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## Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Association of Avian Pathologists

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The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the American Association of Avian Pathologists was called to order by Dr. Craigmyle Riddell, President, at 3:20 p.m. The meeting was attended by approximately 150 members.

Dr. Riddell asked for a moment of silence to remember the passing of Drs. Cab Bottorff, Charles Simpson and Mel Hofstad.

Dr. Charles Hall introduced Dr. Langdan Davis to the membership. Dr. Davis is the AVMA Executive Board member who is our liason person with AVMA. Dr. Davis told the membership AVMA is interested in AAAP and he is happy to help our group any way he can. and is planning to attend our annual meeting each year.

The minutes of the 28th annual meeting, previously circulated to the membership, were approved.

A brief summary of the annual report, previously circulated, was approved.

The Audit Committee report, that the records of the association were in good order, was accepted by the membership.

Dr. Eckroade reported that AAAP will be publishing 3 new manuals this year. The Spanish translation of the Avian Disease Manual, Avian Chlamydiosis Diagnostic Manual and Avian Histopathology Manual.

The following recommendations of the Board of Directors were presented to the membership and approved:

1. Dr. Bickford will head a committee to begin work on the 3rd edition of the Avian Disease Manual. This edition will be ready for printing by the Spring of 1987.

2. The Spanish translation of the Avian Disease Manual is ready for sale. AAAP thanks Dr. Hugo Medina for his efforts in translating this manual and Drs. Pedro Villegas and Ben Lucio for their efforts in editing the translation.

3. The American Soybean Association was given permission by the Board to translate the Avian Disease Manual into Arabic.



4. Dr. Calnek will head a committee to recommend a new Editor and Editorial Board for the 9th edition of DISEASES OF POULTRY.

5. The Board has recommended an increase of \$5.00 in AAAP dues effective with the 1987 dues (from \$30.00 to \$35.00), a \$10.00 increase in page charges for articles received after 1/1/87 (from \$35.00 to \$45.00) and a \$10.00 increase in subscriptions to AVIAN DISEASES effective with Vol. 31 (from \$30.00 to \$35.00 for domestic subscriptions and from \$35.00 to \$45.00 for foreign subscriptions). A voice vote was taken of the membership at this point and the motion was passed.

6. Dr. Charles F. Hall was approved for Life membership in AAAP.

### Committee Reports

Editor of Avian Diseases - Vol. 29 (1985) was 1,338 pages, an increase of 15%. Dr. Anderson told the membership that a 30 year index is being made which should be ready around the end of the year. More information will follow.

Dr. LaSalle asked Dr. Anderson about having abstracts of the annual meeting papers and summaries of posters printed in AVIAN DISEASES. Dr. Anderson asked him to present his proposal to the Board for their review, pointing out the cost of this effort and that abstracts are already published by AVMA.

Dr. Dhillon asked why the journal wasn't published every 2 months instead of every 3 months. Dr. Anderson indicated that this would be too expensive and was not needed at this point.

Dr. Anderson thanked his editorial board for their efforts.

AVMA House of Delegates Report - Our position as an allied organization in the AVMA House of Delegates was improved with the unanimous House approval of an amendment to the AVMA Bylaws which would remove non-U.S. residents from counts needed to establish our required level of 85% voting members who also belong to the AVMA. Non-U.S. resident AAAP members continue to retain their full membership status in the AAAP.

Of our 455 voting members, 438 are members in good standing of AVMA. We are 62 AAAP/AVMA members short of the preferred 500 level achieved by other allied associations representing bovine, swine, equine, sheep, and goat practitioners.



We are pleased to report that Dr. Joseph M. Dixon (Louisiana), a member of AAAP, was elected by the House to a 3-year-term as Member-at-large of the House Advisory Committee. Dr. Richard Fink (California) is the new AVMA President-Elect and Dr. William L. Ingalls (Ohio), Vice-President. The house voted to hold its 1991 meeting in Seattle.

Dr. Mallinson said that AVMA had made some tapes available to the allied organizations and to each state association on how to communicate your concerns and interests to federal and state legislators. If anyone wants to borrow these tapes Dr. Eckroade has them and would be happy to loan them out.

Resolution Committee - Dr. Dwight Schwartz told the membership that the Board approved two resolutions. The first from AAV concerning vaccines used in quarantine. The resolution follows:

"Whereas infectious diseases other than Viscerotropic Velogenic Newcastle Disease result in morbidity and mortality in imported pet birds while in quarantine,

And whereas vaccines for some of these diseases are currently being developed,

We hereby resolve that if a vaccine does not interfere with the isolation of avian paramyxovirus and orthomyxovirus and does not immunize the birds against them, then the use of such USDA licensed vaccines excluding those against the avian paramyxoviruses and orthomyxovirus should be permitted in quarantine."

