

24th Annual Report
of
American Association of Avian Pathologists
for the Year Ending April 30, 1981

The American Association of Avian Pathologists enters its 25th year with a membership of 565 (425 members, 108 associate members, 20 retired members, 9 life members and 3 honorary members.) This represents an increase of 23 total members during the year past, --many of whom are small animal practitioners who have developed extensive pet and exotic bird practices.

Subscriptions to AVIAN DISEASES remained constant, --an average of 1764 copies of each issue (Volume 24, 1980) being distributed.

The 1981 Report of Examinations prepared by Mr. Tom Wallis of Ingram, Wallis & Co. of Bryan, Texas is attached. Particularly noteworthy are the following:

1. Unrestricted Fund revenues were up and totaled \$104,732.49 in fiscal 1981. Revenue (\$56,813.79) generated by AVIAN DISEASES was down slightly: Subscriptions up by \$2,229.51; advertising no change; contributing support down by \$2,225.71; and page charges down by \$1,649.30; --a net revenue decline of \$1,645.50. As expected royalties from Diseases of Poultry declined significantly as did income from slide study sets (no new titles.) Sales of Isolation and Identification of Avian Pathogens were up, --reflecting the availability of the 2nd edition at years end. The Whiteman-Bickford Avian Disease Manual was well received and a second printing of 1500 copies was made at mid-year. Interest income remained high reflecting the strong short term money market.

2. As might be expected, Unrestricted Fund cash disbursements were also up in 1981 and totaled \$117,505.07. This resulted in deficit of \$12,722.58 in 1981. Significant factors relating to the deficit were: publication expenses of the second edition of Isolation and Identification of Avian Pathogens; general inflationary pressures, e.g. postage and shipping costs totaled \$10,013.41 in 1981, an increase of \$3,577.65 in a single year; the purchase of office equipment; and support for the International Symposium on Avian Influenza in the amount of \$2,000.

Nevertheless, the financial health of the AAAP is excellent, --so good that there are continuous new demands placed upon treasury, --for example, this year the association will help underwrite the expenses of speakers to the AAAP/AVMA scientific sessions, and a decision has been made to help underwrite the expenses of board members to mid-year meetings when held. For many year, AAAP projects, e.g. its publications and its auto-tutorials have subsidized membership activities. The time may be approaching when a serious look will have to be given to an increase in membership fees.

The Reed Rumsey student award fund totaled \$11,855.80 at years end and represents the contributions of 142 friends and business associates. The \$20,000 contribution from Reed's estate should be in hand by August. Formal guidelines are now being developed for the awards which will be generated from the fund.

The American Association of Avian Pathologists and the Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV) continue to explore ways in which the organizations can relate to the mutual benefit of each. The co-sponsored program, "Cage Pet Bird Medicine for the Practitioner," to be held in St. Louis is an example of that effort.

With some reluctance, I have decided the time has come to identify my successor as Secretary-Treasurer of the AAAP and Business Manager of AVIAN DISEASES, --and I have informed the board that the transition should be effected by the time of the 1982 annual meeting in Salt Lake City. But I look forward to this next year, --and I assure you that Mrs. Hicks and I will do all we can to make this last year of tenure a good one for the AAAP.

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