

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The board has been busy working on several projects over the last few months to help keep our Association moving forward. Remember – you can jump on 'Board' if the mood strikes you, just give me a holler!

Lori Power our Vice President has moved on and we wish her the best. **What that means is we are avidly looking to fill the VP position anytime between now and our Annual Meeting in September.** The major part of this position at this time of the year is completion of the Fall CE duties – most of which are already done, just the actual event and obtaining vendors, donations, and running operations at the meeting on September 23 at the Parkway Hotel in Casper, WY. **Sound interesting? Give me a shout out.... ☺ wycv@gmail.com**

Our Annual meeting will be September 23 at the Parkway Plaza in Casper, Wyoming. This will be during the luncheon of our Fall CE. Our **CE speaker will be Lori Fuehrer, CVT, VTS (Neurology, Anesthesia/Analgesia).** See the registration details further along in this newsletter! Thank you Nanette and Mel for your work on this project.

As we prepare for this Falls' CE, we have a few details we can adjust and I would you to let me know what you liked or didn't like about the CE meetings we have had in the past (or even other CE meetings you've attended). Examples: Longer bathroom breaks, start time, end time, printed notes &/or PowerPoint slides, etc. Your feedback might add something we have not thought of yet. This meeting benefits us all. Email comments to wycv@gmail.com

I've been invited by Dr. Susan Walker, the Veterinary Technology Program Director at Eastern Wyoming College, to visit the College during their "Directors Call" on May 1st to talk to faculty and students during their monthly meeting. The goal is to open the door for communication between the Association and students and faculty. Our WyVTA Scholarship Program and the Fall CE in September will be discussed.

Last, but not least, is membership paperwork. Thank you Deana for all you have had to do to assimilate everyone's paperwork.

Spring in Wyoming is interesting. Not only is everything growing and getting **greener**, the amount of **orange** increases. Watch out for all of the road construction on your travels!

SECRETARY and MEMBERSHIP/CERTIFICATION

-Deana Baker, CVT
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Hello All,

I hope that everyone is ready for Spring, after all our April showers usually involves snowplows! I am your current secretary membership person. I have held several offices in the Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association over the years. I was Wyoming's first NAVTA Representative before our association was formed so I have been doing this for a while.

At this time we have 70 current members. 8 of our members are new CVTs (congratulations)! Several of our members reside in other states including Utah, Montana, Nebraska, Idaho, and Hawaii. **Several weeks ago, I sent out an email to large number of people who were overdue in dues and/or certification renewals. If you got this email and did not send in your dues please do so immediately! Please send them to my address below.** My goal is to have certification/membership processed within two weeks of being received. One exception will be from April 10th - 23rd; I will be on vacation. So please be patient.

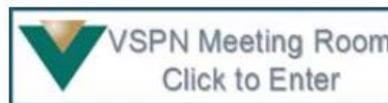
Remember our association is run by volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or hold a position please let one us know. Keep in mind that *IF none of us volunteered* there would not be an association. **Without the association none of us would be certified.**

Deana Baker – WyVTA Secretary
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Monthly Membership Meetings – ONLINE:

NEXT MEETING is May 7

Look for the banner below on the VSPN Chat page



You are invited to our WyVTA Meetings, open to all members and prospective members, the first Sunday of the month (unless otherwise noted) at 8pm Mountain Time online at www.vspn.org > click CHAT on the navigation bar and login with your **VSPN.org** user/pass > click the button or the hyperlink to join the meeting: <http://www.vin.com/Members/Unity3/Unity.plx?R=VSPNMEET>

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Aaron Tippit

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February/March

Opening Balance: \$13,911.06 (as of 2/8/17)

Expenses:

Tom Page, shipping & office supplies, check #1147, \$56.10

Jackie Van Noy, website Mar & Apr, check #1148, \$80.00

Income:

Membership/Certifications*

*Secretary/Membership and Treasurer are still working through the submissions to ensure payments match the documentation sent in – reconciliation and audit is in progress. Any refunds due members will be sent, likewise any further remittance identified will be communicated as soon as possible. The Board appreciates the Members' patience.

