

**The American Association of Avian Pathologists
48th Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, July 19, 2005
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

The 48th annual business meeting of the American Association of Avian Pathologists was called to order by Dr. Richard Chin, President at 10:40 AM. The meeting was attended by approximately 104 members.

Dr. Chin asked the membership to pause for a moment of silence to remember our members who passed away this year, Drs. William "Billy" Martin, Willis Woodward, Celedonia Garrido, William C. Krause, and Cecil Miller.

A motion was carried to approve the minutes of the forty-seventh annual meeting as published in the newsletter.

Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Dr. Chin recognized three members leaving the Board this year, Dr. Beth Krushinskie, past president, Dr. Mariano Salem, Northeast Region Director, and Dr. Charles Corsiglia, Director-at-Large.

Northeast Region Election

Dr. Patricia Ann Dunn has been elected to serve as the Northeast Region Director for the next four years.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee report given by Dr. Willie Reed placed into nomination Dr. Bob Owen for President, Dr. Patricia Wakenell for President-elect, Dr. Charles Hofacre for Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. Richard M. "Mick" Fulton for Director-at-large.

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was carried to accept the Nominating Committee Report as presented. Thank you Dr. Reed. The membership then had an affirmative voice vote to accept the nominees to become the officers of AAAP for 2005-2006.

Audit Committee Report

Dr. Fred Hoerr reported that the compiled financial statement prepared by G. Michael Smith & Associates for AAAP, Inc. and AAAP Foundation, Inc. were found to be in good order. A motion was carried to accept the report as presented. Thank you Dr. Hoerr.

Dr. Hoerr also reported that the amount being contributed to the organization was not in good order. He reported that the AAAP, Inc. and AAAP Foundation needs more donations and encouraged all members to donate more.

48th Annual Report

Dr. Hofacre began his report stating that the American Association of Avian Pathologists is becoming a more mature organization. However, both the poultry industry and the AAAP are beginning to slow in growth. We have been successful in bringing back some members who had not paid their dues in several years and added more international members. He reported that the American Association of Avian Pathologists had a total of paid membership of 794 from 783 in 2004. The number of veterinarian members belonging to AVMA was 445. The AAAP kept its allied status with AVMA by having exactly 85% of their veterinary members belonging to AVMA. If this statistic falls below the 85%, AAAP could lose their seat in the AVMA House of Delegates. We need to stress the importance of paying AAAP dues but also AVMA dues.

Financially the AAAP is doing quite well with 5 major sources of revenue: dues, subscriptions, page charges from Avian Diseases, contributions, and sales of educational material. We now have a new source of income – royalties from online Avian Diseases.

The AAAP remains a financially strong organization. We will be restructuring our committees in the coming year and will be developing policy statements at the national and international levels.

A motion was made and approved to accept the 48th annual report as read.

Highlights of the AAAP Board Meeting

The AAAP Board met on Friday and Saturday and will meet again on Wednesday morning. Dr. Hofacre gave the following report from the Board.

The Board is working on a membership survey on how to better serve its members which should be a valuable tool to the organization.

The Business Office was able to get the AAAP logo trademarked this year but in order to register the trademark, we need to use the logo on different things. We are already using it on the AAAP newsletter, but members will begin to see it on other items as well.

The Board approved a donation of \$3,000 to the American Veterinary Medical Foundation for the Fellows program. This is a program where AVMA is working more for us. This past year, there was one fellow working in a House of Representatives' office and one working in a Senator's office. This benefits all of us because we have a veterinarian working on some of the Congressional legislation. This next year, there will be an additional Fellow added to work in Homeland Security.

We want to remind you of the Food Supply Veterinary Medicine Coalition (Bovine, Swine and Sheep, and Small Ruminants Practitioners and AVMA) Survey that AAAP contributed \$10,000 to last year. We will be sending you a link to the survey results for your information. This should help us and all food supply veterinarians perceive the needs for the direction of the future.

We wish to thank the members who are working on committees to update our educational material. They continue to work hard to bring in new sources of revenue for AAAP.

There was a motion made and seconded to accept this report as presented by Dr. Hofacre. The motion was approved.

Discussion of By-laws Changes

Dr. Hofacre distributed copies of the changes to the AAAP By-laws to include email voting on elections. This will enable the organization to move into the electronic age. The By-laws were written 50 years ago and have had very few changes since then. The procedure began last year by the 3 members recommending the changes. This was submitted at the last annual meeting to the Board. Then a notice was mailed in the newsletter 30 days prior to this meeting advising of the changes. There was a typo in the printed copies pointed out under Article VII, Section 1 which should read "An affirmative ~~mail~~-vote conducted by mail or by email or printable electronic correspondence of at least two-thirds of the membership voting shall be required for the adoption of the amendment." The Business Office will mail ballots to members for their vote on these changes. There were no questions or any additional discussion from the members present.

