



## BCVTA NEWSLETTER

November 2024

### Board of Director Meeting Highlights

#### October 7, 2024

- Welcomed Douglas student representative Jayden Smith
- Fall CE Update - progress report on registration for Fall/Winter CE series webinars
- Succession Planning - President and Vice-President terms will be up April 30, 2025. Discussed process for succession planning

#### November 4, 2024

- Strategic Planning - reviewed agenda for the day
- Government Relations Firm proposal - reviewed and discussed the [proposal from Hill and Knowlton](#) to move regulation forward. Board would like the membership to discuss this at the upcoming Town Hall.
- Advocacy Letter - several issues have been identified with regards to use of the RVT title by major companies. The Board will be following up with these companies and advocate for correct use.
- AAVSB VTNE Policy Change - Recent updates to the [AAVSB's policies](#) were discussed. Specifically, the ability for candidates to write the VTNE prior to completing their last semester of study. The Board has requested the Governance Committee create a policy regarding this.
- Policy Review - The Governance Committee presented recommendations for updates to Section 3: Board of Directors or the policy manual. The recommendations were reviewed, discussed, and approved.

#### Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- November 23, 2024: Board of Director Strategic Planning
- December 7, 2024: [BCVTA Member Town Hall](#)



# Town Hall Meeting

December 7, 2024

BCVTA | TOWN HALL MEETING



### BCVTA Member Town Hall

We are excited to invite you to a **BCVTA Member Town Hall** on **December 7, 2024 at 1:00 PM** via Zoom. This session is a key opportunity for you to engage directly with the BCVTA Board of Directors, share your thoughts, and stay informed about important updates in our profession.

Zoom Link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

#### Key Topics for Discussion:

- Review and discuss BCVTA's membership with the RVTTTC
- Presentation by Hill & Knowlton
- Update regarding proposed amendments to bylaws 2.2 and 2.3
- Overview of BCVTA activities

[Click here for the meeting agenda.](#)

Attendees of this session will receive 1 continuing education credit. For any questions or if you have difficulty accessing the Zoom link or the agenda, please contact us at [executivedirector@bcvta.com](mailto:executivedirector@bcvta.com)



## STEWARDSHIP CENTRE FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

### PRESENTS

### Vet Techs to the Rescue: Cat Welfare and Wildlife Conservation

**Date:** November 26, 2024  
**Time:** 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM PST

#### Description:

Free-roaming cats pose significant, long-term threats to local wildlife, ecosystems, and community health. The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) supports the One Health approach to managing free-roaming cats to promote animal welfare, public health and ecological resilience.

This webinar will explore the role of Registered Veterinary Technologists in mitigating the impacts of free-roaming cats while ensuring humane and ethical treatment of all animals.

#### Key topics include:

- Impacts of free-roaming cats on wildlife and ecosystems
- Ethical responsibilities of Veterinary Technologists in cat welfare and wildlife conservation
- Effective management and rehabilitation strategies for stray and feral cat populations

#### Worth 1 CE Credit!

**Presenter:** Dr. Amy Wilson, PhD, DVM

Dr. Amy Wilson is a practising small animal veterinarian, conservation biologist, and Adjunct Professor at the University of British Columbia. She has been involved in conservation research for over 20 years through graduate studies and postdoctoral work, with a focus on the impacts of free-roaming cats on wildlife. Dr. Wilson is a strong adherent to the One Health approach to conservation, which focuses on the synergistic links between conservation, animal welfare, and human health.

[Click here to register!](#)



- November 20: No More Cat Wrangling: Techniques for Feline Friendly Handling
- November 26: Vet Techs to the Rescue: Cat Welfare and Wildlife Conservation
- December 4: Animal Welfare Considerations in Biomedical Research
- December 11: Mastering Controlled Drug Logs for RVTs
- January 25-29, 2025: VMX 2025
- MWVC Annual Conference

[Check out the website to register and for more continuing education opportunities!](#)



### BCVTA FALL/WINTER CE SERIES

OCTOBER 2024 - FEBRUARY 2025



### Animal Welfare Considerations in Biomedical Research

December 4, 2024, 7:00 PM

This session will define biomedical research and animal advocacy vs. animal activism. It will describe the ethical considerations involved in establishing a robust animal care program; governing and supportive organizations in Canada, and worldwide; housing, husbandry, and facility requirements; procedural approval and training required; post approval monitoring; scientific integrity and transparency; as well as ensuring welfare and job satisfaction of personnel.

#### Cost:

\$50.00 for BCVTA RVT and Non-Resident RVT Members  
\$35.00 for BCVTA Student, Non-Practicing and Retired Members

**CE Credits:** Earn 1 CE credits upon completion!

**Speaker:** Gayle Paquette, BSc., RVT, RMLAT, CMAR

[Register here!](#)

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