Closing Balance: \$13,597.92* (as of 4/4/17)

CE FALL SEMINAR UPDATES:

-Nanette Walker Smith & Mel Beardsley

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Mel, Tom, and I have been working together to be able to bring you this news! We are pleased to announce our Fall CE and Annual Meeting set for **Saturday, September 23, 2017. Save the date!**

We have a new location this year: the Parkway Plaza Hotel and Convention Centre, 123 West E Street, Casper, WY

Our speaker will be **Lori Fuehrer, CVT, VTS (Neurology, Anesthesia/Analgesia)**. Lori works as the Technician Manager at Rocky Mountain Veterinary Neurology in Englewood, CO www.rockymountainveterinaryneurology.com Lori's primary work is in neurology, but she maintains her anesthesia and analgesia VTS as well due to the use of multi modal monitors during anesthesia, ventilator use, and use of analgesics with neurologic pain.

This Fall CE will present our Wyoming Certified Veterinary Technicians with 6.5-7.0 hours of CE. We are working with the WyVMA and WyBVM to accept Lori's credentials for CE hours for veterinarians as well and information will be forthcoming on that. Fall CE is open to members and nonmembers.

We will also have our Annual Meeting and Elections during the luncheon and all positions are available for nominations (self or by your best friends ☺). Brush up on your Association details in your copy of the Constitution and Bylaws available online on our website and take a look at what each of the positions requires. Contact any Board member to find out more.

REGISTRATION information will be coming to your email soon!

Student WyVTA Scholarship:

-Kati Martin, CVT

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Scholarship forms are now available for all VT students on the website.

Applications are due June 30.

MINUTES

WyVTA Meeting - March 6, 2017

Tom Page: I call the meeting to order. Aaron, would you give us the Treasurers report?

Aaron Tippit: Well, I got a grip of checks, and I sent out a few as well. Unfortunately, I didn't get to the bank this week to confirm totals, but it looks like the balance in the account is \$13,615.92. The received checks were mostly for membership or certifications. I had a few checks/cash that I had no idea what it was for. The memo line wasn't filled out, and there was no note on the totals sheet that came with it. That total breakdown was awesome, but can we include what the check is for on that? And also who the cash is from and for what? Or require the memo be filled out by the check's writer.

Deana Baker: I sent a big packet of membership dues a couple of weeks ago. If they come from me, they are mostly membership. The cash for sure was membership.

Tom Page: How did going through the massive batch of paperwork go, Deana?

Deana Baker: It took me a couple of days to process, but I got it all done. I have a few more to process, and I'm waiting for more to arrive.

Tom Page: Thanks for the update, Aaron and Deana. Aaron - can you ask Karen if she has anything else, new arrivals?.

Where do we stand with the Scholarship committee?

Melanie Beardsley: My understanding from Nanette last meeting was to keep the date due/submissions sent to the PO Box.

Nanette Walker Smith: The fill in is not something we want for this one because all documents need to be submitted by mail to the PO Box. There are a lot, so this comes as a packet. Cambria was ok with that; that was her only request earlier.

Melanie Beardsley: I do have one question. Have we ever followed up on grades half way through to make sure they are maintaining?

Tom Page: I haven't thought to look into it. Kati did you last year.

Nanette Walker Smith: We take it out - we lose the option to do so. Leave it in = fear that we will :)

Kati Martin: No.

Melanie Beardsley: That's a good point, Nanette.

Tom Page: I think it is good to leave.

Melanie Beardsley: Then I'm good with it.

Tom Page: With the two of you here, do you approve the scholarship form?

Kati Martin: Yes

Melanie Beardsley: Yes

Tom Page: Nanette, would you please make the changes and send to Jackie to put on the website?

Nanette Walker Smith: Yes. Then Amanda could you please announce this to your classes? End of the week?

Amanda Johnson: Yes.

Tom Page: Just to clarify, where are we going to post this? I can put on Facebook as soon as Jackie contacts me that it is on the website. Other places?

Melanie Beardsley: I put it in the last NAVTA update.

Tom Page: Thank you ladies. Lets move on.

September meeting: The Parkway has opened their doors and made an offer for the 23rd of September. Any thoughts on this?

Aaron Tippit: Do we know how much that will run us?

Melanie Beardsley: If it is similar cost-wise, I wouldn't be scared to give it a chance.

