

Up Coming CE:

- BSVTA 2013 Spring CE – Cytology, Butte, MT May 18, 2013
- MVMA Summer Meeting – Kalispell, MT June 23-25, 2013
- BSVTA Fall CE – October 2013



Message from our President

Hello everyone, and thank you for electing me the new President. It has been a wonderfully easy transition with the help of past president Kristen Bailey, and the other board members. We have some new exciting changes coming this year.

As some of you know and some may not, Montana may soon have its very own Veterinary technician program. It is going to take a little more work and funding but the future is hopeful. We will keep everyone posted on the progress of this wonderful project.

There is a very exciting Continuing education this spring. Jessica Wall has reserved Dr. Bitter from Eastern Wyoming College to present a cytology workshop on May 18th. We will be sending out information soon.

The website will be having some major changes and we are hoping this will make it more user friendly and more informative. It should be up and running early this spring and we would love feedback when we finish it!!

Finally, we as a group

need to find a way to keep all actively involved in our organization. It would be wonderful to have more board members and help in different areas of this organization. The more we all work together the less work and decisions one person has to make. By communicating with each other we can share ideas on our work, our group and how we all would like it to grow and evolve.

I look forward to this experience!

Laura Klocow

Bittner Speaks At Cytology CE – May 18, 2013

Edward C. Bittner, Jr., VDM received his BS in Microbiology from U of WY in 1971 and his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1975.

Dr. Bittner has been the Director of the Veterinary Technology program at Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington, WY since 2011. He

also is a full-time instructor at EWC.

Dr. Bittner will be presenting both lecture and hosting a wet lab. Here are some of the topics that he will be covering:

- Blood Film Review, Associated Hematology and

related case presentations

- Hands on hematology lab work
- Cytology, Urinalysis and Clinical Chemistry and related cases
- Hands on associated lab work

Registration forms will be in the mail soon!

Fall Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2012

8:13 am

The meeting was called to order by Treasure Billing Manning at 8:13 am since President Kristen Bailey and President Elect Laura Horner were both unable to attend.

Old Business

- There is still no news on the up and coming tech school in Great Falls. We all hope that funding will be available soon.
- BSVTA is trying to GO GREEN. We will be sending out most everyone's next newsletter via email.

Treasure's Report as of 9/28/2012

- Old CD - \$5,880.12
- New CD - \$5000
- Checking - \$15,042.98

New Business

- It was suggested to have the fall meeting during the first half of October since our CE hours are due 10/31 on even years.
- The motion carried

to purchase a projector to use at the meetings.

Renting a projector from the motels costs anywhere from \$20 to \$200. We should be able to purchase a good quality projector for around \$500. It will then stay with the president.

- The next meeting will be held in Butte, May 2013. Members would like to have a specialty technician due the speaking and possibly have a hands-on lab. Everyone's idea was cytology. Jessica Wall will begin the process of lining up a speaker. She asked if anyone had any ideas of locations for a wet lab in Butte. Jessica is also trying to alternate large and small

animal CE topics.

- Two board members were to be voted in at this meeting but there was no interest from the audience. This is a great concern of the current board members. How do we encourage members to become active and represent their work force?
- A motion carried to send out a list of all active member's names and phone numbers in the next newsletter.
- No one volunteered to write the next Techs on the Go so Kristen will ask someone directly.
- Two veterinarians attended the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9am.



"To advance the profession of the veterinary technician through continuing education, dissemination of information and the promotion of integrity and compassion in our field."

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

Techs on the Go

Each newsletter we would like to meet one of our members. This issue we meet **Laura Klocow**.

I grew up in Missoula. I graduated from the University of Montana with a Bachelor of Science with an emphasis in zoology. I moved to Hawaii to work on a monk seal internship. During that time I realized that I wanted to further my education with a veterinary technology degree and become a CVT to assist with

future projects. I attended the Bel Rea Institute in Colorado. After graduation, I moved back to Missoula for work. I was fortunate enough to gain employment at the U of M Center for Environmental Health Sciences where I earned my LAT. After deciding to move to Kalispell six years ago, I began working

at Glacier Animal Hospital with our primary focus being small animal.

Tech School Update

Yes, we are still waiting for a Veterinary Technology Program to start up in Montana! It really is going to happen but we must be patient.

In March 2012 the schools were able get the program and curriculum approved through the Montana University System Board of Regents. Now it is up to the

individual schools to develop a program and get it up and running.

MSU – Great Falls College of Technology in Great Falls is working on developing a distant learning program. While U of M Western in Dillon, is working on getting a face to face program up and running. Both of the schools are working

on getting enough funding and developing facilities that will support the program. Getting these two key factors put together only takes time but both schools are working hard so that we will have a vet tech program in MT.

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Employment Opportunities

Ponderosa Veterinary Hospital – Kalispell, MT

Established progressive companion animal practice is seeking a talented and motivated credentialed veterinary technician. Well equipped and modern full service hospital located in the beautiful Flathead Valley of NW Montana. Comfortable work environment, friendly and experienced staff and well educated clientele. Hospital focus is client centered with comprehensive patient care as our goal.

Please contact Eileen Wendling at Ponderosa Veterinary Hospital 406-752-7111 or email sww@centurytel.net

For more employment opportunities please check our website.

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



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