



# OAVT NEWSLETTER

Summer 2011

Dedicated to promoting Veterinary Technicians  
and quality animal healthcare through  
Education\*Legislation\*High Ethical Standards



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## Board Meetings Calendar

All Board Meetings are held at MedVet in  
Worthington, Ohio.

July 17, 2011  
September 18, 2011  
October 8 & 9 Discovery  
(Annual Business Meeting)  
November 13, 2011

## District News

District 1 – No Activity

District 2 – No Representation

District 3 – Meetings will resume in September.

District 4 – No Representation

District 5 – CAVM Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Thursday of the month.

District 6 – No Representation

District 7 – No Activity

District 8 – No Representation

District 9 – No Activity

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

At Discovery, we will be voting on an  
increase in membership dues.

.Active & associate members will pay  
\$25/year. Students will pay \$10/year. This  
increase will become effective January 1.

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## Executive Board

**PRESIDENT: Janet Buck, RVT**

OAVTPresident @ohiorvt.org

**VICE PRESIDENT: Linda Heidenreich, RVT**

OAVTVicepresident@ohiorvt.org

**TREASURER: Nichole Kelland, RVT**

OAVTTreasurer@ohiorvt.org

**SECRETARY (INTERIM): Sandy Matthews, RVT**

Ohiosecretary@ohiorvt.org

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Mary Bentley, RVT**

OAVTPastpresident@ohiorvt.org

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Barbara Madison**

OAVTExecutivesecretary@ohiorvt.org

## Executive Committees

**Constitution & By-laws Chair:** Janet Lazarus, RVT

**Discovery Chair:** Linda Heidenreich, RVT

**Finance Chair:** Nichole Kelland, RVT

**Legislative Chair:** Linda Heidenreich, RVT

**Membership Chair:** Nichole Kelland, RVT

**Website Chair:** Mary Bentley, RVT

**MVC Committee Chair:** Vicki Riley, RVT

**Newsletter Chair:** OPEN

(Interim Chair: Mary Bentley, RVT)

**Public Relations Chair:** Kim Myers, RVT

**Nominating Chair:** Mary Bentley, RVT

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Ohio Licensed Veterinary Technician

Full time position at Hillside Veterinary Clinic, Mount Vernon, Ohio. Apply in person or send resume and cover letter to

[hvc@hillsidevetclinic.net](mailto:hvc@hillsidevetclinic.net). Complete job description at [www.hillsidevetclinic.net](http://www.hillsidevetclinic.net).

Hillside Veterinary Clinic, 1475 Yauger Rd.  
Mount Vernon, Ohio

### Sr. Research Assistant (211UC5099)

The University of Cincinnati is currently accepting applications for a Sr. Research Assistant. To apply for position (211UC5099), please see [www.jobsatuc.com](http://www.jobsatuc.com).

For complete position and job description, please visit our website [www.ohiorvt.org](http://www.ohiorvt.org). Look under employment tab.

### Employment Opportunities Posting Policy.

The OAVT executive board met on November 12th, 2006 and made the following changes in regards to the posting of employment opportunities:

For a fee of \$50.00, please fill out the [OAVT Classified Ad Form](#) and submit it to the OAVT Treasurer. Your employment posting will remain on the website for a period of 60 days. The ad will also be published in the next available newsletter.

- For a fee of \$75.00, an employment posting using your format (which can be accompanied by a photograph of your facility) can be submitted to the OAVT Treasurer. Your posting will remain on the website for a period of 60 days.

All payments should be directed to our Treasurer:

[Nichole Kelland](#)  
161 Ridgeview Drive  
Medina, Ohio 44256

Please make checks payable to the OAVT, or call 330-241-4677 for credit card payments.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### THINGS TO PONDER

During a conversation I recently had with a colleague, a statement was made that this person felt that the OAVT has become stagnant. Certainly the Association has grown in membership, has continued to conduct high quality continuing education for its constituents, and has progressed in the world of technology. What has not changed so much is the people. It is true that several board positions seem to recycle the same people. I am one of those recycled entities. I stay involved for many reasons but the main one is my dedication to the profession. I chose this profession almost 40 years ago when I made that decision to attend Columbus Technical Institute (now known as Columbus State Community College for you “young-ins”) and study veterinary technology. Back then I had only two choices of colleges that offered such a program, Columbus and Cincinnati. Before long, Ohio had three colleges that offered veterinary technology programs and today there are ELEVEN colleges with programs (and this does not include the distance learning programs that are available). I know that I would not be where I am today if I would not have gotten involved early on in the formation of the association and served on committees within the OVMA. I feel that I have one of the most versatile degrees available and it has opened the door into many different job opportunities. I feel I have grown both personally and professionally over my career and attribute many of my successes to the OAVT.

