

SAVT Annual General Meeting

November 14, 2009

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Attended by:

Tania Friesen, Karen Watson, Leona Boyer, Nadine Schueller, Kim Foster, Sheena Derksen, Amy Schum, Holly Trytten, Christina Kostiuk, Peggy Nelles, Sandy Parsons, Joanne Parnetta, Sandy Hass, Michelle Moroz, Charmaine White, Amanda Shea, Jesse Hansen, Tiffany Best, Stephanie Fries, Corrie Stoll, Mona Bozsik, Shauna Hodgins, Kathleen Vogel, Jennifer Kriger, Jaime Simpson, Tracy Hooper, Kristen Hunter, Lynne Dyck, Nancy Marsh, Charlotte Timoshuk, Annette Lorenz, Leeanne Olynick, Kimberly Grand, Annaliese Givson, Melissa Nievergelt, Wendy Mock, Chrissie Engel, Lorraine Serhienko, Sharon Hauser, Caitlyn Hauser, Maryann Haueser, Leah Deans, Susan Cadrin, Sue Johnson, Mary-Ann Darichuk, Kelly Panasiuk, Brenda Beierle, Jodi Walchuk, Carolyn Cartwright, Jaime Ratt, Laura Crothers, Erin de Connick Smith, Bernice Ruf, Suzanne Jurgens, Lois Ridgeway, Janette Korol, Jane Rathgeber, Tamara Leader, Carla Hudy, Bobie Dean, Bobbie Bueker, Kenzie makowsky, Lori Haugrud, Sandy Hordenchuk, Tracy Lemieux, Jennifer Wright, Kathleen Conkie, Brianna Thiemann, Shelagh Barclay, Jackie Slywka, Michelle Puffalt, Dolores Penner, Penny Wilson, Taunia Sawatzky, Emily Reiter, Daphne Stomborg, Michelle Arndt, Amy Neudorf, Sue Bernauer, Darlene Ford, Jackie Elsasser, Helen Johannesen, Sheila Kucher, Jodie Becquet,

Meeting was called to order at 12:39 pm.

Motion for approval of meeting agenda made by Bernice Ruf, seconded by Tracy Hooper. Motion carried

First call for nominations for open board positions made.

Nominations made for Member at Large –Amy Neudorf, Karen Laventure, Financial Officer- Nadine Schueller, and President-Elect- Amanda Shea

Motion made by Jaime Simpson for approval of last annual general meeting minutes, seconded by Joanne Parnetta, Motion carried

President Report- Lorraine Serhienko

It feels as if it were just yesterday I took on this position. This year has gone by so fast! I would like to highlight on a few things that the board of directors has accomplished this year.

-new display, updated, made of high quality material that will last. It's already made an appearance at Vetavison and many other places in Sk.

-Completed analysis of the wage survey and distributed it to our members, as well as the SVMA.

-National recognition of our association with write ups like Tamara Leader's "I'm a Vet Tech... Hear Me Oink". If you would like to submit articles to the SAVT we will try and get as many published in various media! Show your vet tech pride.

-With our OA's help we have been able to enhance our newsletter and are working on providing online services for our members. Some of this implementation will be starting right away!

We now have fancy membership cards that ATSAQ made for us (Quebec association). We will be asking you for references to the card for voting privileges, CE points, etc.

During the 25th year of SAVT the board has been working at updating and progression of the SAVT and making a better association for the most important people, you, our members!

Thank you to everyone for allowing me the honour of being president. I have enjoyed my time working with the association.

CAAHTT Report- Tamara Leader

The Canadian Association of Animal Health Technologists and Technicians has had a busy year with some big changes!

The first big change you'll see will show up with your SAVT newsletter in January/ February 2010. The Quebec association, ATSAQ, is in the process of producing a new national journal in collaboration with CAAHTT. This journal will be going out to every CAAHTT member in Canada. Each journal will contain an update from CAAHTT as your national association, updates from each provincial association, CE quizzes and more.

The second big change we had was hiring a new office administrator for CAAHTT, Sarah Cunningham. This is especially a big move as Sarah also works for the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association out of their office in Ottawa. This is a huge step in promoting our unity with the CVMA and greatly increases recognition of the Vet Teach profession at the national level.

In October I had the opportunity to represent SAVT at a labour mobility workshop hosted by the CVMA and Human Resources Development Canada. For the first time ever in history, the CVMA, all the provincial Veterinary Medical Associations and all the provincial Veterinary Technology Associations sat in the same room together to discuss unity in labour mobility across Canada. CAAHTT has high hopes for future meetings such as these, and in turn, over the next few years, we're hoping that you may see some innovative new ideas and changes come about that will benefit you, the CAAHTT members.

Second call for nominations for open positions. No additional nominations.

Third and final call for nominations for open positions. No additional nominations

Bernice Ruf made a motion to affirm the above nominees, and Tamara Leader as President, for the open board positions. Seconded by Michele Moroz. Motion carried

Financial Report-Marilyn St Marie

All VTNE's, post January 2010 sitting, will be run by computer. The test dues will not be collected by SAVT anymore. (^\$800 worth for January sitting) therefore the income will also be drastically decreased.

CAAHTT dues are greatly increased. SAVT had started collecting more dues last financial year so that it would be a more gradual increase for members. The budget is not balanced because of this.

The OA fees are higher than budgeted because of the few months overlap between Nadine and Marilyn.

Motion made by Amy Neudorf to accept budget and financial statement, Seconded by Chrissie Engel.
Motion carried

Motion made for an external audit. Motion seconded by Tamara Leader. Motion carried

No old business.

New business

No bylaw changes as they are not ready.

Leah Wiebe won the CAAHTT draw, an autographed Dave Perrin book.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Jaime Simpson.