

**The American Association of Avian Pathologists**  
**43rd Annual Meeting**  
**July 25, 2000**  
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

The 43rd annual meeting of the American Association of Avian Pathologists was called to order by Dr. Willie Reed, President at 10:35 AM. The meeting was attended by approximately 145 members.

Dr. Reed asked the membership to pause for a moment of silence to remember our members who passed away this year. Drs. Arthur Jerstad, Roy Luginbuhl, Livio Raggi, Jaime Ramirez Osorno, Richard Rimler, Jerry Rountree, Dan Russell, Dwight Schwartz, Harry Yoder, and Donald Zander.

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

#### **Recognition of Retiring Board Members**

Dr. Reed recognized three Board members who are leaving the Board this year. Dr. Yan Ghazikhanian, past president, Dr. Rich Chin, Western Region Director, and Dr. David Swayne, Director at large.

#### **Western Region Election**

Dr. David Frame has been elected to serve as the Western Region Director for the next four years. He will replace Dr. Rich Chin who completed his term this year.

#### **Nominating Committee Report**

The Nominating Committee placed into nomination Dr. John Donahoe for President-elect, Dr. Robert J. Eckroade for Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. Leonard Fussell for Director-at-large.

There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion was carried to accept the slate of nominees as presented. A motion was carried to elect the nominees as presented.

#### **Audit Committee Report**

Dr. Chuck Hofacre reported that he met with Drs. I.D. Russell and Kenneth Eskelund to review the audited financial statements for AAAP, Inc. and AAAP Foundation, Inc. and they found everything to be in order.

#### **43rd Annual Report**

Dr. Eckroade reported that AAAP is entering its 44th year with 1,099 members (834 domestic and 265



international). 844 (675 domestic and 169 international) of the 1099 members have paid their 2000 dues or are life or retired members and are exempt from paying dues. The membership consists of 627 members, 199 associate members, 113 retired members, 24 life members, 55 student members and 81 international associate members. We need a minimum of 500 AVMA members to keep our allied group status with AVMA.

Subscriptions to *Avian Diseases* were down again this year.

Sales of educational material were down this year to \$28,816 compared with \$32,190 last year.

Unrestricted fund revenues were down from last year and totaled \$235,882 for fiscal year 1999/00. Revenue was higher last year because of the revenue for the Salmonella Symposium. Unrestricted fund disbursements were \$230,740 resulting in a gain of \$5,142 for the year.

AAAP is financially sound but we are projecting a loss this year due to the printing costs of the fifth edition of the *Avian Disease Manual*, and the increased costs associated with the AAAP/AVMA Annual Meeting and fewer contributions from companies to support it.

### Highlights of the Board meeting

Dr. Eckroade reminded the membership that the Board meetings are open to all and gave the following report from the Board.

AAAP joined CAST this year. Dr. I.D. Russell will be the AAAP Liaison to CAST.

A motion was carried to support the 5th International Symposium on Avian Influenza with \$5,000.

A motion was carried to move the AAAP website to the University of Pennsylvania to be administered by the business office. Thank you Don Reynolds for all your hard work on the website.

AAAP Newsletters will be distributed by e-mail to members requesting it.

A motion was carried to support the WPDC project of creating a CD with all WPDC proceedings with \$6,000. After the 2001 WPDC meeting the remaining CD's will be given to AAAP to sell.

Dr. Gregg Cutler was appointed as the AAAP representative to the AVMA Animal Welfare Committee.

Dr. Charles Hofacre was appointed as the AAAP representative to the AVMA Food safety Advisory Committee.

Dr. Bruce Stewart-Brown was elected to the AVMA Convention Management and Program Committee representing poultry.

Dr. Sherrill Davison will be chair of the Respiratory Diseases Committee and has been asked to put on a Symposium in 2001 to address LT, IBV, and MG.

This year all non-veterinarian members had to pay a \$450 AVMA registration fee. We do not support this and are discussing the issue with AVMA.



Dr. John Glisson will be the AAAP/AVMA Scientific Program Committee Co-chair.

A motion was carried to join the National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA - formerly LCI). Dr. Willie Reed will be the AAAP representative to NIAA.

A motion as carried to appoint Dr. Dennis Wages the AAAP representative to AMDUCA.