The following are some questions I would like you, as a veterinary technician, to consider and if you have a moment, share your ideas/experiences with me. I am always willing to consider new ideas and interests as that is what brings growth.

- What were the factors that influenced you to become a veterinary technician?
- What do you consider to be your greatest contribution and accomplishment in your career thus far?
- Do you volunteer or have any civic or service-oriented activity outside of your job?
- What have you done to strengthen and improve the veterinary profession?

I hope you all have a great summer and can take time out for relaxation and enjoyment. I hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

*Janet Buck*

## STUDENT AWARD

The Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians (OAVT) will be presenting 2 student awards at Discovery in October. The award includes a monetary amount of \$300 with the intent to help defray the cost of the VTNE, a complimentary one year OAVT membership, and admission to Discovery of the awarding year.

### Requirements:

- Must be a student enrolled in an AVMA accredited Veterinary Technician Program
- Must be eligible to sit for VTNE within 1 year from graduation
- Must be a current OAVT student member
- Submit all necessary information
- Submit an essay
- Be able to attend Discovery in October of the awarding year.

All candidates must submit a 500 word essay on “What it means to be a Veterinary Technician”. All essays will be assessed on topic content, professionalism, and grammar.

Essays will be evaluated by the OAVT Student Awards Committee. All essays may be highlighted in the OAVT Newsletter and website.

All submissions must include the following

1. Cover Sheet with name, address, phone number(s), email, name of school (program), and expected graduation date.
2. Essay- 500 words
3. Two letters of recommendation
  - a. One professional (veterinary or program professor) recommendation
  - b. One personal recommendation (non-relative)

All submissions must be received by July 1, 2011

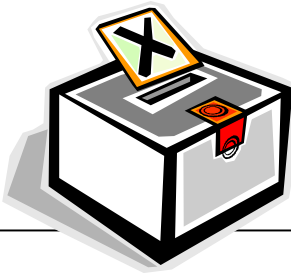
Please submit all criteria to:

Student Awards Committee  
7745 Hathaway Park Court  
Dublin, Ohio 43016

Or email [OAVTExecutivesecretary@ohiorvt.org](mailto:OAVTExecutivesecretary@ohiorvt.org)

Winning candidates will be notified by email.

\*Winner may sit for the VTNE prior to award being presented in October at Discovery\*



## Elections



### VICE PRESIDENT

**EARL HARRISON, RVT**- graduated from Franklin University in 1972. He is also a Columbus State Community College graduate of 1975. Earl has worked at OSU veterinary hospital for 30 years, worked at CSCC 5 years. Earl has held the positions of president and vice president of O.A.V.T. Earl is currently serving on various committees of the OAVT.

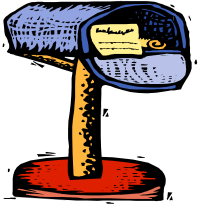
**CRYSTAL THOMPSON-WILTROUT, RVT** is running for the position of vice president.

### SECRETARY

**SANDY MATTHEWS, RVT** graduated from Bel-rea Institute of Animal Technology in Denver, Co. in December 1999. I have worked at a variety of small animal practices in Pa, Va, Co, and Oh. and one mixed animal practice here in Oh. I currently work at Wright State University in the Lab. Animal Resources taking care of a variety of animals. I have been working at Wright State for 3 years. I am currently studying for my Lab. Animal Technician certification. I also have a BS in Elementary Education, from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. I am married to an amazing man, Harvey. We just celebrated our 5 year anniversary. I have 2 step daughters.

I enjoy riding horses. I used to endurance ride but now I ride with a friend whenever asked. I hope to one day own horses again. I enjoy hiking with my 2 crazy beagles, Gunnison and Denali, which we rescued 2 years ago. I have 2 cats, Warble and Piper that have also been rescued. I am currently the interim secretary. I also serve on numerous committees of the OAVT.

Ballots will be mailed in August. Please return ballots promptly. Winner will be sworn in at Discovery on Sunday October 9, 2011.



Watch your Mail!!

**DISCOVERY  
PACKETS  
WILL Arrive IN  
AUGUST**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!!  
DISCOVERY 2011  
Oct. 8-9 HOLIDAY INN  
WORTHINGTON,  
OHIO**

## DISCOVERY NEWS

Discovery will be held on Sunday October 9, 2011. An evening program on Saturday Oct. 8 has been planned. Topics include Chemotherapy, Palliative Care for the Cancer Patient, Behavior, Pain Management options, OSHA Compliance, Shunts and more. Make sure to check the website and our facebook page!

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