AAAP is proposing to APHIS that they make reference serum for sale to all labs to help standardize lab tests. The following is the resolution that will be presented to Dr. Atweil of the USDA:

"Whereas there is a great need to achieve uniformity of serologic test results among the poultry diagnostic laboratories in the United States, and

Whereas this need for uniformity includes results from all poultry diagnostic laboratories, be they government, university or privately owned and operated, and

Whereas the American Association of Avian Pathologists (AAAP) has concluded that the availability and use of positive reference sera by poultry diagnostic laboratories could facilitate the comparison and ultimate uniformity of serologic test results; therefore, the AAAP requests that the APHIS National Veterinary Services Laboratory make available to all poultry diagnostic laboratories who request them, 5 ml aliquots of large batches of positive reference antisera for each of the important poultry diseases for which serology is practiced. These diseases include Newcastle,



avian influenza, M. gallisepticum, M. synoviae, M. meleagridis, avian reoviruses, infectious bursal diseases, infectious bronchitis and other diseases as the need arises. Some of the diseases such as IBD and IBV include several distinct serotypes which will require separate antisera.

The demand for such reference sera is presently unknown but requests could come from as many as 40 to 50 laboratories. Nominal charges for the reference sera to cover handling and mailing costs would not be inappropriate. Batches of each serum should have moderate to high levels of antibody and should be of adequate quantity to supply all requestors for several years. Until there is adequate experience with this reference-serum program, the precise quantity of each serum which would be needed is unknown. A reasonable estimate would be one liter of each serum distributed into 200 five ml vaccine bottles.

The AAAP believes that a favorable response to this request by APHIS, Veterinary Services, could have an important role in improving the uniformity of serologic results among poultry laboratories, therefore reducing disease losses by the poultry industry. Such decreases in disease losses will help assure a continuing supply of poultry products at reasonable prices to the consuming public."

Dr. Riddell announced to the membership that Dr. Dwight Schwartz was chosen Extension Veterinarian of the Year. We are all proud of Dwight!

AVMA-AAAP Scientific Program - AAAP's budget from AVMA was \$13,000 this year. There were 38 papers and 30 posters presented at the annual meeting.

Diseases Reporting and Nomenclature - Dr. Springer reports that *Alcaligenes rhinotracheitis* is now going to be called *Bordetella rhinotracheitis* in their reports and also that *Chlamydiosis* will now be listed separately instead of in the miscellaneous grouping.

Awards - Dr. Calnek asked the membership to please contribute nominations to the new Awards Committee Chairman Dr. Syed Naqi so that we can keep the caliber of the awardees at the highest possible level.

The P. P. Levine Award for the best paper appearing in Volume 29 (1985) of AVIAN DISEASES was presented to Dr. Aly M. Fadly for this paper entitled: Effects of chemically or virus induced immunodepression on response of chickens to avian leukosis virus.

Dr. Marlin Kleckner presented the Upjohn Achievement Award to Dr. Karel Schat of Cornell University for his work with Marek's Disease.

The AAAP Service Award was presented to Dr. W. Malcolm Reid for his dedicated service to AAAP over a long period of time.



There were two Reed Rumsey Awards this year. One was presented to Dr. Tom Brown from the University of Georgia and the other to Dr. Don Reynolds from Ohio State University.

Toxic & Miscellaneous Infectious Diseases Committee - Dr. Saif reported that they are meeting on Wednesday and a report will be forthcoming.

### Announcements

WVPA will be held in 1987 (August 16-21) in Montreal. All of our members will be receiving information in the mail on this important meeting. The deadline for submission of proposed papers has been extended to October 31, 1986.

Dr. Barnes announced that "Poultry Science" conference would be held in Raleigh, NC in 2 weeks and that he would be happy to show anyone around NC State if they wanted a tour.

Dr. Easterday reminded everyone about the 2nd International Symposium on Avian Influenza to be held September 3, 4, & 5 in Athens.

Western Poultry Disease Conference will be March 2, 3, & 4 1987 in Davis, CA - Dr. Marcus Jenson is the Program Chairman.

Dr. Eckroade reminded everyone that the deadline for nominations for the Reed Rumsey Student Awards is September 1st. The Buisness Office will send notices to the Veterinary Schools asking for nominations.

The Nominating Committee's slate of officers for 1986-87 are as follows:

President	Dr. Birch McMurray
Vice President	Dr. Dick Witter
Secretary-Treasurer	Dr. Bob Eckroade
Director-at-Large	Dr. Max Brugh

A warm welcome was extended to Dr. Cal Anthony as the new Director for the Southern Region and to Dr. Dave Halvorson who has consented to serve out Dr. Witter's last year as Regional Director for the Central Region. Dr. Riddell thanked Drs. Max Cowell and Sam Glass for their service to AAAP.

A motion was passed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Dr. Riddell thanked Drs. John Barnes and Birch McMurray for an outstanding scientific program this year.

Dr. Riddell passed the Delaplane gavel to the new President of AAAP, Dr. Birch McMurray and turned the meeting over to him.

President McMurray, after a few brief words, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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