

# New Mexico Registered Veterinary Technician Association

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## Monthly Board Meeting May 18th, 2023 Zoom Meeting-Virtually

### NMRVTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes 5/18/23, 7:30 pm MST via Zoom

Participants/Board Members: Carolyn Hamilton (President), Hannah Serra (Past President), JoLynn Chacon (NAVTA State Representative), Janelle Reynolds (Treasurer), Lindsey Schoepfle (Secretary) Janine Fales (NMRVTA Member)

Start: 7:34 pm

End: 8:38 pm

**CALL TO ORDER**-Carolyn Hamilton

### OFFICER UPDATES

- JoLynn forwarded a letter from NAVTA regarding sending a letter to California regarding A814. NAVTA is opposing a proposal that would allow Physical Therapists to see animal patients.
- Carolyn has reached out to Tractor and Rio Bravo in Albuquerque regarding an event on July 23rd and they both have availability. The board has decided to go with Rio Bravo as the facility seems more appropriate and they will donate \$1 per beer sold during the event.
- Hannah will reach out to a potential pet photographer for the event. Carolyn has a potential backup if Hannah's contact does not work out.
- Hannah is still waiting for the Tax ID number (CRS number) to move forward with the 501c6 application.
- April Meeting minutes are approved with the exception of the incorrect spelling of Carolyn's name. Minutes will be corrected.
- Janelle reports that the only charges to the account would be the fee for the venue, and certified mail postage. There were a few membership payments posted as well. The approximate balance is around \$12,000.
- Janelle was able to start using the Wave app for accounting successfully.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Speakers for the conference

- Hannah has spoken with Dr. Blossom and she would prefer to speak on Alternative Medicine versus Zoo Medicine.
- Hannah is currently in communication with Dr. Olds-Sanchez
- The board has budgeted \$150-300 for local speakers based on experience.
- JoLynn has reached out to Dr. Brofman but she has not yet received a response.
- Janelle has spoken to Dr. Levenson and he is interested to speak regarding exotics. He has also volunteered Dr. Abbott in his stead if he becomes unavailable.
- Carolyn has reached out to Dr. Nolan with VCA Vet Care regarding the I131 Thyroid treatments but has not received a response.
- Hannah has been speaking with Flourish Veterinary Consulting. Their fee is still within the budget, however, it is for a remote speaker only. The topics would be regarding leadership/ personal growth. Janine Fales recommended Rebecca Rose as a possible local alternative and Hannah has offered to reach out to her. A two-week deadline has been given to Hannah to explore the possibility of booking Rebecca Rose, otherwise, we will book Flourish Veterinary Consulting.
- We currently have 5 confirmed speakers.
  - Dr. Julie Blossom will speak regarding Alternative Medicine
  - Dr. Barbara Kitchell will speak on the technician's role in chemotherapy.
  - Dr. Danielle Adney will speak on something regarding lab animal sciences.
  - Dr. Adney's colleague has confirmed, the topic is still to be decided.
  - Dr. Amanda Rouse will speak on a leadership topic.
  - Dr. Tamara McArdle will speak regarding client education on vaccines.
- Lindsey is currently in the process of reaching out to various Veterinary related corporations to request sponsorships, donations, swag, etc.
  - NMRVTA to consider providing pens, notepads, drawstring bags or some other branded swag.
  - We have a few tumblers with our logos
- Carolyn has been researching local companies to order polo shirts for the board members. Carolyn proposes to reach out to ASI Customs to make the appointment. Janelle seconds the motion. The motion passes.
- Janelle has been looking into having t-shirts made and would like to ask for logo/design recommendations.
  - Lindsey suggests a t-shirt logo contest amongst members to come up with a design.
  - Janelle suggests a possible association with designers that specialize in vet tech design.
  - Carolyn proposes a contest regarding t-shirt design. Details are to be emailed, and posted to Facebook and NMRVTA website. The motion passes unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Carolyn and Hannah have scheduled a venue viewing on May 31st at 7:30 pm.

- Carol will design a flyer regarding the Fundraising event including the logo, raffle, nail trims and pet photography. Carolyn will find out the most economical place to have flyers printed, as well as pamphlets printed.
- Janelle is interested in being the NMRVTA representative for Southwest Veterinary Symposium and attending meetings directed toward regional board members.

**MEETING CALLED TO CLOSE AT 8:38 PM - Carolyn Hamilton**