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There are a number of items of importance and interest that should be brought to your attention . . .

Constitutional Amendments. Both constitutional amendments, recently voted upon, were passed. Amendment I (a provision to make membership in the AVMA a prerequisite to full voting membership in the AAAP for veterinarians who are residents of the United States) was passed by a vote of 170 for, 73 against. Amendment II (a provision to allow all categories of membership to hold committee chairmanships) passed 219 for, 24 against. Constitutional amendments require at least a two-thirds affirmative vote for passage; in this instance two-thirds of those members voting constituted 163 votes.

As you know, Amendment I was proposed in order to allow the AAAP to seek membership in the House of Delegates of the AVMA. Since this provision has passed, this office is currently negotiating with AVMA for AAAP House Representation.

The results of this election will change the membership status of those US veterinarians in our organization who are not members of the AVMA. I would encourage those individuals in this category to join the AVMA in order to protect your voting rights in the AAAP.

<u>Dues</u>. Dues notices were recently sent out to all members. Early response has been good, and I would hope that those of you who have not paid their dues will do so as soon as it is convenient.

1977 Meeting. Plans for the 1977 AAAP and World Veterinary Poultry Association meetings are progressing nicely. Each of you has received a call for papers for each of these meetings, and I hope that you have responded if you wish to present a paper. As of this date activities are scheduled as follows:

July 10, Sunday

July 11, Monday

July 12, Tuesday

July 13, Wednesday

July 14, Thursday

July 15, Friday

AAAP Board Meeting 8 AM - 5 PM

PM - AAAP/AVMA Scientific Sessions

AM & PM - AAAP/AVMA Scientific Sessions

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PM - AAAP Annual Meeting

AM & PM - WVPA Scientific Sessions

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All scientific sessions of the AAAP and WVPA will be held in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, and the AAAP is negotiating with AVMA for a block of rooms in the Hyatt Regency. You will receive further information about this in the near future.

The Atlanta meetings should be memorable, and I encourage all of you to attend if possible.

History of Avian Medicine. Each of you has the first installment of "History of Avian Medicine," put together by Dr. Frank Witter and his committee. Other installments will follow as they are compiled. The following item sent to this office by the Committee on History solicits your help in generating information for future installments:

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They need early information, especially prior to 1930, letters, mimeographs, photos, etc. Photos of early meeting groups would be especially interesting. Do not be reluctant to send Dr. Witter or any of the committee members what may seem to be meager in amount or value. They may well need those very bits and pieces. Remember that even though 1940 seems "just gone by" -- it was 36 years ago and many details have been lost already.

You will recall that this office is assembling reprints of the history which will be made available to members in complete sets when the history is completed.

Committee Assignments. Committee assignments for 1976-77 are attached.

The holiday season is upon us, and this office wishes to you and yours a most happy holiday season and a productive new year.

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