

CVMA RVT Committee Meeting Update

The CVMA RVT Committee held a meeting on October 2 in Indian Wells. Sixteen people attended the meeting including committee members, the CVMA Executive Committee, and CVMA staff.

The committee discussed the new Veterinary Assistant Controlled Substance Permit (VACSP) requirement. As of October 1, all veterinary assistants who obtain or administer a controlled substance must apply to the Veterinary Medical Board (VMB) for a VACSP. The applicant must be fingerprinted at a Live Scan location to receive the permit. This program replaces the former background check requirement for veterinary assistants with access to controlled substances. California licensed RVTs have already been fingerprinted as part of their certification and are legally able to obtain and administer controlled substances. More information is available at cvma.net under the Government tab.

The committee also discussed one of the CVMA Vision Plan objectives, which is "To enhance RVT member resources on management, inventory, HR training, and career development." RVT Committee chair, Jodie May, RVT, appointed a subcommittee to research potential resources and present a report to the committee at their next meeting in February 2017. CVMA RVT members are encouraged to submit suggestions on management resources for consideration by contacting their RVT committee representative.

Reports on recent CVMA Board of Governors, House of Delegates, and Veterinary Medical Board meetings, as well as a recap of the Pacific Veterinary Conference and Technician Fair, were presented. Committee members also gave updates on activities and issues in their district or constituent group.

RVT Committee Members

- Jodie May, RVT – Chairman/District III Representative
- Teri Adamson, RVT – Allied Industry Representative
- Deborah Calantropio, RVT – Research Representative
- Emma Cusack, RVT – District II Representative
- Kathryn Gresco, RVT – WesternU Representative
- Jennifer Harrison, RVT – District IV Representative
- Larry Kosmin, DVM – CVMA Board Liaison
- Laressa Lum, RVT – Education Representative
- Amanda Meyers – So. CA RVT Student Representative
- Margery Moore, DVM – DVM Member-at-Large
- Kathryn Osborne, RVT – District VIII Representative
- Summer Pepper – WesternU Alternate Student Representative
- Samantha Phillips – WesternU Student Representative
- Cynthia Savely, RVT – District VI Representative
- Leah Shufelt, RVT – VMB Representative
- Christina Thompson – UCD Student Representative
- Leslie Wuerzburger, RVT – RVT Member-at-Large/Vice Chairman
- Laura Phillips – CVMA Staff Liaison

Nominate an RVT for a 2017 CVMA Award!

The awards nomination deadline is December 31, 2016.

The CVMA invites you to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the veterinary profession and animal care. There are three RVT awards:

- Outstanding RVT of the Year in Private Practice
- Linda Markland RVT of the Year: Non-Private Practice
- RVT's Outstanding DVM of the Year

Award recipients will be recognized in the May/June issue of the *California Veterinarian* and at the 2017 Pacific Veterinary Conference in Long Beach, California! Nominations are due by December 31, 2016. To learn more about each award or to request a nomination form, contact Marie Heinz by phone at 800.655.2862, email at mheinz@cvma.net, or online at cvma.net.

Save the date for PacVet 2017 in Long Beach, California!

Registration opens November 15, 2016.

Join us for CE and fun in the sun at PacVet 2017 on June 29–July 2, 2017. The conference features 28.5 technician-specific CE courses in the technician track and a Technician Fair with exhibit hall. There will be raffle prizes, appetizers, and a no-host bar. For more information, visit PacVet.net.

**New tracks
this year – Animal
Welfare
and Wellness**

Technician Track Speakers

- Allison Gottlieb, BS, CVT, VTS (ECC)
Feline Medicine
- Annie Mills, LVT, VTS (Dentistry)
Dentistry
- Andrea Steele, MSc, RVT, VTS (ECC)
Emergency Critical Care
- Louise O'Dwyer, MBA BSc (Hons), VTS (A/A & ECC),
DipAVN (Medical & Surgical), RVN
New Anesthesia/Surgery/Infection Control

