

KCRVTA

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Where are We Now?

KCRVTA's initial membership drive was hugely successful! The KCRVTA currently has 35 members and continues to grow. There is power in numbers!

Highlights from the last six months include:

- Launched KCRVTA's website
- Hosted information booth at Central Veterinary Conference
- Hosted information booth at Heatstroke CE
- Developed KCRVTA brochure
- Established Twitter and Instagram account
- Finalized banking systems
- Initiated membership drive
- Celebrated members during National Vet Tech Week
- Visited KSU-Olathe for future networking opportunities

What's next?

- Establish tax-exempt status
- Plan for first continuing education session, February 2017
- Plan social event for 2017
- Expand utilization of website, including members only section
- Recruit new members
- Outreach to community and veterinary organizations
- Fundraise! Be on the look-out for KCRVTA t-shirt order

Meraki

*(n.) the soul,
creativity, or love put
into something;
the essence of yourself
that is put into your
work.*



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National Credentialing Initiative

Technician vs. Nurse

The current status of NAVTA's initiative for national credentialing of veterinary technicians is summarized below.

Two goals of the initiative are standardization of credentialing requirements so all veterinary technicians are created equal and unification of the title. This will increase recognition and understanding of the job. The original proposed title is Veterinary Nurse.

Surveys of technicians conducted by NAVTA reveal a sizable disparity regarding job title—54% favored nurse, 37% favored veterinary technician, 9% remain undecided. A larger survey sample that included many veterinary associations and veterinary professionals showed 97% want to unify the title.

NAVTA continues to work with veterinary technicians, nursing advocacy groups and nursing regulatory bodies to find a balance. The initiative has received objection from the human nursing field. The biggest objection seems to be in the use of "nurse"—human nurses want to protect the title.

Much of the resistance to change is based in a lack of understanding on both sides. Veterinary professionals need to educate themselves on the job of the human nurse and vice versa. Education is the first step in productive conversation and change.

What can you do? Use your voice! NAVTA is conducting a survey and wants to hear from you! Stay updated on the latest developments for the national credentialing initiative at <http://www.navta.net/?page=VeterinaryNurse>.



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STAY SMART UPCOMING CE EVENTS

- MVMA Conference, Columbia, MO
January 19-22, 2017
- BluePearl Veterinary Partners, OPKS
January 18, 2017
- KCRVTA, KC Metro
February 2017
- NAVC, Orlando
February 4-8, 2017
- BluePearl Veterinary Partners, MWVT
March 2, 2017
- Western Vet Conference, Las Vegas
March 5-9, 2017

We Want to Hear From YOU!

We are nothing without our members! All feedback and ideas are welcomed.

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Tech Tips!

Practical ideas to make your day easier.

Baby It's Cold Outside....

- ⇒ Use baby wipe or bottle warmers to heat surgical scrub
- ⇒ Use expired bags of IV fluid as hot water bottles. Inject food coloring in bags to avoid confusion.
- ⇒ Use an oven mitt to cover IV fluid bags containing light sensitive drugs. This will help keep the fluids warm!
- ⇒ Keep mismatched socks to place on the feet of surgical patients.