

March 2016



# The Voice

## Membership Meetings:

- Next Meeting: Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>; Post-Convention Officer Transition meeting.
- Please contact President Sarah Lemm if you wish to attend the meetings. \*Check the MAVT calendar on the website for meeting dates, times & location.
- April Newsletter deadline, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Individual Highlights:

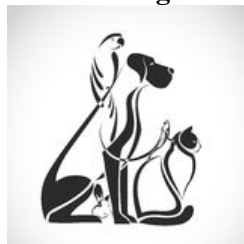
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## MAVT: Business Meeting

The next MAVT Business Meeting is Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.; this is the Officer Transition meeting.



## MAVT New Officers elected at Convention

Convention 2016, President Darcy Mattson welcomed all to the MAVT Saturday Business Luncheon Meeting

President-Elect, Sarah Lemm, was introduced, and shared her ideas to hold our MAVT Business meetings in the different Areas of Minnesota. The plans are to hold the May meeting in the NW Area, the July meeting in the NE Area, and to possibly hold

Teleconferences, to help foster more member involvement.

At our Saturday MAVT Business Meeting, Vice President and/or President-Elect, Sarah Lemm was introduced as our next MAVT President. If you had a chance to read our Convention edition of "The Voice", you probably remember reading President (soon-to-be Past President) Darcy Mattson's letter. In her letter, she explained the three Presidents' positions, which former MAVT President, Missy Greer, initiated.

## MAVT Convention Highlights:

### Officer and Committee Chair reports:

**Deb Stadsvold**, Treasurer - report has been filed.  
**Kristi Gorton**, State Representative - Veterinarian Technician Week was another success. This year, we planned the appreciation events to be worth 2 CEs.

**Kim Horne**, Certification - in Minnesota we have 2,625 Certified Veterinary Technicians, 134 new, and 1,058 recertified. The National Exam is now offered three times a year.

**Kim Horne**, Practice Act - right now everything is at status-quo; she has been attending the

Governmental Affairs meetings twice a year. The status-quo changes depending on MVMA Board and legislation; right now, leaning slightly towards the Practice Act. Minnesota is one of 11 to 14 states not defined, and we are one of the largest organizations of Veterinary Technicians.

**Maureen (Moe) Parks**, Membership - we had 730 registered for this Convention; as of February 6, 8:00 a.m., we had 684 attending.

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## MAVT Scholarships:

Information has been sent out to Program Directors at the area colleges. There will be five (5) \$1,000 scholarships up for award. Look for further announcements on our MAVT website: [www.mavt.net](http://www.mavt.net) and/or in future editions of the newsletter.



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Technician and Customer  
Service Representative. For  
more information and  
application download, please  
check out their website:  
[www.aevs.com](http://www.aevs.com) and  
[http://aercmn.com/about-  
us/employment/](http://aercmn.com/about-us/employment/)

For more Job Opportunities  
see page 3.

## How to Place a Job Ad

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for length or clarity. Email  
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will run for one month. If  
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Or, phone #612-756-3326  
(this is also the phone  
number if you have  
questions).



## Job Opportunities:

**Lakes Veterinary Hospital** is a small animal practice looking for a part-full time VetTech, who is self-motivated and punctual. Applicants should have good communication and phone skills, detailed orientated, computer competent, and a team player. Tech must be able to work some Saturdays and some Wednesday evenings. They must also be able to remain calm in a fast paced environment. Familiarity with Cornerstone and inventory management a plus but not required. Salary based on experience; benefits; for further information or to submit a resume with cover letter email [naddersamaridvm@gmail.com](mailto:naddersamaridvm@gmail.com).

**Growing, newer Metro Pet Hospital**, small animal practice seeks a PT veterinary technician potentially transitioning to FT in the spring. CVT or vet assistant with surgery experience (convenient Minneapolis location). Send resume to [metropetah@gmail.com](mailto:metropetah@gmail.com)

**University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center**, if you are a credentialed veterinary technician and looking for a challenging position, the U of M VM Center on the St. Paul campus has a number of opportunities you may be interested in: Emergency, Wards, After-hours Dispensary, Intensive Care Unit, Dermatology, and Shift Supervisor. To see more detailed information about these positions and to apply, visit the U of M online employment website: <http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/employment>

**Stillwater Veterinary Clinic**, is seeking a FT CVT to join our team. We've been a part of the St. Croix Valley for over 40 years providing a full range of high-quality, compassionate care for dogs and cats (digital radiology, ultrasound, and in-house complete blood count and serum chemistry platforms; also, offer surgery, hospitalization and wellness plans) Competitive compensation and a comprehensive benefit package (health and dental insurance) and a 401k plan. Please email your resume to Raeana Rice at [ricex302@umn.edu](mailto:ricex302@umn.edu). Check out our website: [www.stillwaterveterinaryclinic.com](http://www.stillwaterveterinaryclinic.com) or call #651-439-3200 (ask for Raeana).

