50th Annual Report

AAAP is 50 years old and is still growing. We are moving more rapidly into making, politics and public influencing areas. This past year, we wrote and led position statements on Avian Influenza, Antiviral Drug II.

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We began to require this year membership in AAAP to be first author to present a paper or poster at the annual meeting. This appears to have been successful primarily in new student members (>100% increase). It is our job as established members to welcome them and give them reasons to remain active members of AAAP after they graduate. These student members are out future leaders! Our domestic and international members are slightly less (11 total). The total number of members has increased over 2006 by 4%. We also exceeded our level of members that are veterinarians who are also AVMA members. AVMA requires 85% and we had 95%.

We had a 28% increase in our annual dues and subscriptions beginning January 2007. This high increase was necessary because we had not revised the fee schedule in 5 years. Additionally, our members are requesting greater services from their organization. It was approved at the 2006 board meeting in Hawaii to increase our dues at a small percentage each year to keep up with inflation rather than waiting until we are in a red cash flow and have to increase dues a large amount. We will be requesting the board approve a dues and subscription increase of 5% this year.

For fiscal year 2006-2007, the AAAP business transactions were compiled by the accounting firm of G. Michael Smith and Associates, Bogart, Georgia. The following items were noteworthy:

The increased rate for dues and subscriptions, page charges and the higher contribution level (50th anniversary) resulted in AAAP, Inc. enjoying a \$16,400 increase in our net assets for FY 2007, where in FY 2006 we experienced a \$23,409 reduction in our net assets. The organization has worked hard this past year to provide members with a new website, a new journal, media training, a new edition of the popular Avian Diseases Manual and made a \$10,000 downpayment for the 50th Anniversary Celebration and \$18,776 for the 50th Anniversary History book. The level of donations to AAAP

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have been outstanding by the industry and allied industry to nearly offset the cost of the banquet

An additional bright spot is our cash flow has allowed us to build a savings for immediate needs and keep our certificate of deposit growing from \$310,926 (FY 2006) to \$317,659 (FY 2007). The original \$300,000 was placed into the CD in FY 2004.

We look forward to keeping AAAP and our members as the place that not only the industry goes to for help but also regulators, policy makers and the public when they have questions about the poultry industry. This was a great year and Sue and I look forward to a great 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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