Tom Page: I have been quoted \$100.00 for the day and conference room.

Melanie Beardsley: What about food?

Tom Page: Meals would be similar to last year, about \$12.00 a plate. We have a menu to review. I suggest selecting just a few to offer.

Jackie Van Noy: What about room rates?

Tom Page: The room rate is at \$84.00, and might lower as we confirm. They have arranged for all tables, AV, and podium.

Nanette Walker Smith: Room rate sounds good. So apples to oranges, the rates seem to be comparable to Ramkota.

Tom Page: The other part to the offer was they are going to throw in the room for the speaker. This will depend on what we decide on speaker.

Melanie Beardsley: Seems pretty comparable. I don't see a reason to not give them a chance.

Tom Page: I never saw last year's quote. But I think it is sound. This is where the Rotary meets every Monday.

Nanette Walker Smith: Mel would be the good consult on this.

Melanie Beardsley: Do we have speakers? We need to know when they are available before setting a date. We may not have speakers at all if we limit them to a date.

Nanette Walker Smith: Mel - at this late date - we need to find speakers who can work with us. We have a lot of topics, so hopefully we can find some even if it's not a full track, which might actually not be a bad thing. We had talked about trying to minimize costs as well, so pulling a bit closer to home OR potentially getting some of them as vendor ops.

Aaron Tippit: What kind of bait do you use to fish for speakers?

Tom Page: Lori was to receive suggestions with topics. I have not heard from her. Correct, Mel. I was thinking of contacting a VTS to support our own and show others what they can do. But that is a personal thought. That is correct, Nanette.

Nanette Walker Smith: VTS is ok. But rather than the big wigs, I'd work on some that aren't huge names on the circuit yet. They are expensive and usually booked solid months in advance.

Tom Page: I have not completed communication with my contacts due to dental month. I agree, Nanette. We need to draw folks in. What is something we do every day that would be a topic?

Nanette Walker Smith: Topics we have so far are (just to remind everyone): dermatology, behavior, anesthesia, large animal wound management, large animal reproduction, etc.

Tom Page: Anesthesia was the one I was thinking of; small and large animal. And we all do it day in and day out.

Melanie Beardsley: I like that, simply because we can do both small and large animal.

Nanette Walker Smith: And I would recommend mixing it up, so we don't have everyone bailing after one is done; if that makes sense. Perhaps a general anesthesia that works for both then; large, then small. Maybe even exotics or small mammal.

Aaron Tippit: We have a traveling ophthalmologist and behaviorist that come to the area. Could that be anything helpful?

Melanie Beardsley: I was thinking some exotics wouldn't hurt too.

Tom Page: My proposal would be to inquire of an individual and see what the cost is and work with a vendor to cover the cost. From large to small, definitely.

I have to ask everyone a few questions. This job was supposed to be tasked to an individual. The VP has not attended the last three meetings and not returned some of my phone calls. The topic we just discussed should not be slowed. I have texted, emailed, and called. I have spoken with her very little.

Nanette Walker Smith: And VP has returned zero of my emails or texts.

Melanie Beardsley: I'd hate to set up a CE day just to find out she had one set up; but I would think if she was on top of it, that she wouldn't be afraid to communicate that and would be attending meetings...

Aaron Tippit: Are we talking about firing her? You can't set up an event for people all over the state and not tell anyone.

Nanette Walker Smith: Tom has done a ton of leg work, including going to facilities to get quotes. As president, that is not his job. That is the Vice President and coordinator of the Fall CE. They would have said "oh, someone has been here." I don't have a problem if someone is busy, but no communication what so ever is really not nice for the rest of us. This is our major source of income that keeps this association afloat.

Melanie Beardsley: You are probably right, Nanette.

Tom Page: I have emailed her the quotes and facility information. We have a small window on the offered contract.

Melanie Beardsley: We picked three choices in the past.

Melanie Beardsley: I think it is very close to what I was quoted two years ago from the Ramkota.

Kati Martin: It does sound very similar to Ramkota and what they have charged in the past.

Aaron Tippit: Sounds good to me.

Tom Page: For the date and location, are there any other questions?

Nanette Walker Smith: I motion we approve the date of September 23 and the Parkway as the venue as described above for our Fall Conference.