**Dr. Eric Bohl**, DVM, LLC, New Richmond, WI, opening for a Vet Tech – Receptionist, looking for an experienced, accountable and mature person for Mixed Practice located 40 miles east of St. Paul, located in a great community; phone: (715)246-0625, (715)248-7808; check out our website: [www.dvmvet.com](http://www.dvmvet.com),

**Rum River Veterinary Clinic**, Anoka, wanted experienced CVT, FT position available; call: 763-421-6995, FAX Resume to 763-421-8168, or Email: [RUMRIVERVET@aol.com](mailto:RUMRIVERVET@aol.com)

**Edinburgh Pet Health Center**, Brooklyn Park, MN, AAHA accredited practice is expanding and need the help of another FT CVT. We value our staff & utilize their skills, knowledge and experience fully; competitive compensation and benefit

package commensurate with experience. Work with us in our modern hospital, with excellent clients; we were honored to receive a 2014 Super Service Award from Angie's list in recognition of our top-notch service. Send your resume to [contact@edinburghpets.com](mailto:contact@edinburghpets.com)

**Excelsior Animal Hospital**, FT CVT for a 3 doctor practice in the western suburbs of the Twin Cities; great benefits package (uniforms, PTO, medical/dental, SIMPLE Plan, Pet Care Fringe) plus \$500 signing bonus (after successful completion of 90 day introductory period); 5-day work week (Mon. – Fri.), experience preferred. Contact Dr. Patricia Keyes or Jessy, practice manager @ 952-474-1106/FAX 952-474-6058; email questions or resume to [excelsioranimalhospital@gmail.com](mailto:excelsioranimalhospital@gmail.com)

**Woodlake Veterinary Hospital**, AAHA accredited hospital serving our clients and community for over 50 years; 3 doctor, service-focused practice. We are searching for a Veterinary Technician Student and a Veterinary Technician. The Veterinary Technician position salary is DOE, receive discounted veterinary care, paid time off, full benefits package and ample continuing education opportunities. Phone: 612-861-7461 or [woodlake@nvanet.com](http://woodlake@nvanet.com).

**South Metro Animal Emergency Care** in Apple Valley, MN is looking for **Full-time** experienced CVTs for our Night/Weekend/Holiday Emergency Service or Daytime Internal Medicine & Surgery Service. The ideal candidates will be self-motivated and be able to work in a fast paced environment. Competitive Wages and great benefits! Full job description posted at: <http://smaec.com/available-job-positions/> Email resume to [Annette@smaec.com](mailto:Annette@smaec.com).

**Country Doc Veterinary Clinic**, Pine River, is seeking a FT CVT; paid vacation and hourly rate range from \$13 - \$18/hour, depending on experience. We are located just north of the Brainerd Lakes area. Call 218-851-9996, for more info.

**Maryland Avenue Pet Hospital**, St. Paul, is a busy small animal practice, with growing clientele; looking to expand our practice to offer a wider variety of services. We are seeking a FT Veterinary Technician; utilized in all aspects of the veterinary practice. Includes some Saturdays; starting wage \$12 - \$18/hour, depending on experience; benefits include CE and vacation. New graduates and students are encouraged to apply. Please email resume to: [ccah@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ccah@qwestoffice.net)



(More job opportunities on page 4)

**SPARTA Small Animal Veterinary Clinic**, Sparta, WI, is seeking a FT CVT to join our team; an established two doctor general practice. Need to be proficient in radiology techniques, laboratory procedures, dentistry and routine veterinary care. Must be self-motivated, efficient, have the ability to multi-task, and work well in a team setting; provide proof of state certification or have the ability to become certified within 6 months of employment. An interest in canine rehabilitation and/or animal behavior is a plus. New graduates are encouraged to apply! Please submit cover letter, resume and references to: Sparta Small Animal Veterinary Clinic – Attn.: Laura Graves, Practice Manager, 1701 W. Wisconsin St., Sparta, WI 54656; FAX: 608-269-4965, or email: [spartavetclinic@centurytel.net](mailto:spartavetclinic@centurytel.net)

**Camden Pet Hospital**, Minneapolis, looking for FT CVT; this is a full-time position with full benefits package, we compensate for experience! We are a busy three-doctor veterinary hospital, looking for an intelligent, focused, detail and team-oriented CVT to help us grow. Please reply via email and include: Cover Letter (with what special talents you bring to our team), Complete resume, and wage requirements. Email: [apply@camdenpet.com](mailto:apply@camdenpet.com)

**South Hyland Pet Hospital**, Bloomington, is an AAHA Accredited practice dedicated to serving people and pets with caring hearts and caring hands. Our practice has grown rapidly; we are in need of a FT CVT to join our team; full benefits. Visit our website: [www.SouthHyland.com](http://www.SouthHyland.com); to apply - <http://goo.gl/kUkGvi>

**Hutchinson Pet Hospital**, Hutchinson, is seeking enthusiastic, self-motivated people person to join our team. Must be a CVT with excellent skills; PT to FT position available. Send resume to: Hutchinson Pet Hospital 760 Century Ave. SW, Hutchinson, MN 55350; or email: [tami@hutchinsonpethospital.com](mailto:tami@hutchinsonpethospital.com)

**Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital**, is seeking both an experienced FT Veterinary Technician (CVT preferred) and Veterinary Assistant. The Technician is able to perform a variety of responsibilities (blood draws, place catheters, anesthesia, dental, radiology and more). Please email your resume and cover letter to Jenny and Jessica, Practice Managers at: [ighorders@tds.net](mailto:ighorders@tds.net), check out our website at [www.ighvet.com](http://www.ighvet.com)

**Safety Call, and Pet Poison Helpline**, now hiring! Website for full positions descriptions: [www.petpoisonhelpline.com](http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com) and [www.safetycall.com](http://www.safetycall.com)

Immediate Full and Part time CVTs to do all Veterinary Technician duties and work with both Horses and Small Animals for Medicine, Surgery and daily maintenance. Skills included are TCVM Acupuncture, Digital X-ray, Ultrasound, Equine Dentals, Endoscopy, Surgical and Therapy Lasers, Chem Analyzers, cultures and laboratory testing including EIA Lab. It is currently a 1+ Veterinarian Practice 96 miles west of Minneapolis. Many of these things can be learned and I need a motivated individual that likes to get things done. Benefits will include Health Insurance and Retirement assistance. Receptionist skills and compassionate people and animal skills are necessary. Some emergency work may be needed. Saturday mornings shared work hours. Email: [buckeqal@mvtvwireless.com](mailto:buckeqal@mvtvwireless.com) or call Dr Alex at 320-212-8827c 967-4412w



**WILLOW PET HOSPITAL**, Austin, MN, has an immediate opening for a full time CVT. Looking for the best of the best - a self-motivated, energetic person committed to practicing compassionate quality medicine. Our hospital is fully equipped and modern including digital x-ray, digital dental x-ray and ultrasound. Contact: [info@willowpethospital.com](mailto:info@willowpethospital.com)



## Congratulations – 2015 MAVT VetTech of the Year!!

Nancy Hennen was awarded our Minnesota Association of Veterinary Technicians, Technician of the Year Award! Nancy was given a 14K gold VetTech pendant. She has been a Veterinary Technician at the same clinic for 39 years. One of the founding members of MAVT, Nancy told us in her “Thank-you” speech that, “there were 31 people in attendance at the 1<sup>st</sup> Convention held in St. Paul.” Congratulations, Nancy!!

### MAVT New Officers Elected at Convention *(Continued from page 1)*

The three Presidents are: Past President Darcy Mattson, President Sarah Lemm and President-Elect Kristi Gorton. Next year, our Past President will be Sarah Lemm, President will be Kristi Gorton, and President-Elect position will be up for nominations.

Other offices voted on were – Secretary and State Representative. Welcome to our new officers: Rian Ashmore as Secretary and Meri DuRand as State Representative! Congratulations to all nominees – above mentioned and Amy Malmquist and Danielle Korver. We look forward to still seeing Amy’s and Danielle’s faces, as they are Area Reps!

## MAVT Convention Highlights

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**Maureen (Moe) Parks**, Website – check our MAVT website for upcoming CEs; if you know of any send to her to post on our website calendar. We have a Calendar of Events, monthly business meeting, business meeting minutes and our newsletter posted on our website. Our MAVT domain name expired over this summer; we, now, have it set up as an annual auto-renewal. The software has been updated, working with a new IT company, who are going over the needed updates step-by-step.

**Kelly Noyes**, Public Relations – check us out on FaceBook, have 858 Likes, need 1,000 and Follow us, as well; checking into other types of Social Media options.

**Kelly Noyes**, Education/Scholarships – last year we handed out three \$1,000 scholarships, had enough funds to hand out five. Did not have five applicants. We will offer the same this year. Check with your college, they may match the amount. To apply for a scholarship, you need to write an essay, the deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Kim Horne, Lori Koehler, Danielle Korver, and Jessica Towley**, Convention Co-Chairs – the convention duties were divided up this year into Volunteers, Speakers, Hotel & MVMA Liaison, and Sponsorship. Our MAVT Convention is held in conjunction with MVMA, they have let us know that Convention 2017 will be at the Hyatt (not the Hilton) in Minneapolis. In 2018, with the Super Bowl being held here different options are being looked at, including different cities and/or held at a later date in February.

*Thank-you!* MAVT 2016 Convention sponsors: Steve Dale, Pet Journalist

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**NAVTA News:****Help us understand what is going on in our profession!**

For many years the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) has been conducting demographic surveys every 4 years to gather opinions regarding issues and challenges veterinary technicians face in their careers and to enable NAVTA to develop effective programs and services to better meet the needs of veterinary technicians.

It is time once again, to ask you for your help in these efforts by taking about 30 minutes to participate and let your voice be heard. We ask that veterinary technicians and veterinary assistants participate, as our two roles within veterinary medicine are essential in the utmost highest standards of care for the animals and patients, and for the sake of our own well being.

Thank you in advance for participating and we appreciate your time in doing so! We value your input into our future! Go to [www.navta.net](http://www.navta.net) and click on '2016 Demographic Survey'.

All the best!

The NAVTA Team

(Check out the NAVTA website for upcoming Webinars & FREE CEs!)



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