

**ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA**  
**January 25, 1996**

Attending : D.H. Erbeck, J.H. Schleifer, C.R. Miller, Apologies: T.Y. Morishita  
M.A. Hammarlund, J.A. Linares, J.E. McCarty,  
and A.G. Rosales

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- Dr. John Schleifer reported on the status of the Poultry Welfare video project. The letters soliciting contributions were sent as planned and some contributions have already been received by the AAAP. It was agreed to wait until June 1st to determine if there is enough money to pay for the video. Members of the committee volunteered to follow up with different companies and/or individual to whom letters were sent. Dr. Schleifer will coordinate and advise on who needs to be contacted.
- The consensus was that it is necessary to increase the awareness on the AAAP membership about poultry welfare. In order to accomplish this it was agreed to submit ideas, topics and names of potential speakers for a Symposium on Poultry Welfare. It was also agreed that Doctors M.A. Hammarlund and A.G. Rosales will present a tentative agenda and request from the Board of AAAP a date for this symposium at the next AVMA-AAAP meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.
- It was agreed to have our next meeting on Tuesday, July 23rd, 1996 from 7:00 to 8:00 A.M. The place and room will be assigned by Dr. Robert J. Eckroade (AAAP's Secretary Treasurer). Further details will be communicated as they become available.
- The committee welcomed Dr. Douglas Erbeck's proposal to have a guest speaker at our next meeting in Louisville to address the issue of animal welfare in the poultry industry. Dr. Erbeck will contact this individual and advise in order to make the corresponding arrangements.
- The committee agreed on the need for information available in the U.S. and other countries. Therefore, Dr. Teresa Y. Morishita was appointed to develop a database/reference library on poultry welfare. Dr. Morishita is also the AAAP's representative in the AVMA's Animal Welfare Committee. All members are encouraged to send Dr. Morishita any relevant references at the following address: Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, The Ohio State University, 1900 Coffey Road, Columbus, OH 43210.
- Three subcommittees were appointed to collect information and examine animal welfare issues related to poultry. Doctors C.R. Miller and D.H. Erbeck will focus on issues regarding poultry in research; Doctors J.A. Linares and M.A. Hammarlund will focus on the layer industry, and Doctors J.E. McCarty and A.G. Rosales will concentrate on the broiler industry. Other members of the committee are encouraged to participate in any of these subcommittees, or volunteer for a subcommittee regarding issues in the turkey industry. These subcommittees will report on their progress at the next meeting.
- Doctors J.E. McCarty and A.G. Rosales will liase with a group of Veterinarians in Production at the next AVMA meeting. The objective is to stimulate awareness and establish communication.
- It was discussed that the AAAP-Animal Welfare Committee must be a proactive group and that its future achievements will be a reflection of the effort of its members. It was recognized that the knowledge and experience of this committee will help the AAAP and its membership be aware of the issues confronting the poultry industry and, eventually, could help in developing positions or regulations for the well being of poultry.
- Finally, Dr. D.H. Erbeck requested to have minutes taken and distributed after all future meetings. Meeting was adjourned.