Deana Baker: I'll 2nd

Tom Page: Motion passed for September 23rd. If we run in to speaker date issues, we can do the 30th of the month.

Nanette Walker Smith: A lot is riding on it, and several of us have tried contacting for 2-3 months and gotten no response; not even an "I'll get back to you."

Melanie Beardsley: And it's getting late enough that finding a good speaker could prove to be difficult.

Nanette Walker Smith: We can't wait anymore; hence the agreement to lock in the hotel or we'll lose that too. OR - we cancel our annual CE. We do that and we run the risk of having the IRS audit and remove our tax exempt status, as having these CE events is what keeps us legal.

Tom Page: I don't like that thought.

Melanie Beardsley: I think if the person you were thinking of can do it, Nanette, that we email/text and let her know that we are looking at this speaker and this date, unless she has better ideas. Also, book the Parkway and plow forward... Not gonna lie, makes me nervous to book the hotel with no speakers. I'm sure we could round someone up from Torrington/WSVL if we get desperate, though.

Tom Page: I have the contract, and can get it done with the board's consent.

Nanette Walker Smith: I have to do that contact on Tuesday; will let y'all know ASAP.

Tom Page: I say that for tonight we have Nanette contact the VTS and email the current board with the answer. Then I will contact the Parkway.

Melanie Beardsley: I think that sounds like a plan. We can just keep the VP in the loop and will assume no response means she isn't doing anything?

Tom Page: As for Vice President, we don't have someone here to take the place. If we share the task, I think we can do it. I can agree with that also, Mel. Any other comments on this?

Nanette Walker Smith: If no response, we can determine what we want to do next month. Next newsletter goes out in April.

Melanie Beardsley: By then we will already have the hotel and speaker booked, if things go as we are hoping this week...

Nanette Walker Smith: By then, hopefully we will have place, time, speaker, and maybe sponsors taken care of and announce at the same time.

Melanie Beardsley: I motion we book the Parkway and speaker if they are available for September 23.

Nanette Walker Smith: Second

Tom Page: Motion passes. That completes that task for now.

Aaron Tippit: I was going to make a motion to get a stamp for check deposits. When depositing stamps, the organization's name is needing to be hand written on every check. A stamp for \$26.95 would help me out with my 6 year old handwriting. I motion that we purchase the stamp for proper documentation on our deposits.

Nanette Walker Smith: I think that would be a good investment for the team :) Second

Tom Page: Motion passes. Let us know next month when you get it.

Aaron Tippit: Will do

Nanette Walker Smith: I have a bill - \$7.60 for postage of secretary stuff to Deana; receipt emailing to Aaron tonight.

Aaron Tippit: Perfect. Thanks!

Tom Page: Motion to reimburse Nanette

Nanette Walker Smith: Second on my reimbursement :)

Tom Page: Motion passed.

Melanie Beardsley: NAVTA is having another Veterinary Technician Leadership Summit July 21st in Indianapolis in conjunction with the AVMA Convention. We haven't sent folks to this one in the past, but thought I would at least mention it in case someone wanted to go.
Nanette Walker Smith: I think we can definitely put the leadership thing in the newsletter.

Tom Page: Maybe we should do that next year instead of January?
Melanie Beardsley: Nanette, I think it is mostly only open to association leadership.

Tom Page: We will have to review.

Melanie Beardsley: I motion we adjourn.

Aaron Tippit: Second

Tom Page: This meeting stands adjourned.

Nanette Walker Smith: Thank you. Scholarship form is off to Jackie.

Participants: Tom Page, Deana Baker, Amanda Johnson, Melanie Beardsley, Aaron Tippit, Kati Martin, Jackie Van Noy, Nanette Walker Smith

WyVTA Meeting - April 2, 2017

Tom Page: I will call this meeting to order. Welcome everyone. We have some news that I need to make sure everyone is aware of. [Lori Power has turned in her resignation as Vice President effective immediately. Did everyone get that email?](#)

Board affirmed receipt of the email

Tom Page: We find ourselves in a situation with limited folks here, but does anyone know of someone that would step in and help? Nanette and I have started most of the process, and we will be giving an update on that shortly. At this time, and late into the process, we might be running it as a group unless we can find a replacement per our constitution and bylaws. Added thoughts?

