



Dear OAVT Member;

Have you ever thought about helping to develop the success of our profession? Do you want to be involved in helping our profession evolve, grow and be successful? How about those burning issues that you want to see addressed? Do you feel that your opinions matter; and you'd like to put ideas into action?

Then, why not think about becoming a member of the OAVT board of directors. You'll find it exciting to have an impact by having a hands-on place at the decision making table. And, you'll get to know other RVTs that have felt the same calling. You might wonder what it's like to be a board member. Or, whether it's even something that you could possibly commit to?

Not to worry. Your participation, thoughts, and perspectives are welcomed by the OAVT board and staff. You'll certainly develop your leadership skills and advance your ability to make executive level decisions as a part of a motivated team that is making the ultimate democratic contribution to the future of Veterinary Technicians.

You'll certainly earn a new line on your resume. And, you'll also be able to take advantage of a couple of appreciation perks, including complimentary admittance to the OAVT's Annual Conference, your annual OAVT dues paid as well as all Board related business travel. Sounds good so far, but who qualifies to be nominated? You may have practiced as a Vet Tech for many years. Or, perhaps, you might have recently earned your RVT credentials. Maybe you're someone that is searching for a way to truly make a difference for our profession. Regardless of your specialty, geography, or seniority – all members of the OAVT are welcome to put their name forward. Or, you might want to nominate one of your colleagues that you feel could have a positive impact on our organization.

Now is your opportunity to volunteer or nominate a member for a position as a Director on the O.A.V.T. Board of Directors.

The Board is looking for 5 members in good standing that have the following attributes;

- Leadership qualities
- Passion for their profession
- Dedicated and committed to contributing to our growing organization
- Strong communication skills
- Enjoys being part of a great team

The OAVT Board of Directors is a group of RVT's elected by their peers to accurately and fairly represent the best interests of the organization as a whole. Some of the general responsibilities of the OAVT Board are as follows:

1. Help direct the organization with respect to its mission statement and organization goals.
2. Protect the interests of the members and of the general public.
3. To listen to and reflect on issues raised by the members and to act in accordance to the best interest of the organization as a whole.



Nominations for Directors

The Board consists of RVTs in good standing that are dedicated to excellence in their field and committed to the advancement of the RVT profession. The OAVT benefits when the Board is made up of technicians from a range of knowledge and perspectives that inform the decisions of the Board. In keeping with the integrity of Board diversity there have been limits placed to director seats:

No more than two (2) elected representatives working full time from each of Education, Industry and Research. (Part time or occasional employment in these areas does not constitute a conflict at this time.)

There is no limit to the number of elected representatives who work fulltime as an RVT in a veterinary clinic.

The open call for the nomination of leaders within our membership to sit as Directors will run October 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

During this time, all members, in good standing, are encouraged to seek out leaders in the RVT community and nominate them to sit on your Board of Directors. The nomination forms are available on the OAVT website. To locate a nomination form for the 2011-2013 Director's term, log into your member profile and scroll down to "Nomination Process".

Once a nomination has been received and the nominee has accepted their nomination (thereby allowing their name to stand for election) they will receive a nominee election package complete with detailed instruction on documents that must be submitted back to the OAVT in preparation for the election. All documents and forms completed by the nominees must be received in the OAVT office no later than **January 14th 2011, 5:00pm.**

The Nominations Committee will prepare all nominee election packages and post the information for the membership to review all candidates and to consider all individuals for the election. Ballots will be available on the OAVT website (*log into your member profile and scroll down to "Nomination Process"*) immediately upon the completion of the nomination process. Please mail or fax your ballots to the OAVT office. The election process will take place between **February 1st 2011, 9:00am and February 11th 2011, 5:00pm.**

The new Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians Board of Directors will be announced and introduced at the Annual General Meeting (By-law 1, Article 4; 4.4.1).

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

If you are interested in volunteering as a member of the OAVT Board and would like more information please Ron Southwell (Nominations Committee) at ron.southwell@rogers.com.

If you would like to nominate an RVT for a Board position, complete and submit the nomination form to the OAVT office by mail or fax 519-836-3638 by December 31, 2010.