



## CaRVTA at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Back To School Seminar

By Sandy Gregory M Ed, RVT, CCRA

The annual seminar for veterinary technicians and veterinary assistants was held at U.C. Davis on July 20-21 and brought in over 250 people from around the area, with an additional 60 attendees from the webinars.

Board members Kenichiro Yagi, MS, RVT, VTS (ECC, SAIM) and Sandy Gregory M. Ed, RVT, CCRA were two of the 20 guest speakers. Topics included emergency and critical care, anesthesia, anatomy, clinical pathology and personal development. Unique to this weekend was the **CPR Rescuer Certification Course** also presented by Mr. Yagi.

California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association had a big presence promoting memberships, selling T-shirts and talking about the benefits of membership. The annual meeting was held at lunchtime to review with members (and non- members) the regulatory and legislative issues that have been happening in the state. CaRVTA talked about what their goals are and what they are working on for the future.

The big change this year has been the veterinary medical board (VMB) eliminated the California State RVT exam. A huge thank you goes out to **Nancy Ehrlich, RVT** for her persistence in making this happen, Nancy has been attending the VMB meetings for decades. No other state association can say that they have had the longevity and the perseverance like Ms. Ehrlich has in being involved in regulatory and legislative issues. In Nancy's words, "I just enjoying helping out and making a difference". Rarely do you find an individual who has volunteered countless hours of every month and every year towards such an endeavor. Nancy has been instrumental in most of the changes for RVTs in the state of California. This is why she was awarded **The RVT of the Year** at the Back To School seminar. *Congratulations and thank you to Nancy Ehrlich.*



**Board Members left to right:**

- Ken Yagi
- Anita Lynn Levy Hudson
- Elaine Myers
- Nancy Ehrlich
- Jen Lee
- Allyne Moon
- Sandy Gregory
- Leslie Boudreau
- not pictured Jeff Backus*



**CaRVTA Information Table**



**CaRVTA RVT of the YEAR**

**Nancy Ehrlich, RVT**