

Up Coming CE:

- MVMA Fall Symposium – Bozeman, MT September 6 -7, 2012
- BSVTA 3rd Annual CE – Billings, MT October 2012
- BSVTA Spring CE – Butte, MT May 2013

Message from our President

Dear Fellow Veterinary Technicians,

I hope everyone is having a great summer with family and friends. It is hard to believe that it is almost the middle of July. Boy does time fly when you are having fun!

I am always excited to see how great our attendance is at our CE meetings and how it continues to grow. Again, we had a great turn out in Missoula and Jennifer Hill did an excellent job presenting on Canine Rehabilitation.

It is hard to believe that my term as president is coming to an end in October. I have had great pleasure representing our organization. It has been very exciting helping develop a tech school in Montana. The future is just an arm's length away. We all need to pray that funding will be available in the near future so our dream can come true.

Thank you for allowing me to play such a large role in this organization and for everyone who helped me learn the ropes so I could do my job. I encourage all of you to remain or become more active with our association as it grows. It is always fun and rewarding to represent our profession.

With kindest regards,

Kristen Bailey



Summer Meeting Minutes **May 5, 2012**

Meeting was called to order by President Kristen Bailey at 12:20pm.

The minutes from the fall meeting were read. Billie Manning motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded.

Kristen welcomed Becky Brown as the new State Representative and gave a big thank you to Kathy Sanders for all that she has done and will continue to do for BSVTA.

Billie Manning read the treasurer's report; new CD has \$5,000 as of April 19th, old CD \$5,866.21, checking \$20,650.47 as of 3/30/12.

Billie also asked about new members jackets and who still needed them. They need to speak with Billie so she can get them ordered.

Old Business:

There will be an online tech school starting in the Fall of 2012 at UGF.

New Business:

- 1) MVMA committee wanted to know how many CVT's we have in Montana that have their degrees from an online tech school. Talking to the people at the meeting we came up with at least 10 that were present or worked with someone who had an online degree.
- 2) Talked about having our certification cards laminated and made smaller. The vote was unanimous to change the certification cards to business card size and have them printed on stiff cardstock.
- 3) In order to for BSTVA to save time, money, and paper it was brought up to see if anyone would be open to receiving their correspondents via e-mail instead of mailing everything. There was a unanimous vote to try and cut down on postal mailings and try to send correspondents via e-mail. On our next BSVTA registration and certification forms there will be a new option for how you wish to receive your correspondents, please check the appropriate box and make sure we have your current e-mail listed.
- 4) CE ideas for the fall, please contact Jessica Wall with any ideas you may have regarding the fall CE.
- 5) Billie Manning brought it to our attention that there have been a few NSF checks come through for memberships and CE. If the money cannot be collected your membership and /or your CE hours will be revoked.
- 6) Don't forget to send in your CE certificates to Billie in order to get your \$10 back for attending.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm Laura motioned it and Serena 2nd.

By Serena McElroy, Secretary

Membership Meeting Agenda – October 2012

Please join us for a membership meeting during lunch at our CE meeting in October.

Following are some important issues that we will be discussing and voting on in Billings.

1. Welcome new President Elect Laura Hoerner into her new President position.
2. Elect two new directors

Check your mail for more information on the location and time for the meeting coming up in Billings in October. If you have a concern that you would like to add to the agenda please contact Kristen Bailey before October 1, 2012.



News Update

I received an e-mail from Arianne Perlinski the President Elect on May 6, 2012, resigning from her position. Our new President Elect is Laura Hoerner.

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veterinary technician through
continuing
education, dissemination of
information and the promotion
of integrity and
dedication to our clients"*

Important Reminder!

If you attend any MVMA & BSVTA sponsored CE, you will be reimbursed \$10. It is your responsibility to send a copy of your Certificate of attendance to:

**Billie Manning
415 31st Ave South
Great Falls, MT 59405**

Tech School Update

March 5, 2012,

Dearest Vet Tech AIT Members and Advisory Board Members:

I am thrilled to inform you that the Montana Board of Regents approved the online Vet Tech program at Montana State University-Great Falls last week at their meeting in Dillon!

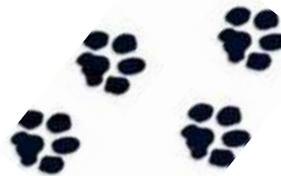
Thank you all so much for your hard work and guidance throughout the development process. It has been so much fun working with you on this. We have a wonderful, strong, and collaboratively developed curriculum that we can deliver online and/or face-to-face. And, I am confident that this program is going to meet the workforce needs and will do so in a very high quality way.

We still have lots to do to get the program up and running. But, we are on our way. I'll be in touch very soon regarding where we go from here. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you again!

Best!

Dr. Heidi Pasek



June 21, 2012,

In March of 2012, MSU-Great Falls was approved by the Board of Regents to offer an online Veterinary Technician Program. The College had intended to make it available for student beginning fall 2012. However, due to funding issues, we will not be able to start the program this year. I hope to convene the advisory board very soon to discuss in more detail the challenges we face in identifying the start-up funds we require for the new program.

Dr. Heidi Pasek
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I will keep you posted as I find out more information!

Techs on the Go

Each newsletter we would like to meet one of our members.

This issue we meet ***Candice Hoerner, CVT***

My name is Candice Hoerner I live in Columbia Falls, MT and I am a new member of Ponderosa Veterinary Hospital in Kalispell, MT. I am a Certified Veterinary Technician and have been working in the veterinary profession for 14 years! I have always had a passion for veterinary dentistry and my curiosity in this area lead me to the Academy of Veterinary Dental Technicians (AVDT). This is a rigorous 2 year mentor program in which a strict criteria of advanced dentistry cases, continuing education and an examination process takes place. A qualified applicant has to demonstrate exceptional skills in all areas of veterinary dentistry to be considered. I was designated with the Veterinary Technician Specialty (VTS) in Dentistry in June of 2011 after fulfilling all of these requirements. I am now providing exceptional veterinary dentistry to my patients as well as passing along the knowledge to my fellow technicians through seminars and training. I would support any technician that wants to follow through with getting a VTS as it is a rewarding accomplishment! The road will be long (and expensive!) but well worth it! For further questions regarding starting the process of getting your Veterinary Technician Specialty, or if you are interested in in-clinic training seminars feel free to contact me!

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Please send resume via:

Fax (406-892-4410)

E-mail (mblawson@earthlink.net)

Mail (P.O. Box 37, Columbia Falls, MT 59912)

In person: drop off a resume at our hospital (511 2nd Ave West, Columbia Falls, MT)

Hours: M-F 8 am-6 pm & Sat. 8 am-12 pm

Questions? Please Call 406-892-4319

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Feel free to call 406-285-3923 with any questions.

If you would like to post a job opening either on the website or in the newsletter please contact either Laura Hoerner or Kristen Bailey.



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