Nanette Walker Smith: We've got the dates lined up, the place, and at least one speaker. The rest is almost a piece of cake. The majority of what Lori should have been doing has been done primarily by Tom and a bit by me. I'm good with continuing as is and trying to take a little more off Tom's plate as I can, unless we are able to find someone to step up. We need to get the hotel contract set and signed ASAP. Parkway has graciously held both the 23rd and 30th for us.

Tom Page: With that being said, we can't let this fall apart. With some help, I will jump in with all to help Nanette.

Melanie Beardsley: Like I had said before, I'm happy to help here and there too.

Nanette Walker Smith: Yeah, Mel :) That would be most appreciated, since you've done the ball of wax before and recently :)

Tom Page: I can turn in contract for Parkway this week. Mel - if we could set time to do a walk thru at the Parkway and brainstorm flow, it would be great.

- Parkway Facility due date was extended to next week.
- Cost of facility, rooms, and free suite for speaker.
- Multiple tables for additional needs.
- AV and screen - quote is available by email.
- Food choices - I can review with Mel and Aaron (only because they are here)

*If anyone would like to review the options, please let me know and I will send you a copy of the brochure.

I think it is time for Nanette to add her information. Nanette?

Nanette Walker Smith: Proposed Speaker that we have confirmation that she can both attend and is willing to speak:

Lori Fuehrer, VTS Neurology, Anesthesia/Analgesia

**Anesthetic ventilation and ventilators - will bring a machine so we can have some hands on/wet lab style*

**Anesthetic Monitoring - multimodal monitors, alarms, wave forms, what's important, what's not, vs. using standard equipment*

**Analgesia for neurology patients*

**Neurology topics and cases*

**\$225.00 - \$250.00/lecture hour plus travel, hotel, and per diem for food She'd like to do some interactive topics to get folks involved on these somewhat dry topics, hence the machines with.*

We had originally talked about some large animal items; but she has no large animal, and of yet, we do not have large animal speakers.

Tom Page: WOW!!!! with the machines. THAT'S great. I have 3 ECG machines I want to SHOOT. I can bring an ECG machine. I can ask Ron Rome to see if there are any machines that we can use that would simulate an animal tracing.

Melanie Beardsley: Sounds great!

Nanette Walker Smith: That's a cool idea. We could have different versions and play with them, which could help spread people out like an honest wet lab! Like the dental seminars we had a couple years ago; those were fabulous.

Deana Baker: Yes those were.

Melanie Beardsley: I'm sure I could bring ours, too. I could also bring a Bernese Mountain Dog with supraventricular tachycardia. :/

Tom Page: SWEET. We could also use me, if needed. I have VPC's when stressed. I figure I will be plenty stressed that day. I like the idea. I don't want to take away from large animal folks, but I don't want to lose the chance at this. Anyone else have thoughts?

Nanette Walker Smith: If I'm able to come, I could drag the Pyrenees; she's had heartworm.

Deana Baker: I like the idea of a wet lab format. ETCO2 is something that I've always had a hard time wrapping my head around.

Charlene Pfaff: I like all these ideas. ECG is an area I know very little about, and I would like to know more. The wet lab sounds like a great idea.

Nanette Walker Smith: OK. So she's waiting for me to respond. If you all are ok (need a vote) to contract her for the full 7 hours, I can get her to fill out a full schedule. Can we bring a dog into the Parkway? If so, that would be awesome!

Melanie Beardsley: If she has information for all 7 hours, I think it would be fine. If we really want something large animal related, I'm sure we could find a vet or someone from the Vet Lab that would speak.

Melanie Beardsley: I motion we hire Lori for the full 7 hour day.

Nanette Walker Smith: I second.

Tom Page: FYI: \$250.00 x 7 is \$1,750.00.

Nanette Walker Smith: \$225.00 x 7 is \$1,575.00.

Melanie Beardsley: I think my speakers were \$1,300.00 for the day 2 years ago. So that isn't out of line.

Tom Page: The hotel room for the speaker is free. That leaves us with travel and food.

Nanette Walker Smith: I think you are right, Mel; but they road up together and cut us a deal. Last year was \$1,700.00, but they came from Fort Collins.

