



**SAVT Annual General Meeting
Saskatoon Radisson Hotel
November 7, 2015**

Attending: Lesa Altrogge, Carlamae Ashby, Brenda Beierle, Skye Berglund, Susan Bernauer, Carolyn Cartwright, Nora Cochrane, Maryann Darichuk, Erin de Coninck Smith, Lori Deobald, Ashley Detillieux, Laurel Dimmock, Lynne Dyck, Christina Engel, Heather Desjardins, Alissa Fehr, Wendy Fernets, Wanda Flynn, Darlene Ford, Kimberly Foster, Stephanie Fries, Sammi-Jo Fuchs, Lori Haugrud, Danielle Jaspar, Rebecca Johnston, Brianne Knutson, Tiffany Koene, Shannon McCallion, Tamara McLoughlin, Kirstin Miller, April Mulholland, Maureen Hurley, Jamie Mamer, Amanda Neitz, Peggy Nelles, Aleasha Nimec, Deneille Noble, Erin Norlin, Kelly Panasiuk, Sandy Parsons, Dolores Penner, Shauna Perkins, Patricia Perrin, Carla Rangel, Jane Rathgeber, Jaime Ratt, Robyn Reynolds, Renee Richard, Lois Ridgway, Bernice Ruf, Brianne Schneider, Jessica Schneider, Nadine Schueller, Lorraine Serhienko, Nicole Slater, Jaime Steinkey, Susan Thiessen, Mikhaela Thrasher, Charlotte Timoshuk, Cindy Toy, Shelley Townsend, Holly Trytten, Kathleen Vogel, Karen Watson, Tanya Weber, Meaghan West, Lesley Wilson, Penny Wilson, Nicole Wood.

1. Nicole Wood called the meeting to order at 1:02pm
2. Deneille Noble made a motion to approve the amended agenda as circulated. Peggy Nelles seconded. All in favor. Carried.
3. Patricia Perrin made a motion to approve minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting (as found on line). Deneille Noble seconded. All in favor. Carried.
4. **1st call for nominations for the Board of Directors**
 - a. President Elect.
Aleasha Nimec declined.
 - b. Secretary
Lorraine Serhienko, Kirstin Miller let their names stand
 - c. Members at Large
Aleasha Nimec let her name stand

5. President's Report – Nicole Wood

Good afternoon members! Thank you all for coming to our AGM. It is so important to stay involved with our association and I thank everyone of you for attending. 2015 has been a very busy year for SAVT. Our Executive Director and RVTTC reps went to Calgary this summer for the RVTTC AGM. Lois and I attended the CanWest conference in Banff to promote our association. We had a fun annual retreat in Jan in -50 degree Celsius weather. We participated in both VIP days and Vetavision at the WCVM and were able to network with some vet students and vet/tech student hopefuls. I gave the 1st and 2nd year Kelsey Tech students a talk at Kelsey this September and really enjoyed the feedback. It's so great to see the eagerness to be involved. We plan to tag along with the WCVM at Agribition to promote the Profession and earn some CE. We also received many NVTW proclamations in OCTOBER so be sure to visit the website to see what communities celebrated Techs. It is going to be a great year.

6. SVMA Report – Nicole Wood

Thank you to Dr. Sarah Lightfoot Wagner for her 2 years of service. We would like to welcome Dr. Cemaine Tsang to her new position. We will also be getting a second liaison from the SVMA council, name to be announced.

7. RVTTC Report – Carolyn Cartwright, Darlene Ford

A) Greetings from RVTTC, MAHTA & OAVT





B) Pet Plan - To Be Announced

Let us introduce ourselves, we are Darlene Ford and Carolyn Cartwright, and we are honored to represent SAVT at the national level as the SAVT RVTTC directors. Out in the display area please introduce yourselves to our other SAVT honorary RVTTC representative, Wilma.

Firstly, you may have noticed that our name has changed to Registered Veterinary Technicians and Technologists of Canada to update with the name changes across Canada. This helps with the national recognition of our profession and unity.

Now we would like to give you a quick overview of the life of RVTTC for the past year, not in the order of occurrence.

RVTTC has teleconference meetings every 2 months throughout the year, sub-committee meetings as needed and holds 1 in person meeting annually at the AGM.

The RVTTC 2015 AGM was held July 14 & 15 in Calgary, Alberta in conjunction with the CVMA annual conference. I represented SAVT at the national meeting, along with Nadine and Lois who are RVTTC CVMA committee members; Darlene was unable to attend this year. We were able to enjoy some of the "Greatest Outdoor Show" at the Calgary Stampede prior to the start of the meetings. As part of the AGM we had an invigorating strategic plan session. One of the results of this was to streamline our Vision and Mission Statements, while still ensuring that they align with our national voice.

The RVTTC new Vision Statement is:

Animal healthcare excellence

And the Mission Statement is:

Unite, advance, and strengthen the RVT profession across Canada

So, by uniting, advancing, and strengthening the RVT profession across Canada we create animal healthcare excellence.

In part, the new mission statement came from the signing of the CAAHTT AFFILIATION AGREEMENT which 6 provincial Vet Tech associations; BCVTA, AAAHT, SAVT, MAHTA, OAVT and EVTA, signed at the AGM 2014. Together we are working for advancement in our profession.

The AGM always gives the board members the opportunity to meet face to face, reconnect, motivate and network. I always leave our meetings with a reinforced feeling of the great worth of this national group.

