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

## The President Speaks.

From where I sit it looks like an exciting year for the AAAP. Hopefully, many projects will be completed and new ones initiated. Certainly the opportunities for our group is almost unlimited. We still have many opportunities in the public relations field to let people know who we are and what talents we have available for their use. Several things have already been started this year in an attempt to accomplish that task. One giant step has been to accept the Whiteman-Bickford Manual on Poultry Diseases as an outline for the introduction of avian diseases to veterinary students. The board has decided to go ahead with the publication of that manual and an ad hoc committee has been appointed to act as an editorial board to bring information up to the current state of the art, to prepare an introductory section and to decide how it is to be published. We have established a target date to have it available for teachers of avian medicine in the fall of 1980. Dr. Charles Whiteman has been made chairman of that ad hoc committee with Dr. Art Bickford as co-chairman.

We need suggestions from our members for the nomination to the special service award. As you remember, at the meeting in Seattle, no one had been nominated and that award was not presented last year. It is all of our responsibility to select some individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field of avian medicine and recognize him at that time. If you have any recommendations be sure to pass them on to our awards committee which is headed by Dr. Dave Anderson.

I have had recent contact with Dr. Charles J. Farho, who is the president of Industrial Veterinarians, regarding the veterinary practice acts and what limitations those may place upon avian veterinarians that are working in many different geographical locations. We agreed at the time of our conversation that the AAAP would support the Industrial Veterinarians in any way that the group felt would be advantageous. As of this time they are surveying the practice acts throughout the United States to obtain an accurate status of each state. They will summarize their



information and hopefully come up with some firm course of action. We will keep in touch with Dr. Farho and if any of our members learns of any action that we should be taking in this area, I hope they will contact myself or one of the members of the board.

Dick Witter and I have had our first meeting for the planning for the Scientific Committee for the AVMA program to be held in Washington D.C. We did not visit the location as Charlie Beard and I did last year but from the information presented in Schaumburg, it looks like an exciting location for our program. It has been decided that we will have a block of rooms, as we did this year. They will be in the Shoreham Hotel. Poultry will be meeting in the Palladian room at the Shoreham. Dick Witter is pursuing the concept of poster presentations. He will be requesting that any of you that would like to make a poster presentation make the application at the time of our call for papers.

Hopefully, we will have a seminar in Washington related to federal regulatory activities that may affect the availability of drugs, control research funds into avian medicine or change in any way the way we practice our profession. Any seminar suggestions that any of the committees may have should be prepared and presented to the board, myself or Charlie Hall at the earliest possible date.

I want to remind all committee members as well as the board of directors that we are planning a board meeting in conjunction with the Southeastern meeting in Atlanta. We have tentatively set our meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 24th in the convention center. The room location will be announced as soon as Harold Ford advises me of the location.

I am sure that most of you are now aware that P.P. Levine passed away on September 27th and that we as members of AAAP would like to suggest the possible naming of the AAAP Research Paper Award to be titled the P.P. Levine Award. It seems only appropriate that Dr. Levine be recognized in some way for his fathering of the Journal of Avian Diseases as well as his many years of dedicated work to the field of avian medicine in research as well as teaching.

In closing, I again encourage every one of you to take an active part in your own state in alerting veterinary and agricultural students to the opportunities of avian medicine. Talk to other people who are involved in the management of avian species and encourage them to become a part of our organization. Certainly, anyone in the field of nutrition or pet and exotic birds would make major contributions to our better understanding of the problems that surround us as well as they would find many valuable resources in our existing membership.

The board and myself are always open to any suggestions to make our organization better. Looking forward to those comments and have a good year.

Reed Rumsey, Pres.



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1980 Meeting. Plans are well underway for the 1980 AAAP meeting which will be held in Washington DC July 21-24. By this time you should have received a call for papers from Drs. Witter and Rumsey.

AAAP meeting in addition to the scientific sessions: The AAAP's Committee on Durgs and Biologics will be sponsoring a seminar on drug availability.

As in the past the AVMA will reserve a block of rooms for AAAP use. The AAAP hotel will be the Shoreham where we will have a block of 100 rooms. Rates are \$48 single and \$62 for double occupancy. It will be particularly advantageous for you to stay at the Shoreham since all avian section meetings will be held in the Palladian Room of the Shoreham.

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In Memorium. The AAAP lost one of its giants with the passing of Dr. P. P. Levine. Dr. Rumsey's letter suggests a manner in which we might honor his memory. Other suggestions are being advanced including one which would create a P. Philip Levine Memorial Prize. When the board meets in Atlanta in January, these suggestions and others will be taken under advisement.

Dr. V. R. Kaschula, a long time AAAP member who resided for years in South Africa, passed away on February 17, 1979.

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Proceedings of 28th WPDC Available. Dr. A. S. Rosenwald has announced that the Proceedings of the 28th Western Poultry Disease Conference are available at the discount price of \$3.50. Orders can be sent to Dr. Rosenwald, Room 405, Surge IV Complex, University of California, Davis, CA 95616. Checks should be made out to "The Regents of the University of California."

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#### Announcements of Positions.

Veterinary Specialist - Avian Species. Davis Campus location. Develop and maintain Extension education program with close ties to School/Vet. Medicine and Dept./Avian Sciences. Work closely with field veterinarians, poultry specialists, farm advisors, others to maintain healthy avian populations, determining major avian disease threats and effecting preventive or control programs. Transmit information through publications, meetings, other mass media. Professional degree in veterinary medicine and 3 years experience required. Ability to work with all clientele essential. Contact: Personnel Administrator, Cooperative Extension, 331 University Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. Closing date: December 14, 1979. Refer to #7923.

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The School of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC is seeking qualified applicants for a position in avian medicine. The successful candidate will have responsibility for providing health care, medical management services and consultations, develop resources for teaching avian medicine, coordinate and conduct field research and service and participate in the preparation and presentation of instructional programs. Applicant must possess the DVM or equivalent veterinary degree from an institution recognized by the AVMA. Deadline for application or nomination is January 10, 1980. Send curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of at least 3 references to D. J. Moncol, Chairman, Search Committee, School of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University, Raleigh NC 27650. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Enclosed with this Newsletter is a 1980 membership card and notice of 1980 dues. You will note that our dues structure remains the same even though the subscription prices of AVIAN DISEASES to the public has been raised significantly. It will be appreciated if you will forward your dues to this office at your earliest convenience in order to reduce follow-up expenses.

In all likelihood this will be the last communication which this office will have with you this year. Mrs. Hicks and I wish for you a most happy holiday season and a meaningful new year.

*Charlie*

C. F. Hall, DVM  
Secretary-Treasurer  
AAAP