Melanie Beardsley: Yes, and I'm pretty sure we paid for their room, too.

Nanette Walker Smith: Yes, and last year we paid for rooms as well.

Food will be minimal, because most of it will be included at the conference.

Melanie Beardsley: Should be doable.

Tom Page: I think that puts us at about \$2,000.00. I will verify with the Parkway for Friday night and Saturday for the suite.

Nanette Walker Smith: Thanks Tom

Tom Page: Maybe Mel, Aaron, and I can meet her Friday to greet her.

Melanie Beardsley: Sure, and anyone else that is here then too.

Tom Page: Correct

Nanette Walker Smith: I'm not sure if I'll be able to come yet. If so, I'll offer to drive her up; save some \$\$

Melanie Beardsley: That would help, and give you some company for the drive, Nanette.

Nanette Walker Smith: Most definitely. I need it for that drive LOL

Tom Page: There is a motion on the table to hire Lori for the September meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Page: Conference will be held at the Parkway Hotel in Casper. Nanette can you put together the paperwork.

Nanette Walker Smith: Yep. I'll get it with Lori tomorrow. We need to select a date. Lori is good for either the 23rd or the 30th. IMHO the 23rd is better; earlier, so hopefully less chance of weather.

Melanie Beardsley: I move we book the weekend of September 23rd.

Nanette Walker Smith: Second

Tom Page: Motion passed unanimously.

Nanette Walker Smith: Cost to members? Last year registration was due 3 weeks before the date. \$70.00 for members and \$90.00 for

nonmembers; Postmarked after the due date was \$100.00, regardless of membership.

Tom Page: I have to admit, we haven't looked at food cost yet. The lunch plates I saw were \$12.00 to \$15.00. Drinks and snacks are a few dollars more. What was the cost for students?

Nanette Walker Smith: Students, if members = same cost as members otherwise, they are nonmembers.

Melanie Beardsley: I feel like it will be pretty similar to the Ramkota.
Nanette Walker Smith: Rooms were blocked, and were \$83.00/night plus tax.

Tom Page: If we have 50 members arrive, that makes \$3,500.00. With \$2,000.00 going out, that puts only \$1,500.00 into the bank. We spent almost \$2,900.00 on the Chicago trip.

Nanette Walker Smith: 50 is a really high estimate. If we get 35 attending, I'll be happy! Average is usually 30 (+/-8)

Melanie Beardsley: If Zoetis sponsors lunch again, that cuts a lot of cost. Along with anyone else we can get sponsorship/donations from.

Tom Page: That is true. I will be working with vendors from all angles that I can; I have Elanco, Zoetis, Hills, and Patterson willing.

Nanette Walker Smith: :) Get them to advertise as well :) I'll get the flyers done ASAP. We need to decide on cost. We have held the cost at \$70.00 for at least 3 years for members. IMHO - registrations should be due by August 31st for the split amount.

Tom Page: Maybe a \$5.00 increase? We also need to have a registration destination and contact person.

Nanette Walker Smith: \$75.00 for members/\$95.00 for nonmembers by August 31st; September 1st and later \$110.00 regardless of membership status. Registrations can come to me. I can scan and send anything immediately as needed, especially if I'm unable to attend.

Melanie Beardsley: I motion we run with the above mentioned fee schedule/cut off dates.

Charlene Pfaff: I second

Tom Page: Motion passed unanimously

Deana Baker: We have well over 30 members from UT, 2 from MT, 5 from CO, and 1 from HI. 2 are from WA.

Tom Page: Nice, Deana. How many within the state?

Deana Baker: There are around 60 of us from WY.

Tom Page: Are all of them current?

Deana Baker: Most of them are. We have a total of around 125; 47 have not yet renewed their membership.

Nanette Walker Smith: Membership - IMHO the 47 that haven't renewed need a letter that their membership will lapse if not renewed by April XX.

Deana Baker: They've already been emailed. I sent out a massive email a few weeks ago. I've gotten some response. Many people said that they had sent their checks and such in December.

Tom Page: Mel - can you shake down Karen again to see if she has anything left at home?

Melanie Beardsley: I can; though I'm 90% sure she doesn't.

Nanette Walker Smith: I would say if their checks haven't cleared yet, have folks cancel them or consider them lost. We've gotten everything supposedly we are going to get.

