

NEVTEA

Fall 2014



NEVTEA Summer Conference: Teaching the Teachers to Teach

On Saturday, July 19, 2014, Johnson College in Scranton, PA hosted the NEVTEA summer conference. NEVTEA has been organizing and holding such meetings since 1996, hosted by NE programs.

Typically these meetings are held during the year that AVTE (Association of Veterinary Technician Educators) does not have the symposium. The purpose is to bring together Veterinary Technology educators from the Northeast regions (and further) of the US together to share ideas, challenges and solutions as educators

and trainers of future veterinary technicians.

We were privileged to have two very talented educators and presenters for this Conference. Dr. Pete Bill, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Teaching and Learning at Purdue University gave a dynamic and thought provoking presentation on how the brain works and strategies we as educators can use to “Engage the Brain”. He followed this up with a discussion on VTNE preparation and the purpose of this exam. In the afternoon, Dr. Jim Hurrell,



From left to right: Dr. Pete Bill, Garnetta Santiago, and Dr. Jim Hurrell

of a team.

We are also very grateful to our corporate sponsor, Hills, for the wonderful lunch and the inspired conversations we had during this time.

Welcome New Executive Board Members

It is our pleasure to introduce and welcome the new NEVTEA Executive Board Members. NEVTEA was founded by Dr. Joanna Bassert who had wanted to give a voice to the importance of education, training, and certification of Veterinary Technicians. By working together as educators, we can ensure the future of the Veterinary Technician profession will continue to provide expert, compassionate service as part of the veterinary team. Our new members include Rosemary Cook, Dr. Sabrina Timperman, and Kathy Koar.



Meet Our New Executive Board Members

Dr. Joanna Bassert, Past President

Dr. Joanna Bassert is Professor and Director of Veterinary Technology at Manor College (Jenkintown, PA). She is the founder and past-president of the Northeast Veterinary Technician Educators Association and served several terms as Director-at- Large on the board of the Association of Veterinary Technician Educators (AVTE). Dr. Bassert is passionate about the important role that veterinary technicians play in contemporary veterinary practice, and has devoted her professional life to supporting the profession as an educator, editor, author and lobbyist.



Rosemary Cook, President



Rosemary Cook, CVT, Ph.D. began her career in veterinary education as a full time instructor at Johnson College (Scranton, PA) in 2004. Two years later, she became the Chairperson of the Veterinary Technology program at Johnson and continues to serve in this position. When earning her degree in Veterinary Technology, she was inspired and sometimes overwhelmed by the amount of education, training, and skill that was needed to be a part of the veterinary team as a technician. Her passion for the profession and for education developed there, and continued through graduate school.

When asked why she wanted to serve on this board and why NEVTEA is an important organization she said: “I believe that organizations like NEVTEA allow a forum for very talented and passionate educators to get together and share ideas. From the new instructor, to those of us who have been at this awhile, I am always inspired and energized by the positive energy and wealth of knowledge I take away from meetings and discussions with folks from NEVTEA and the national organization, AVTE.”

Dr. Sabrina Timperman, Treasurer

Sabrina Timperman, DVM, is an Assistant Professor in the Veterinary Technology Program at Mercy College (Dobbs Ferry, NY). She earned her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine at Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine. She also earned a Bachelor's degree in biology from Wagner College in Staten Island. Following graduation from veterinary medical school, Dr. Timperman was a small animal (dog and cat) veterinarian in private practice on Staten Island. Prior to being appointed Assistant Professor, Dr. Timperman taught as an Adjunct Professor at Mercy College's Veterinary Technology Program.

When asked why she wanted to serve on this board and why NEVTEA is an important organization she said: "I feel NEVTEA is an important organization because it provides veterinary technology programs in the northeast with a forum to exchange ideas, collaborate and learn from one another how to best prepare students for entrance into the field. It also supports legislation that promotes veterinary technicians and technologists interests helping to strengthen the profession."



Kathy Koar, President Elect



Kathy Koar, MS Ed., CVT is the current Director of the Veterinary Technology Program at Harcum College (Bryn Mawr, PA). She began her education career at Harcum as an adjunct faculty member, and then became the Assistant Director of the program there before taking on the role of Program Director in 2012. She received her AS in veterinary technology from Harcum College and her MS Ed. from the University of Pennsylvania.

When asked why she wanted to serve on this board and why NEVTEA is an important organization she said: "I am excited to serve on the executive board of NEVTEA because I feel it is all of our responsibility to support and promote our associations. I would like to demonstrate for my students the importance of networking with others, and working cooperatively to continue to improve the quality of veterinary technician education and animal care."

Look for us at this summer's symposium in Niagara Falls, Ontario. This will be a great opportunity to meet and network with outstanding educators from the US and Canada.

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