Jody Carrick is our new president and Shannon Brownrigg is our Executive Director. Shannon and Jody are showing a strong presence of our national voice by attending provincial, national and international conferences, attending the reorganization meetings for IVNTA, working with NAVTA and participating in the recent ED meetings for the Canadian Provincial associations.

In Calgary the RVTTC board of directors met with the CVMA executive for a very productive meeting with open dialogue about issues across the country and how we can work together effectively as a national voice. This follows up the support of unity of the professional veterinary team in Canada, which was officially started with the signing of the MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING at the 2014 AGM. There are many RVTs representing RVTTC on the CVMA committees, RVTTC ex-officio representative on the board, Professional Development, Animal Welfare, Veterinary Reserve, Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CTVEA) and the VTNE committees. The working relationship is continuing to grow as the CVMA and RVTTC continue to work together for professional national advancement.

Congratulations to Nadine Schueller for receiving the 2014 Vet Tech of the Year Award at the CVMA AGM.

RVTTC recently announced a flashy new logo. In addition, with the new name change came some challenges with the French name translation; watch for the news release once the new translation has government approval.

Darlene, Nadine and I were pleased to attend the MAHTA AGM in February, in showing support of neighboring tech associations to make our national voice just a little more present. With



a show of further support for the National Voice, it is our pleasure to introduce some of our out of province guests attending our AGM today; Shannon Brownrigg the RVTTTC ED, Trish Lobaton (MAHTA President) and Cindy Sontag (MAHTA President-Elect).

Part of the RVTTTC initiative, is a NEW CE Portal available to all RVTTTC Members. This portal is an easy to use opportunity for all members to select and engage in CE at their fingertips. A variety of CE is available with new items added on a continual basis.

(<http://www.rvttcanada.ca/resources.php>). We are pleased to announce personal insurance to our members at a group rate with Bennet Insurance and are working with PetPlan to offer student scholarships through all 6 provincial associations' territories. With the use of Facebook, webpages, E-blasts, Twitter and other multi-media tools, affiliation agreement and our MOU with CVMA we hope to strengthen and grow with our "national voice". I would encourage everyone to visit the RVTTTC website, and as a national member to become more familiar with your great association.

We found it was time to do some housekeeping, by doing a review of our by-laws and policies this year. In addition, we renewed our registration with the Canadian non-profit organization with our new name, and are working on increasing our budget to allow for further promotion of our national voice and offering provincial support.

Last month, RVTTTC was pleased to support the National Veterinary Technician Week by circulating the NVTW poster across Canada. In addition, we are helping to promote our national brand with window decals to advertise in your clinics that Registered Vet Techs are part of their clinics veterinary team. As RVT/AHT's we should be proud of where our profession has come from, who we are, and the accomplishments that lay ahead in our career paths, especially in light of the national agreements signed in good faith.

The 2016 RVTTTC AGM is scheduled for July 2016 in conjunction with the CVMA conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario. As always, feel free to contact your SAVT RVTTTC directors or RVTTTC directly with any questions or news.

8. New Business

A) Bylaw Changes:

See attached pdf for Motion detail.

- a. Motion #1 – Bernice Ruf made the motion. Sandy Parsons seconded. Motion carried.
- b. Motion #2 – Brenda Bierle made the motion. Chrissie Engel seconded. Motion carried.
- c. Motion #3 – Heather Desjardins made the motion. Bernice Ruf seconded. Motion carried.
- d. Motion #4 – Aleasha Nimec made the motion. Bernice Ruf seconded. Motion carried.
- e. Motion #5 – Chrissie Engel made the motion. Nicole Slater seconded. Motion carried.
- f. Motion #6 – Chrissie Engel made the motion. Peggy Nelles seconded. Motion carried.
- g. Motion #7 – Sandy Parsons made the motion. Bernice Ruf seconded. Motion carried.
- h. Motion #8 - Chrissie Engel made the motion. Heather Desjardins seconded. Discussion –, the wording will need to be looked at for this bylaw as RVTTTC does not approve the national exam and the wording could be misconstrued. Motion carried. This Bylaw will be revisited next year.
- i. Motion #9 – Carolyn Cartwright made the motion. Jane Rathgeber seconded. Motion carried.

B) CE Policy

The new policy was discussed and questions were answered. More information will be coming out via email.

C) Legal/ Discipline Fee Reserve – Membership Cost Discussion.

9. Executive Director's Report – Nadine Schueller

See attached pdf.





- A) Lorraine Serhienko motioned to approve the Financial Statement for 2014-2015. Heather Desjardins seconded. Motion carried.
- B) Carolyn Cartwright motioned to appoint a person to conduct a review and have an internal review done by a member of the corporation. Deneille Noble seconded. Motion carried.

10. 2nd call for nominations for the Board of Directors

- a. President Elect.
Lorraine Serhienko let her name stand.
- b. Secretary
Kirstin Miller let her name stand
- c. Members at Large
Aleasha Nimec, Tiffany Koene, Renee Richard let their names stand.

11. Election of Directors: President elect, Secretary, Member at Large, Member at Large
All were elected.

Authorized account signers will remain Nadine Schueller, Nicole Wood and Mikhaela Thrasher.

12. Old Business

- a. \$100 Charity
2015 Charity of the Year is Northern Animal Rescue Inc.

13. Peggy Nelles made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:24pm

As Prepared by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. McLoughlin', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tamara McLoughlin, RVT
2015 SAVT Secretary