

**49<sup>th</sup> Annual Report**  
**American Association of Avian Pathologists**  
**For the year ending April 30, 2006**

This has been an incredible year for AAAP. It may not be as apparent to everyone as it has been to Sue and me. I stated in last year's annual report (48<sup>th</sup>) that AAAP has become a mature organization. This was wrong; we are still growing and changing. Our profession is entering a new era where poultry health professionals are being asked to be involved in many non-disease issues, such as food safety, animal welfare and environmental concerns. Our members need the support of an organization that can provide them the additional education, continuing education and contacts for these new job responsibilities. The member survey highlighted this change and AAAP has already begun to move in this direction. To do this, we are spending more money and time from the office for members to be involved with AVMA, NIAA, USAHA, etc. We are also becoming more of a political voice for the poultry industry at the state and especially national level with the assistance of AVMA's Washington office and the state advocacy office at the AVMA office in Schaumburg.

Our total number of members increased in FY '06 (689) over FY '05 (652) and FY '04 (570), excluding retired and life members. I am especially pleased with our growth in new international members (6), international associate (8), and international student (1). It is my belief that international members are our primary area for growth of new members for the organization.

For fiscal year 2005-2006, the AAAP business transactions were compiled by the accounting firm of G. Michael Smith and Associates, Bogart, Georgia. The following items were noteworthy:

As forecasted in the budget for 2005, AAAP had a reduction in our net assets from \$502,300 in 2005 to \$478,921 in 2006, a loss of \$23,409. The primary reason for the forecasted loss was due to the billing cycle for Allen Press for the second issue of *Avian Diseases* that fell last year **after** the April 30<sup>th</sup> close of the books. Therefore, in this fiscal year ('06), we have paid for 5 issues of *Avian Diseases* (~\$26,000 cost per issue).

The major income sources for the organization are the dues from members (+\$5,000 over FY'05), subscriptions for *Avian Diseases* from libraries, institutions and internationally (+\$8,000), educational material sales (+\$6,000), meeting contributions (+\$6,000), royalties /advertisements for *Avian Diseases* (+\$10,000), and page charges (-\$21,000). A note regarding page charges, we increased the page charges per page last year to offset the larger journal size; however, this did not take effect until the first issue of 2006. We did not charge the higher fee to papers that were already accepted under the lower charge system. This was definitely a team effort for AAAP to provide significantly more services, upgrade of the journal, pay for an additional issue and only have a \$23,000 loss for the fiscal year.

- Dues ↑ \$60.00 → 4 years
- market AAAP - hats, T-shirts
- silent auction <sup>35</sup>
- Grow membership
- Corporate sponsors as see Bayer, Hill F & Dodge



An additional bright spot is the cash flow into the organization from the page changes, dues, subscriptions, royalties, and donations have allowed us in the office to fully cash flow the business without having to dip into our savings or certificates of deposit. The CD grew from \$304,071 (FY'05) to \$310,936 (FY'06).

The new committee structure, the membership survey, the position statements (3 on the website and 4 more in development), the 6 task forces and 1 ad hoc committee (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) have all been a huge success for AAAP this year. We have greatly increased the involvement of many members who have never before actively participated (both young and old). These combined with the list of progressive changes proposed for the coming years give me the confidence to say that AAAP is still a young and growing organization.

It has been a pleasure for Sue Clanton and I to have served as your stewards this past year and we look forward to helping to strengthen the American Association of Avian Pathologists.

Respectfully submitted to the AAAP Board of Directors on July 14, 2006.

Charles L. Hofacre  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
American Association of Avian Pathologists

Trademark - selling hats + T-Shirts

Committees - also reviewing a proposal

to have the committee meetings in  
2 + 1/2 day sessions → Sat. before the  
opening event

\* Lloyd Keck - ADMA  
Congressional  
Fellow

Shorter symposium  
& allow comm.  
to meet Sunday  
afternoon

• also begin media training