AAAP Foundation Report

Dr. Owen reported the AAAP Foundation met on Saturday afternoon with the following members attending: Drs. Bob Owen, Bob O'Connor, Richard Chin, Charles Corsiglia, Louise Dufour-Zavala, Bob Eckroade, Charles Hofacre, Stewart Ritchie, Beth Krushinskie, Stewart Ritchie, Yan Ghazikhanian and Mariano Salem. He thanked Dr. Cal Anthony for his help with the fund raising for the annual meeting. He reported that the Foundation investment with Marin Financial Advisors shows a greater return than the initial investment in December 2004. The stock market dropped immediately after our investment but all has been recovered and back in good status.

He issued a special thanks to Dr. I. D. Russell, Ms. Wilma Schwartz, and Dr. Bruce Calnek for the exceptional contributions they have made and continue to make to the Foundation. He asked all members to donate to the AAAP Foundation.

Dr. Owen reported that as Chair of the Foundation Board, he has 2 fund raising duties for the annual meetings and for the AAAP Foundation which funds the awards. He urges all companies to continue their contributions for the annual meeting and had a slide presentation running during the meeting with all the logos of sponsors this year. He reported that funds of \$30,000 were raised for this annual meeting. He has a target of \$40,000 for the Hawaii meeting in 2006. Thank you Dr. Owen.

AVMA Delegate Report

Dr. Mo Saif reported that he and Dr. Gregg Cutler are the AAAP representatives to the AVMA House of Delegates and have had a good year. Early in the year, the outlook was not too good with the AVMA Executive Board deciding to sunset the AVMA Animal Welfare Committee. However in January, many of the allied groups felt that the AVMA did not consult anyone and AAAP led the charge in opposition to the proposed AVMA Animal Welfare Advisory Council. The Executive Board rescinded this decision and reinstated the AVMA Animal Welfare Committee until 2006. Dr. Saif thanked the members for contacting AVMA to voice their opinions, particularly Dr. Eric Gonder, Dr. Beth Krushinskie, and the AAAP leadership. There has been an AVMA task force formed to look at a future structure that will work best for all veterinarians.

Dr. Saif reported that the issue of production of foie gras has risen again. The delegates from New York and New Jersey visited the facilities and passionate speeches were made for AVMA to not condemn the practice since the birds are not harmed. Surprisingly, the resolution to condemn Foie Gras was defeated.

The AAAP Animal Welfare recommendation for use of the macerator for euthanasia chicks is ready. Dr. Saif recommends the AAAP Board forward the report to Dr. Gregg Cutler, our AVMA Welfare Committee representative, and also to the AVMA panel for Euthanasia. AVMA is very sensitive to food animal groups and even though AAAP is very small, AVMA will listen to us. He reported there are 19 AAAP members representing AAAP in different national organizations and 8 representatives on AVMA councils and committees. AAAP has a chance to take active positions on issues and he encourages members to run for AVMA positions. AAAP recently had a member elected to COBTA – Dr. Ching Ching Wu. Congratulations to Dr. Wu.

Thank you Drs. Saif and Cutler for the great job you do for AAAP.

Diseases of Poultry

Dr. Mo Saif reported the Diseases of Poultry Committee started to work on the 12th edition of Diseases of Poultry. The Section editors will be contacting previous and possibly new authors. These editors are Dr. John Glisson, Dr. Aly Fadly, Dr. David Swayne, Dr. Larry McDougald, and Dr. Lisa Nolan, who was added this year.

Scientific Program Committee Report

Dr. John Glisson reported that the 2006 meeting in Hawaii will be his last year as Chair of the Scientific Program Committee. Dr. Gregorio Rosales is now Vice Chair and will become Chair at that time. Dr. Glisson thanked people from ACPV, Drs. Linnea Newman, Donna Hill, and Marty Ewing, who helped recruit industry presenters this year. This brought field veterinarians back into the program. He thanked Dr. Chuck Hofacre and Sue Clanton for getting the proceedings published. There were 109 oral presentations and 57 posters presented with 1 Keynote Speaker, Dr. Fred Hoerr presenting “Clinical Aspects of Immunosuppression” and Mr. Andrew Rhorer giving the Lasher History Lecture on “History of the National Poultry Improvement Plan.”

