

2011 Awards presented by CACVT at the Annual Spring Conference April 9, 2011, Holiday Inn Denver East, Stapleton, Denver, CO

Two awards have given out in the past, and a 3rd award (volunteer of the year) is new this year.

Volunteer of the year

CACVT wishes to acknowledge a CACVT member in good standing who has gone above and beyond in his/her volunteer work within the animal industry. This person has shown outstanding qualities as a volunteer, such as a high commitment level, extra time / effort towards the outcomes of the group, or exceptional abilities to work with humans and/or animals.



For our first annual award, we actually have two people who are very equal in their volunteering that they tied in the votes!

Collier Graham said “the influence of a beautiful, helpful character is contagious, and may

revolutionize a whole town.” Today we present this award to two ladies, who have revolutionized an association.

Susan Brauer and Peggy Bower are part of the strong foundation of CACVT. Their innumerable hours of volunteer work are a source of inspiration. Their enthusiasm and selfishness have been contagious to those who have the pleasure of volunteering with them.

Both Susan and Peggy have advocated not only for CACVT but also for our profession since the early 1990s.

Susan is the current chair of the Certification Committee and is the longest running member of the Conference Committee. She has also served in the CACVT Executive Board, has been Chair of the Testing Committee, and has spent selfless hours processing CE. She has also assisted the staff with wonderful help throughout the years.

Peggy is the current Treasurer-elect. In the past, Peggy has contributed to CACVT by serving on the Executive Board in different capacities. She has also served as the Chair of the Mile-High Chapter, has been a Conference and Certification committee member and has provided multiple hours of volunteer work for CACVT.

Susan and Peggy, thank you for contributing to our past, present, and future. You are not only wonderful volunteers, but you are true leaders of our profession, and you both do it with a smile! We couldn't ask for more dedicated individuals and words cannot express how grateful we are to have you both as part of CACVT's leadership.



Volunteer of the Year award, presented by Michele Laughlin, CVT, CACVT president-elect, to Susan Brauer, CVT (left) and Peggy Bower, BS, CVT, LAT (rt).



Veterinarian of the year

The next award goes to an outstanding veterinarian who recognizes and utilizes technicians. Our winner is Dr. Lonny Haynes.

The person who nominated Dr. Haynes noted that he was wonderful to work under as a Technician. I enjoyed doing surgery with Dr. Haynes and working with the patients and clients. I could always count on a fun, but productive day. Dr. Haynes is patient and knowledgeable.

Dr Haynes graduated from CSU veterinary program in 1987 and is licensed in both Colorado and New Mexico. He has spent the majority of his career in veterinary practice, including both private and corporate



Veterinarian of the Year award, presented by Michele Laughlin, CVT, CACVT president-elect, to Lonny Haynes, BS, BA, DVM.

practices. In January 2001 he began his teaching career at Bel-Rea Institute where he is currently. He covers Anatomy and Physiology I & II, and is the Assistant Dean of Education. Dr. Haynes also trains students during their surgery rotation in Pre-Clinical, where they assist him with spay and neuter surgeries on local shelter animals up for adoption.

Dr. Haynes was one of the first people to purchase the CACVT logo pin. He was very proud of it and wears it often. CACVT is glad to present this year's veterinarian of the year award to Dr. Lonny Haynes.



Technician of the year

Finally, the technician of the year goes to a Certified Veterinary Technician who has gone above and beyond the call of duty. We want to recognize and appreciate his/her enthusiasm and support of this profession. We have a stressful job and anyone who helps minimize the tension deserves a pat on the back.



Technician of the Year award, presented by Michele Laughlin, CVT, CACVT president-elect, to Nancy Sheffield, Ed.M., CVT (left).

Our award winner graduated from Blue Ridge Community College and has been a technician since 1979, licensed in Virginia and certified in Florida, before moving to Colorado in 2002. She became an instructor at Colorado Mountain College (CMC) at that time where she is instrumental in both teaching and as the extern coordinator. Her students enjoy her as a teacher as she really brings the joy of being a technician to them, yet provides the fundamentals required for them to become true professionals.

About two years ago, she completed her masters in education (Ed.M.) degree showing her life long commitment to learning.

Her love of her profession helped obtain funds for a fairly new building on the CMC veterinary technology campus which houses all the laboratory equipment in two spacious rooms. Before this building, students would have to go across the "street" (about 1/2 a mile- this is Glenwood Springs after all) to the main campus for their lab classes. They would share the rooms with other CMC students (non technician programs) and have to lock up all their materials every night. Now this new building houses modern leaning materials that are easily accessible to the students, creating a better educational

environment for all.

She joined CACVT's leadership in 2004 as the Ethics Committee Chair, a position she still holds today. She has taken this position very seriously and is not afraid to voice her opinion (in an appropriate way) defending the high standards put forth for Colorado CVTs. She has attended State Board of Veterinary Medicine meetings, attends CACVT conferences and leadership programs, and has been one of the key individuals in the current licensure discussions.

Finally, she helped to solidify the CACVT student group membership for about 50 of the current CMC students and has been CACVT's main contact person for CMC. She actively promotes the association and the profession to her students and any others who will listen!

Nancy would be the last person to want an award recognizing her accomplishments as she is always giving credit to others. Thus, this is the exact reason why she is deserving of one, because of her pure and unselfishness giving to the profession.

Congratulations to Nancy Sheffield, CACVT's technician of the year!

