

AVST General Membership Meeting
October 25th, 2018

Meeting called to order: 6:50pm

Members in attendance – Teri Kleist, Susan Holland, Kim Schmidt, Heidi Reuss-Lamky, Danielle Browning, Steven Frederick, Cassandra Simmons, Cherie Murphy, Karen Ellis

Discussion Item	Action
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No old news
President-Elect update (Cathy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent
Past-President update (Steven)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report.
President update (Heidi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome new members Cassandra Simmons and JoAnne Mead! Both passed the 2017 AVST examination. • Joel Woolfson Scholarship announcement for case report competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Winner will be announced 10/26/18 in the afternoon break ○ Sue Carbone will present the award of \$300 ○ Thanks to Medipaw for sponsoring this award! • Visit the AVST booth in the exhibit hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raffle-RICA Super-Cut 5.5” bandage scissors ○ Drawing to be held on 10/27/18 at 8am in room 232 A/B ○ Must be present to win • 2019 Recommended reading list approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exotics book acquisition issue-Teri and Wiley-Blackwell offered to donate books. How many and which ones to we need? ○ Heidi received a free copy of the 2017 AAMI standards • The 7th certifying exam was administered on 10/24/18 to 5 candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Including 2 re-takes and 3 new candidates ○ The current membership number is 25 • Recruiting for open board positions (see the AVST Bylaws for more info) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President-Elect (3 year term/rotation) ○ Treasurer (2 year term) ○ Member-at-Large-2 members needed (3 year term) ○ Committee involvement is needed and a great way to participate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Credential committee chair (3 year term) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Credentials committee needs YOU (AVTAA has 43 CC members and almost 200 members) ▪ Program Chair (2 year term) ▪ Finance committee (Treasurer Chair) • Look for electronic voting in November! • Contact Christina Ojanen if interested in running for any of the above positions. Also feel free to talk to current board/committee members for more info.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Application packet updates • Recertification to maintain AVST membership is every 5 years (Maintain CE!) • Website update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Check out the job ads for veterinary technicians
Treasurer update (Ann)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not present • Balance as of 10/3/18 ~\$11,530
Secretary update (Megan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not present • Meeting notes taken by Heidi
MAL (Susan, Danielle, Michelle, Alison)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle and Alison not present • Brainstormed ideas for future ACVS meetings to increase attendance at the pinning ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sessions to talk to Diplomates ○ Tech Meet and Greet ○ Flyers about Academy in all technician's bags (sponsored) ○ Add voucher to tech bags for pinning ceremony drink?
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2018 meeting TBD

Meeting adjourned: 7:39pm

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Richie, CVT, VTS (surgery)
AVST Secretary