



Frequently Asked Questions

What is it like volunteering with the ABVTA?

There are several opportunities to volunteer with the ABVTA! Generally speaking, we ask for a two year commitment when you submit a nomination form. All terms for the Board as well as for Committees are two years, with the exception of the Vice-President role, this is a three year term. Returning committee members can also apply for a two or a three year term after the completion of their first two-year term.

The ABVTA Board of Directors is responsible for:

- a. Policy management
- b. Strategic planning
- c. Visioning
- d. Leadership
- e. Program management
- f. Financial management
- g. Risk analysis

The purpose of the Communications (PR) Committee is:

To promote and enhance the image of the AHT through professional and public promotion activities and event/trade show participation.

The purpose of the Continuing Education (CE) Committee is:

To arrange continuing education opportunities for the Associations membership and providing the opportunity for the minimum number of CE credits necessary to maintain registration (15) at a cost comparable to the average members CE allowance.

If I submit a nomination for the Board, what position will I take

That's up to you! Do you have special skills and training you'd like to bring to the Board? Upon discussion between the group and yourself as well as bringing into account your personal interest, we will find the best position for you! The ABVTA Board consists of a minimum of seven members to a maximum of 10, who are elected annually at the AGM. The Executive Committee (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) is made up of Board members and is elected by the Board at it's first meeting following the AGM. Other positions on the Board include Liaison positions for Student Reps as well as both Committees. Other members of the Board are considered Directors at Large. They do not have a specific area of focus, however they are still a very important member of the Board. All Directors also volunteer for task forces and special projects as they arise.

If I'm elected, when do I start?

Congrats! You've been elected! Your official position will begin at a short meeting after the AGM. It's ok if you're not able to be

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in attendance. You will be contacted shortly after the AGM and will be informed of the next meeting date – usually in November.

How often do the volunteers meet?

Generally speaking, the Board meets approximately every two months for a two-day meeting. These meetings usually take place in Edmonton at the ABVMA office and are held over a Friday and Saturday. During the summer, we have a one or two meetings via web-conference to discuss upcoming news and our budget.

The *CE Committee* currently meets the last Wednesday evening of the month at 8:00pm via web-conference.

The *Communications (PR) Committee* currently meets the second Tuesday evening of the month at 7:30pm via web-conference. Both committee's break for the summer months (July and August).

Will I need to travel?

Depending on your location, you may need to travel from time to time to fulfil your duties. All volunteers may need to travel for time to time to attend meetings or events. All costs incurred related to travel will be reimbursed to you as per the ABVTA Expense Claim Policy, and many plans can be made for you through the ABVTA office.

Here's what some of our volunteers have to say about joining the ABVTA Leadership Group:

"I love that it is a safe space to have open discussions about current topics in our field. It also has been a great educational experience and has made me feel more connected with the vet tech community!"

-Student Representative

"I love the feeling that we are making a difference. Having impact on the future of our profession"

-RVTTTC Representative

Being part of the ABVTA Board... "Provides a way to stay engaged while building a network of like-minded colleagues."

-ABVTA Director

"A change to look behind the curtain and help the ABVTA promote the role of an RVT/work to help unify the profession."

-ABVTA Committee Member

Being part of the ABVTA Board is... "An opportunity to be a helping hand in watching your Association and profession grow. Being part of the change and a great opportunity to be involved in empowering RVTs across the province."

-ABVTA Director and previous Committee Member

It is "the best possibly way to get the most out of your ABVTA membership: build a network of colleagues across the province while contributing to the health and vibrancy of the RVT profession."

More questions?

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