A motion was carried to elect Drs. Walt Hughes and Peter Poss into Life Membership of AAAP.

A motion was carried to support the AVMA Foundation Congressional Fellowship Program with \$2,000.

A motion was carried to appoint Dr. Cal Anthony the AAAP Foundation Board Chairperson.

### **Change to the Constitution and By-Laws**

At the 1999 Board meeting a motion was carried to accept the changes to the Life Membership criteria as presented by the awards committee. The proposed change was distributed to the membership prior to the annual meeting and will be voted on by mail ballot following this meeting. The following is the proposed change:

- (3) Life member
  - (a) A category of membership to which charter members, members, associate members and international associate members, upon entering retirement, may be elected following nomination. In order to be considered for life membership, a person must have made significant contributions to the field of avian pathology and to the American Association of Avian Pathologists and shall have been active in the field a minimum of 25 years. Life members shall not be required to pay any dues or assessments.
  - (b) Retirement is interpreted to mean that the member, associate member or international associate member has retired from major gainful employment.

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- (3) Life member
  - (a) A special category of membership to which charter members, members, associate members, and international members, upon entering retirement, may be elected following nomination. Life members shall not be required to pay dues or assessments. The following criteria have to be fulfilled to be considered for election: (1) The candidate must have been active in the field of poultry health for a minimum of 25 years. (2) The candidate must have made significant contributions to the American Association of Avian Pathologists. Examples of significant contributions are serving on the Board of Directors, and/or serving on committees of the AAAP such as the Editorial Boards associated with the AAAP (Diseases of Poultry, Avian Diseases, Isolation and Identification of Avian Pathogens, etc.), awards committee, and/or other committees essential for the AAAP. (3) The candidate



must have made significant contributions to the field of poultry health. Equal weight will be given to criteria 2 and 3 in the decision to elect the candidate to life membership.

- (b) Retirement is interpreted to mean that the member or associate member has retired from major gainful employment.

### **AAAP Foundation Report**

Dr. John Donahoe reported that AAAP Foundation is divided into the Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship fund, the Reed Rumsey Student Fund, The C.A. Bottorff Fund, The Bayer-Snoeyenbos New Investigator Award Fund and a general fund.

This year there was a great deal of discussion on raising funds for the annual meeting. Fundraising will have to increase to cover the decrease in support from AVMA and one possibility discussed is to have a company sponsor an entire break or breakfast. For the 2003 joint WVPA/AAAP/AVMA meeting at least \$100,000 will have to be raised.

There was some discussion on using funds from the C.A. Bottorff fund to support a guest speaker at the annual meeting.

Dr. Donahoe thanked everyone who helped in the fundraising efforts over the past several years and gave a special thank you to Drs. Cal Anthony and Leonard Fussell.

Dr. Kenneth Eskelund reported on the CRUT that he has set up. This is a great deal for the donor as well as the organization. The Eskelunds have use of the money for as long as they live and, since it is now out of the estate, it is not subject to death taxes. The CRUT is a guaranteed income for life without the risk. Planned giving is the key to estate planning. For more information, contact Dr. Eskelund.

### **AVMA Delegate Report**

Dr. Mo Saif reported that he and Dr. Gregg Cutler represent AAAP in the AVMA House of Delegates. Again this year a resolution on forced molting was on the agenda and again it was defeated but it will be presented again next year. There is some concern that each year it will gain some support-

Long time House of Delegates member Dr. Harold Chute is stepping down.

The annual meeting will be held in New Orleans in 2008.

Drs. Saif and Cutler have discussed some of AAAP's concerns about the annual meeting with AVMA officials. AVMA must address needs of each allied group instead of trying to establish one set of rules that will work for all. AVMA is meeting in Schaumburg with allied groups to discuss issues. They want the allied groups to work closely with them.



## **Scientific Program Committee Report**

Dr. Jagdev Sharma thanked the AAAP Board for the opportunity to serve on the Scientific Program Committee. It has been an enjoyable experience. He reported that the Scientific Program this year consisted of 24 symposium presentations, 111 oral presentations and 51 posters. This year there was a very high number of poster no-shows. This will be addressed next year. This year the program abstracts were printed in the Convention Notes which are free to speakers and can be purchased by others. The issue of where to print abstracts is still being discussed with AVMA.

