academy annual business report- we were accepted- thank you Jody
 - iii. Still looking for a Chair-Elect
- 5. NAVAS
 - a. Online symposium-4 AVTAA tracks 2024, well received
 - b. Amanda Shelby President Elect- First crVT to hold position
 - c. Secretary position open for nominations

6. Louise O'Dwyer Award Winner
 - a. Melissa Shoard ECC Candidate

7. New Executive Board Member Update
 - a. MAL- Lanette Jordan
 - b. President Elect- Nicole Shuey

8. 2025 goals
 - a. JTA, Bylaws and P and P manual
 - b. Request for more swag!

9. EOB- 1:15 CST