Is the bank a credit union? I can't remember?

Tom Page: It doesn't look like it.

Melanie Beardsley: I don't think it is.

Nanette Walker Smith: Tom/Mel - as soon as you get confirmation of block room prices, please let me know so I can finish up the flyer with Lori's topics.

Tom Page: I will go back to them on room \$ and see what I can get. I think they said \$84.00.

Tom Page: Mel and I can review the lunch options also (if that is OK with you, Mel). Maybe Friday, depending on schedules?

Melanie Beardsley: That should be fine.

Melanie Beardsley: Next order of business?

Tom Page: My Tasks. Contract with the Parkway, date, rooms, suite, and food choices (with Mel) to be sent to Nanette for the flyer.

Is there anything else pertaining to these parts of the annual meeting? If not, let's move on. We got out of order.

Deana: Do you have anything to add from your post?

Deana Baker: Not really. I'm going to hand write the cards from now on. The cards come in sheets of 10. I've only been using 5 or less for the last few processings. We've had 8 new credentialed technicians since January.

Tom Page: That's great. That works for me. What from NAVTA, Mel?

Melanie Beardsley: I don't have anything new this go around.

Nanette Walker Smith: I asked Jackie to let me know when stuff is updating on the website. Scholarship applications were updated so Charlene and Amanda - those can get pushed out to the students! I'll highlight that in the newsletter.

Tom Page: When I talked to Aaron, he mentioned that things were fine on his front. Not much at this time.

I have completed some communication with the Director of Veterinary Technology Program. Dr. Susan Walker. She is also the Secretary/Treasurer of the WYVMA. Here is a copy of the email I just sent:

Thanks for the opportunity to chat about the college and the association. I look forward to attending the Director's Call meeting on May 1st. As we talked, the goal is to introduce the Association to the students and faculty.

- You mentioned that I should speak briefly of my career; duties, responsibilities, etc.
- Scholarship program reminder, eligibility, and due date.
- Learning should never stop. Continuing education. September annual meeting in Casper. Date and topic TBD.
- Meet with Club officers, teachers and students.
- Other suggestions?

My goal is to improve the roll that our state association and the college offers the students. I look forward to having a better understanding of Eastern Wyoming College's Veterinary Technician and Aide programs. I plan on being available Monday morning until about 2 pm. So I will take your suggestion on filling some or any of that time. As I prepare for my visit, could you please give me some basic numbers of students that are completing their first year, second year--this years' graduates. If the structure is different than a two year program, let me know.

Tom Page: This is a big step in improving the transfer of information, and to get new folks involved.

Melanie Beardsley: Tom, can I just take a moment and say you are knocking this President thing out of the park! Thank you!

Tom Page: I haven't spoken in front of them yet. It could crash around my ears. Thank you.

Charlene Pfaff: I agree. I would have liked it when I was in school if someone from the association would have come and talked to us about it. This is a good idea.

Nanette Walker Smith: The fact that you are reaching out and taking this role to that level is huge. It's big travel from anywhere in the state, so it's great regardless. EWC is in a rebuilding process, so it behooves them to reach out as well - a win win.

Melanie Beardsley: Speaking of the Wyoming Vet Association, Nanette - are we going to try and get credits approved for doctors again? Who did you talk to last year?

Nanette Walker Smith: There will not be a DVM with her, but she teaches DVMs and interns where she works. We approve it, therefore it's approved. As far as WyVMA is concerned, we just have to send her credentials to them. She is a VTS and works with esteemed DVMs. They have to determine from there if they'll accept it.

Tom Page: That sounds great!!!! We can review dissemination of the newsletter next month. In order to find ideas we might have missed, etc. As I review my agenda, I think we have come to the end. Does anyone have any last comments? Thank you all for your help and attendance.

Nanette Walker Smith: Yeah team :) Awesome job on membership, Deana :)

Deana Baker: Thanks

Nanette Walker Smith: Motion to adjourn

Melanie Beardsley: I think I'm good. I second

Tom Page: Unanimously approved. This meeting stands adjourned.

Participants: Tom Page, Deana Baker, Amanda Johnson, Charlene Pfaff, Nanette Walker Smith, Melanie Beardsley

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