Thank you everyone for your cooperation. Please give Bruce Stewart-Brown similar cooperation next year.

Thank you Dr. Sharma.

## **Report of the Editor**

Dr. Louis van der Heide reported Volume 43 (1999) of Avian Diseases was 803 pages. It included 73 articles, 16 Research Notes, 14 Case Reports, and 2 Pet Bird Case Reports. The rejection rate is up a little this year. Traditionally the rejection rate has been 10%, last year it was 13% and it may be up to 15% this year. The Editorial Board continues to do an outstanding job of expert manuscript review and deserves the full support and recognition of the AAAP membership.

There has been some discussion on electronic distribution of the journal. The Editorial Board and the Electronic Information Committee are looking into it. Eventually there will be a move in that direction.

## **Awards Committee Report**

Dr. Ton Schat thanked the awards committee members and asked everyone to participate in the nomination process for the awards next year. The nomination forms may be obtained from the committee members, the AAAP business office and from the web page.

There have been some changes in the poster awards. The Arnold S. Rosenwald Student Poster award will be presented to the best student poster. The Scientist Poster Award will be discontinued.

The M.S. Hofstad Award which was originally at Iowa State University will now be given by AAAP. It will go to the best oral presentation by a student. On the submission form for titles next year there will be a check box to be filled in by those interested in being judged. There will be a category added to the committee interest list next year for members interested in helping judge the student presentations.

Thank you committee members for all your hard work.

Thank you Dr. Schat.



### **Preceptorship Committee**

Dr. Eskelund reported that over the past several years there has been an effort to improve evaluations of students and to get the word out about the program. Everything seems to be running smoothly now.

The preceptor list is very outdated. There will be an effort to update this list for this year. Anyone interested in participating as a preceptor please contact Dr. Eskelund or the business office.

### **History Committee**

Dr. Witter reported that the committee continues to function well and that many things are in process.

### **WVPA Congress Committee**

Dr. Witter reported that the committee is working hard. The first announcement for the 2003 meeting will go out in the spring or summer of 2001. The meeting format will be different for the joint meeting and we will be asking the membership for help for the meeting. We will also be asking companies for significant financial support.

### **Electronic Information Committee**

Dr. David Ley thanked Dr. Reynolds for the great job in getting the website started.

### **Toxic, Infectious, Miscellaneous, and Emerging Diseases Committee**

Dr. Shivaprasad reported that the committee met and put together a mission statement. The committee will put together a proposal for a symposium in 2002.

### **Animal Welfare and Management Practices Committee**

Dr. Hammarlund thanked everyone for the support that the committee received this year.

### **Diseases of Poultry**

Dr. Mo Saif reported that the 11th edition of *Diseases of Poultry* will be published by Blackwells Press in January 2003. The price will be under \$150. ISU Press was sold to Blackwells but will carry the ISU name for 5 years.

### **Enteric Diseases Committee**

Dr. Steven Clark thanked Dr. Reed for encouraging committees to write mission statements and be active.



## **Biologics Committee**

Dr. Myers reported that the committee is putting together a proposal for a symposium that they hope to hold in 2002.

There have been many budget cuts at the Center for Veterinary Biologics and staffing is inadequate. Please do what you can to request adequate funding through your state for the CVB budget line.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

There was considerable discussion on the issues with AVMA about the AAAP Scientific Program. Dr. Eckroade believes that our program will not be first class if we don't regain some control of our program and assured financial support. AVMA does not appear to be concerned about the needs of AAAP for the scientific program and each year there are issues that arise that should have been solved long ago. There is concern that if we don't resolve these issues now the 2003 joint meeting with WVPA will suffer. The AAAP Board will be asked to consider holding the annual meeting separately from the AVMA meeting.

Dr. Rosenwald announced that the 2001 WPDC will be held on the UC Davis campus on March 24-26, 2001.

Dr. Reed thanked AAAP for the opportunity to serve as president. He also thanked Dr. Eckroade for "going the extra mile" for AAAP.

The John Delaplaine gavel was passed to Dr. Charles Hofacre and a Past President plaque was presented to Dr. Reed. Thank you Dr. Reed.

A motion was carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 PM.