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Newsletter

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A Message from Your President

Dear Friends,

In August, Leah Anderson (BSVTA Secretary) and I had the honor of representing the Big Sky Technician Association at the NAVTA leadership workshop in San Antonio. The workshop was organized by the NAVTA state leadership committee and sponsored by Merial. Technician leaders from many states were in attendance for this event which allowed us to expand our networking for the Association. The main speaker was Cynthia D'Amour who is a leadership strategist that works with associations of all types.

The focus of this seminar was to learn how to help engage association members and volunteers, and encourage leadership and professional growth of involved persons. Throughout the day we were involved in interactive sessions that increased our awareness of effective communication and leadership within our groups. Many unique concepts were discussed and a TON of fun and laughs were had throughout the day.

As the leadership of the BSVTA continues to strategize for the future of our organization we are now equipped with more tools to serve our members and create energy and momentum within our Association. We would love to see more of our members join us as we are growing in many areas of our association. If you have a special interest or talent you believe would be beneficial to our Association feel free to send us a message. If you want to learn, help, or meet people through this association, reach out to us for support. We encourage you all to have a voice within this membership and we would love to hear from you!

Cheers!

Candice Hoerner CVT, VTS-Dentistry
BSVTA President

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BSVTA Winter-Meeting
January 15, 2017
Bozeman, MT

WSVMA amd WSAVT
Pacific Northwest Veterinary Conference
October 7-9, 2016
Spokane, WA

Navta.wcea.education
Idexx Learning Center
Vetmedteam.com
Vetbloom
Onlinece.com

Employment Opportunities

Please visit www.bigskylvettech.org for further details

- Amherst Animal Hospital, Butte, Seeking Certified Veterinary Technician
- Creekside Veterinary Hospital on 8th, Bozeman, Seeking experienced Veterinary Technician
- Bear Paw Veterinary Service, Havre, Seeking Certified Veterinary Technician
- Best Friends Animal Hospital, Great Falls, Seeking Certified Veterinary Technician
- Big Sky Animal Medical and Surgical Referral Center, Great Falls, Seeking 2 Certified Veterinary Technicians
- Bridger Veterinary Hospital, Helena, Seeking experienced Veterinary Technician
- Highlands Veterinary Hospital, Butte, Seeking Certified Veterinary Technician
- Pet Emergency and Trauma Services, Bozeman, Seeking Veterinary Technician
- PIMA, Dillon, Seeking 1 part time general education instructor, Certified Veterinary Technician Preferred; Seeking veterinary assistant instructor, Certified Veterinary technician Preferred
- 360 Pet Medical, Bozeman, Seeking Veterinary Technician
- Sorensen Veterinary Hospital, Belgrade, Seeking Certified Veterinary Technician
- East Main Animal Clinic, Miles City, Seeking experienced Veterinary Technician

Be advised that all listings may not be current as of printing

A Message from our President Elect-Eli Olind, CVT

Hello BSVTA Members and Fellow Veterinary Professionals,

Here is a quick update of the Summer CE the BSVTA held on August 25th in Great Falls, MT. We had a great turn out for Speaker Kenichiro Yagi, BS, RVT, VTS (ECC, SAIM). He covered a variety of topics ranging from Emergency Blood Transfusions, Evidence-Based CPR: The Recover Guidelines, Respiratory Emergencies, Vascular Access through different catheters and placement sites, the Two Faces of Shock: The Keys to Perfusion and Oxygen Carrying Capacity, to the importance of Feeding our Parvo Patients Right Away.

During the Lunch break of the CE a general membership meeting was held. During this meeting the new By-Laws and Constitution were discussed and voted in by the membership. There are many changes in the new By-Laws on election terms and job duties of the executive board members, and changes for disciplinary actions. The new By-Laws can be seen on the association website www.bigskylvettech.org. A new logo was also voted in by the general membership. The executive board is working hard on rebranding the BSVTA and pushing hard for the advancement of Veterinary Technicians in Montana. Members were also informed of the Director Position open for Nomination on the Executive Board, if you are interested in nomination a CVT or yourself please contact the Executive Board and we will send the information to you.

Hope you all had a good summer!

Eli Olind, CVT
President-Elect BSVTA

Messages from the Editor

Please note that the next newsletter will be the LAST newsletter sent out to non BSVTA members. Starting with the Spring 2017 issue ONLY BSVTA MEMBERS will receive the newsletter, either in print or email formats. If you would like to continue receiving this benefit please become a member today!

Be on the lookout-a digital edition of the newsletter will be coming to your inbox soon!
Note: only members who have provided their email address will be in receipt of the digital version.

Become a member of BSVTA today

Membership is open to Technicians, Assistants, Receptionists, Students and any other veterinary professional interested. Visit our website for more details or send us an email!

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BSVTA Committee Openings

Do you like to plan events? Do you want your idea to be the next CE event? Then our **continuing education committee** is the place for you!

Contact annicohara@gmail.com to get involved

Do you enjoy writing? Do you want to see the newsletter cover a particular topic? then the **newsletter committee** is the place for you!

Contact bsvtanewsletter@gmail.com

Do you think it is important to educate the public on what we as technicians do every day in clinic? Then the **public education committee** is the place for you!

Contact marciacantrellcvt64@gmail.com

Director 2 Executive Board Opening

The duties of the BSVTA Director 2 position are as follows:

- REQUIRED attendance at ALL general membership meetings and ALL monthly video conference board meetings
- attendance at all appropriate MVMA meetings
- In coordination with Director 1 attendance at AVMA and NAVTA meetings as the Executive Board deems necessary.

The term for this position is 2 years.

Nomination Forms (see the membership packet that was recently mailed out) need to be completed no later than October 30, 2016 and sent to Candice Hoerner at icandi1980@hotmail.com.

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VALUE;
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DEDICATION,
RESPECT, AND
KNOWLEDGE.

PIMA Medical Institute Update

We are pleased to welcome another full time instructor, Cynthia Reynolds. Cynthia is a LVT from Charleston South Carolina. She graduated from Trident Technical College in Charleston in 2006. Cynthia started teaching part time at that school the same year while working in a mixed, small animal and exotic practice. She has special interest in small animal anesthesia and analgesia. Cynthia moved to Montana in July of 2016 to teach full time at PIMA Medical Institute. Cynthia is a member of the South Carolina Vet Tech Association, World Vet Association, and Association of Veterinary Technicians Educators.

The education environment is busy here in Dillon, MT. As of September 12th we have 3 classes running within the Veterinary Assistant Program and the Veterinary Technician Program with a total of 35 students.

We would also like to share the future externship date of our students:

Vet Assist program:

December 5, 2016-January 27, 2017

March 13, 2017-April 21, 2017

Veterinary Technician Program:

April 10, 2017- May 26, 2017

November 20, 2017- January 19, 2018

If you are interest in becoming an Affiliated Clinic to assist these students with their externship, please contact:

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