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Executive Board
February 18th, 2023
Zoom Meeting-Virtually

NMRVTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes 2/18/23, 7pm MST via Zoom

Participants/Board Members: Carolynn Hamilton (President), Hannah Serra (Past President), Carol Young (Publicity Coordinator) Lindsey Schoepfle (Secretary)
Open to NMRVTA Members: Shalese Shell

Start: 7:06 pm

End: 7:46 pm

CALL TO ORDER-Carolynn Hamilton

READING AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES: Meeting minutes from 12/17/22 approved. Motion proposed by Carolynn to approve meeting minutes. Hannah and Carol voted in the affirmative.

OFFICER UPDATES

- Carolynn updated regarding request to attend meeting of NMVMA and obtain schedule for NMVMA meetings. Request was declined on both accounts. NMRVTA only able to attend if they are presenting. Next meeting is June 24th. Ms. Spooner requests that if NMRVTA would like to present to submit presentation prior to meeting. Carolynn expressed lack of material to present to NMVMA at this time.
- Hannah updated on APLNM (Animal Protection League of New Mexico) lobbyist training and active lobbying event. Hannah to request of APLNM if NMRVTA could share Zoom lobbyist training with membership.
- Carol stated in chat that the website had been automatically renewed. Carol updated on legislative efforts. Carol attended a caucus meeting where she mentioned the NMRVTA's initiative to a few legislators. Representative request additional information about legislative changes the NMRVTA would like to see to the Veterinary Practice Act. Senator McQueen is very interested.
- JoLynn submitted NAVTA Report via email 2/18/23. The NAVTA Representative meeting was held on 2/7/23 at 7 pm. In attendance were 9 NAVTA representative from Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Utah. Discussion involved:
 - Goals to get agenda out to district reps sooner for the opportunity to add items of discussion
 - Assign speakers to "our group" ahead of time, asked for ideas from the different state reps and,
 - NAVTA is funding travel for the District Chairperson to attend state conferences as funds allow to not only have a stronger NAVTA presence, but to provide booth with NAVTA information from a member.

Michael A. Azzarello, MBA, BS, LVT (NAVTA District Committee Chair) presented on expectation, changes for 2023 and opened the floor to questions. Some topics discussed were upcoming legislature from CA (California) giving RVTs the ability to administer vaccines. Other topics included upcoming legislature from AR (Arkansas) regarding mid-level practitioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Hannah requested an update on Jodi Beers. No further contact had been made. Carolynn to send email reaching out regarding request of Chairperson of Legislative Committee offer.
- CNM sample contract task taken over by Carolynn from Janelle. Carolynn will reach out to CNM with request.
- Budget discussion put on hold for this meeting.
- Hannah confirmed that Dr. Amanda Rouse would speak at the annual CE conference. Dr. Rouse possibly to co-present with a social worker that had previously been asked to speak at the annual CE conference. Dr. Rouse is a friend of this previously requested speaker.
- Hannah had reached out to Flourish Veterinary Consulting with a speaking opportunity. The consensus of organization is that they are expensive and seem to usually anticipate doing a full day of lecturing for their cost of about \$1,000 prior to any travel costs or lodging accommodations. The speaker would be traveling from Florida. The speaker for the organization is highly qualified. A question was posed by Shalese asking if the speaker with Flourish Veterinary Consulting could offer a pre-recorded presentation. Hannah acknowledges that this would be a cheaper option but that previously the membership has expressed that they prefer the “big name” speaker to be “live” (sus. in-person).
- Hannah requested an update on CNM Donation Update. The status of the donation was unknown.
- Update on 501c6 from Hannah expressed that NMRVTA is still waiting for a tax id number from the state of New Mexico.

NEW BUSINESS

- Arkansas Veterinary Technician Association had requested via NMRVTA Facebook a letter of support regarding their proposed changes to the Arkansas Veterinary Practice Act regarding Veterinary Technician Specialists. Carolynn offered to write letter of support, but the deadline had already passed. NMRVTA was requested to write a letter of support with two days’ notice.
- Carolynn asked members in attendance if they had reviewed the proposed form letters to the Board of Veterinary Medicine and state legislators. Email had not been reviewed by members in attendance. Email in question was sent on the 25th of January. The request was made to have the email sent again by Hannah.
- Hannah expressed concern regarding lack of input from NMBVM or NMVMA regarding legislative changes that NMRVTA would like to pursue. Hannah expressed this concern after being verbally assaulted by a coworker. Carol discussed fault with the veterinary profession regarding pushback that could be seen regarding Scope of Practice and Title Protection efforts. Carol reminded board members that educational opportunities are

more readily available than in the past and thus a lack of access to become licensed and educated is no longer present to unlicensed technicians in New Mexico. Legislators continue to request to see an actual proposal. Carolynn would like to show the legislative members the document that had previously been presented at the 2022 annual CE conference. Lindsey promotes educating fellow staff members and the public regarding educational requirements for veterinary technicians.

- Carol reminded the board members that memberships have been continuing to come in. Carolynn has continued to make membership cards and send them as payment has been received.
- Jessica Oppen had requested at the January boarding meeting to speak with any board members about their experiences on the NMRVTA board. Per Carolynn, the date that Jessica had given for availability was 3/26/23. Carolynn will send out Zoom meeting link to Jessica Oppen and the current board members. Carol will be in Egypt at that time and will be unavailable.
- Lindsey requests a rescheduling of this meeting with possibly changing the date of subsequent meetings. Carolynn offered to send email about an emergency meeting and cautioned about changing from a set schedule due to issues in the past regarding board member attendance. Carolynn also offered to send email about changing the set date of the meetings.

MEETING CALLED TO CLOSE AT 7:46 PM-Carolynn Hamilton