

## Up Coming CE:

- BSVTA 2011 Spring CE – Anesthesia, Butte, MT May 14, 2011
- ACVIM Forum – Denver, CO June 15-18, 2011
- MVMA Summer Meeting – Billings, MT June 16-18, 2011
- BSVTA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CE – October 2011



## Message from our President

Dear Fellow Veterinary Technicians,

As I am writing this message, I cannot believe that it is almost March. Everyone is busy with calving, bull testing, breeding, and all the other excitement that comes with spring. This is definitely my favorite time of year!

The First Annual CE was a huge success in Billings. Dr. Randi Brannan did an excellent job on dentistry. Our attendance was well over what we had projected. We hope

that we can continue to bring you quality and interesting topics in the future. I am excited that we are going to have another CE meeting in Butte this spring (more info throughout) and our Second Annual CE this fall. If you have any specific topics or areas you are interested in please notify Mikki Cook.

I have enjoyed being the President of such a great organization this past year and look forward to the year to come. It is very

important that we are all active and a part of our profession's organization. If you know or work with an assistant or a technician that is not a member please encourage them to join.

Please email or call me with any suggestion or concerns that you have. I am always looking for new ideas and thoughts.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming CE or at the summer meeting in Billings.

With kindest regards,

## Spelts Speaks At Anesthesia CE – May 14, 2011

Kim Spelts earned her A.A.S. in Veterinary Technology and achieved CVT status in 1999. She worked in emergency veterinary medicine while in school and for a year after graduating, then she joined the Anesthesia Department at Colorado State University's Veterinary Teaching Hospital. She spent the next 5 years at CSU, where her primary duties included training of junior and senior veterinary

students in anesthesia. She completed a rigorous application and testing process to become CSU's first (and Colorado's second) Veterinary Technician Specialist in Anesthesia in 2004. In 2005 she joined Dr. Gaynor at Peak Performance Veterinary Group, where she was instrumental in launching the rehabilitation and anesthesia components of the practice. In 2006 she completed

requirements to become both a Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner and Certified Canine Massage Therapist. She has been a member of the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management since its inception and is currently working on completing the IVAPM's requirements to become a Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner.

<http://peakvets.com/about/KimSpelts.html>

## Winter Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2011 11:30 am

Members in attendance: Annie O'Hara, Marcia Cantrell, Cara Greger, Kristen Bailey, Sherri Houston, Mikki Cook, Manda Roe, Linda Donubrowsky and Arianne Perlinski

Non Members in attendance: Tracy Wise and Kari Risa

Secretary's Report: The report was approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Checking as of December 31, 2010 - \$16,266.93 CD as of January 24, 2011 - \$5,801.19. Total expenses for October's CE - \$2341.50. Report was approved as read.

Committee Reports: October 28, 2010, Billings, MT Dental meeting was a success. This was determined as the 'First Annual Fall' continue education for technicians and health

care team. Total of 52 participants. Spring CE discussed and anesthesia was topic selected. Butte will host the 'spring continued education'. Date yet to be determined. The speaker will be Kim Spelts BS, CVT, VTS (Anes), CCRP from No Pet Pain Clinic in CO.

New Business: 1) Board of Regents from: Gallatin Valley Community College, Flathead Valley Community College, MSU-Northern, MSU-Great Falls, U of M Western will meet to further discuss the need for a veterinary technology program. MT Dept of Labor and Workforce continues to put in place the apprentice program for on the job training while taking on-line course work from Penn Foster veterinary technician program. This does not allow the student to sit

for the national boards. This will give the student exposure and opportunity to further pursue the technician program. 2) The MVMA technician committee (MVMA-TC) members felt the Representative position should be a rotating and that this should be rolled into the Secretary position. Discussions were made to review the by-laws to change the length of the position and to incorporate the certification process. Executive members will further discuss the ability to meet and propose changes to present at the summer meeting in June 2011 in Billings, MT. Dr. Rich Scherr is the new Chair for the MVMA-TC.

Mikki made a motion to adjourn at 1:15pm, Anni 2<sup>nd</sup>, meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting will be held during the MVMA summer June 2011, in Billings, MT.




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veterinary technician through  
continuing  
education, dissemination of  
information and the promotion  
of integrity and  
excellence in the profession."*

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 **Kathy Sanders**.

I started my career in 1972. I am one of two original licensees still working in veterinary medicine. I am a past president of Big Sky Technician Association. While in office the practice act was opened for the veterinarians, we put in a bill to get our licenses back, but were defeated. I have taken the exam for the

National Dental Association when it first started. Dentals are my first love. I have been the BSVTA state representative for the past 10 years. Now I work a weekend emergency clinic as the night technician. I have been married for 40 years, have a daughter that is a special ed teacher;

teaching kindergarten, and my son-in-law is the adaptive P.E. teacher for the school district. I have a granddaughter that is 10 years old and a grandson who is 8 years old. In my spare time I am a foster grandparent for a kindergarten class and feed and clothe needy people on the weekends.

## Tech School Update

It really is true! Montana is going to have a Veterinary Technology Program in the near future.

Several of the schools have met with Board of Regents but a location has yet to be determined. Gallatin Valley Community College and U of M – Western are both interested in having a program on campus.

Flathead Valley Community College is interested in having an online program and working with the local veterinarians to provide the practical portion.

Every year several students go out of state to receive their veterinary technology degree but do not return to Montana for a job. Having a school will allow us to

have 'home raised' technicians and will only be beneficial to the veterinary profession in Montana.

We hope to have more information on a location and an estimated time table of when Montana will have their first tech school at the summer meeting.

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*Emergency technician wanted in beautiful Bozeman, Montana.* We are a young and growing emergency clinic located in the heart of a region full of outdoor, cultural, and educational opportunities. We are currently accepting applications for an energetic, experienced technician or experienced RVT for part time/full time overnight, weekend, and holiday shifts with some flexibility for occasional schedule changes. Must be competent and able to work independently. If qualified and interested, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Dr. Sean East or Dr. Mike White at: Pet Emergency and Trauma Service 1103 Reeves Rd. Ste B1. Bozeman, MT 59718-7702. (406) 587-3996; fax (406) 587-6094

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 Kristen Bailey or Mikki Cook.



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