This year the speakers had their presentations pre-loaded on computers furnished by AVMA and the program worked really well. Dr. Glisson reiterated for the members the support given by AVMA to AAAP members in travel support, meeting rooms, AV equipment for the program, etc. that amounts to between \$80,000-\$100,000 annually.

He expects a large attendance for the Hawaii meeting. The hotel will be on Wakiki Beach with the AVMA headquarters at the Hilton Hawaii Village. The family night will be a luau on the beach. The Convention Center is just large enough to hold the meeting and so space will be tight. He expects more abstracts submitted than there are spaces on the program. There will have to be a lot more posters next year.

The Convention Bureau in Hawaii advised AVMA that the meetings should start early because everyone will be out on the beaches around 3:00 PM. Therefore, they suggested that the meeting start at 7:00 AM and end at 3:00 PM each day. The AAAP Board has approved this change in the program. This results in 102 spaces for oral presentation instead of 110 now. The strength of the program will be the presenters and AVMA will pay airfare to presenters again in

2006. There were some small glitches this year because letters from AVMA to all presenters gave the wrong time for posters to be posted on Monday. Ignore letters from AVMA: ALL POSTERS SHOULD BE PUT UP ON THE BOARDS BY SUNDAY AM. Thank you Dr. Glisson.

Report of the Editor

Dr. Sharma reported that volume 48 of *Avian Diseases* was 969 pages and included 120 articles published. The acceptance rate is about 74%. The electronic submission and Editorial Board has improved the lag period to approximately 34 weeks from submission to print. This would indicate the electronic submission and review process is working well.

The new look to *Avian Diseases* began with Issue 1 of 2005 with a new cover size and artwork/pictures on the cover. The first issue featured Dr. P.P. Levine's photo on the cover. The Issue 2 had artwork from an article published in that issue. In the future, there will be figures from articles or artwork by members featured as well as photographs. There have been several mini-reviews published and also ads along with a rate card in the journal. We encourage companies to contact the Business Office and place their ads in *Avian Diseases*.

The quality of the articles in *Avian Diseases* remains very good and the scientific content is carefully controlled by the reviewers which Dr. Sharma thanked. Also, thanks to Dr. Sylvia Sharma for managing the *Avian Diseases* office. Thank you Dr. Sharma.

Awards Committee Report

Dr. T.J. Myers thanked committee members consisting of Drs. Mark Jackwood, Robin Gilbert, Darrell Kapczynski, Kenton Kreager, Hiram Lasher, Willie Reed, Deoki Tripathy, Ching Ching Wu, and Jagdev Sharma for their hard work this year. This year there were 23 submissions for 10 awards. Dr. Myers thanked the members for all of the nominations. There were 190 people that attended the Awards Luncheon this year.

The list of award recipients this year are:

L. Dwight Schwartz Travel Scholarship -
Bayer-Snoeyenbos New Investigator -
Phibro Research Award -
Lasher-Bottorff Award -
Calnek Applied Research Award -
Special Service Award -
Reed Rumsey Award -
Richard Rimler Memorial Paper -
P. P. Levine -

Ingrid Edwards
Daniel R. Perez
H. John Barnes
Simon M. Shane
David A. Halvorson
Kimberly L. Sprout
Dhanasekaran Govindarajan
Richard S. Bennett
Jon T. Prigge

The deadline for submission of the Reed Rumsey and Rimler awards for 2005 was changed to coincide with the AAAP program Call for Papers deadline and will continue to be December 31st. The deadline for the other awards will be February 1st. The AAAP Board approved a change in the Reed Rumsey award last year from being out of Vet School at least 5 years. The Awards Committee will recommend to the Board on Wednesday that this be changed to 7 years. Dr. Myers said this change was to get back to the original intent of the award as a student award. The Awards Committee will take a close look at the original criteria for each award. Thank you Dr. Myers.

Membership Committee

Dr. Randy Chick, Co-Chair of the Membership Committee gave the report for Susan Williams, Chair, who was unable to attend the meeting this year. Due to non attendance at their meeting (only Dr. Chick attended), he hopes to have a report within 60 days by email or teleconference with the committee members. Their slated agenda is:

1. Mission statement on the AAAP website
2. Need for Membership booth in Hawaii
3. Discussion on Membership classifications and data
4. Ideas for attracting new members
5. Incentives to pay dues
6. IPE booth representation
7. AAAP booth – possible remodel

Thank you Dr. Chick.

Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship Committee

Dr. Steve Roney reported for the Eskelund Preceptorship committee that there were 9 applicants this year and 8 were funded at the maximum of \$1,200 thanks to additional funding contributed by AAAP. The committee discussed a possible increase in the mileage rate for the awardees but no recommendation was made. We need to fully support the highly qualified individuals who apply for the award. Thanks to his committee for the scoring of candidates. Thank you Dr. Roney.

Symposium on Food Safety

Dr. Buzz Klopp reported on the “Microbiological Safety of Ready to Cook and Ready to Eat Poultry Products” Symposium on Sunday that went well. The Food Safety committee did not meet this year. Dr. Klopp thanked Dr. Glisson, Dr. Hofacre, and Sue Clanton for their help with the program and proceedings. Thank you Dr. Klopp.

Biologics Committee

Dr. Betty Miguel reported that the Biologics Committee met on Saturday 14 members present. The guest speaker was Dr. Scott Taylor, scientist at the Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB). The committee originally drafted a letter and a White Paper sent to CVB regarding the use of autogenous vaccines (AV) in poultry. It originally drafted the poultry industry needs and asked the CVB to review the regulations. This was followed up with a second letter asking for a formal response. Consensus was reached to write another letter addressed to Dr. Rick Hall to ask for clarification and for a formal response to previous letters/White Paper.

Histopathology Interest Group

Dr. Oscar Fletcher reported there were 18 people in attendance with 8 presentations.

Electronic Information Committee

Dr. Stephan Thayer reported that this committee is checking on the possibility of getting a secure website with the capability of online purchasing and payment of dues.

Thank you Dr. Thayer.

Tumor Virus Committee

Dr. Robert Silva proposed a Symposium for 2006 on "Impact of Subclinical Immunosuppression" with Dr. Ton Schat as Chair of the organizing committee. Dr. Schat will present the official request to the Board on Wednesday.

Animal Welfare Committee

Dr. Kristin Scott reported there were 33 members present at their meeting. They recommend AAAP move forward on the chick euthanasia/macerator issue. They ask for more practical animal welfare research. Dr. Kellye Pfalzgraf gave a presentation on an animal welfare issue found by his company.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The John Delaplaine gavel was passed to Dr. Bob Owen and a Past President plaque was presented to Dr. Chin. Dr. Owen presented Dr. Chin with an Owen original tie made by his wife. Thank you Dr. Chin.

Dr. Owen began his comments with an invitation to share his thoughts with colleagues and encourage more members to attend the Business meeting and other AAAP functions. He reminded the members that in 2007 we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the organization. We should begin now to celebrate and honor the past 50 years and he has asked Dr. Eric Gingerich to chair the 50th Anniversary committee. While we are celebrating the past 50 years, we should prepare for the next 50 years. We need to examine our role for the next 50 years. We must encourage poultry professionals to belong to the AAAP. It will be a long slow arduous process to reach our vision but we must start the ship turning in the direction and have faith in successfully completing the job. We must accomplish our goals.

1. He has asked Dr. Chin to head a task force to evaluate all educational material and resources needed to make the material up to date.
2. He has asked Dr. Wakenell to form a task force to evaluate the sources of our revenue and expenses and improve our financial condition. There is no alarm for our organization is very sound financially. However we must press forward to be prepared to meet our future demands.

3. He has asked Dr. Barger to form a task force to evaluate the AAAP committee structure and determine the status of each committee. We need our committees to be fully functional.

Dr. Owen issued a charge to each of these 3 task forces to have at least a preliminary report to the Board by 90 days from the meeting.

Dr. Owen advised the members present that there will be a member survey sent out and we need a total group effort to get the data needed to carry us for the future. We will prepare a mission statement for AAAP and present it next year based on the response from the survey.

The Board has created an Executive Committee made up of the President, Past-President, and Secretary-Treasurer to handle quick decisions needed by the organization.

He said AAAP has an aggressive agenda but believes we will be successful. He asked each member present to sign up 1 new member and/or get 1 member that is not current to return to our organization.

His goal is for all of the other Food Animal veterinary organizations to see AAAP as the Gold Standard to follow.

While the organization is looking back at the past 50 years, let's all remember to thank Dr. Bob Eckroade and Kim Sprout for all their hard work over many of these years. Also, Dr. Owen wants everyone to thank Sue and Jack Clanton and Dr. Chuck Hofacre for these last 2 years during the transition of AAAP from Pennsylvania to Georgia.

He wished everyone Aloha until 2006 in Hawaii.

A motion was carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Clanton
Assistant Business Manager

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