

**The American Association of Avian Pathologists
42nd Annual Meeting
July 13, 1999
New Orleans, Louisiana**

The 42nd annual meeting of the American Association of Avian Pathologists was called to order by Dr. Yan Ghazikhanian, President at 10:45 AM. The meeting was attended by approximately 130 members.

Dr. Ghazikhanian thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked the membership to pause for a moment of silence to remember our members who passed away this year. Drs. Jack Hanley, Kenneth Heddlestone, Livio Raggi, J. Kirk Skeeles, Ed Stuart, Louis Vera Nogue, and Harry Yoder.

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

Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Dr. Ghazikhanian recognized three Board members who are leaving the Board this year. Dr. John Glisson, past president, Dr. Mahesh C. Kumar, Central Region Director, and Dr. Elizabeth Krushinskie, Director at large.

Central Region Election

Dr. Dan Shaw has been elected to serve as the Central Region Director for the next four years. He will replace Dr. Mahesh C. Kumar who completed his term this year.

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee placed into nomination Dr. Chuck Hofacre for President-elect, Dr. Robert J. Eckroade for Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. Kenton Kreager for Director-at-large.

There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion was carried to close nominations. A motion was carried to elect the nominees.

Audit Committee Report

Dr. Chuck Hofacre reported that he met with Drs. I.D. Russell and Robert Eckroade to review the audited financial statement and that everything appears to be in order.

42nd Annual Report

Dr. Eckroade reported that AAAP began its 42nd year with 1,057 members (808 domestic and 249 international). 866 (686 domestic and 180 international) of the 1057 members have paid their 1999 dues or are life or retired members and are exempt from paying dues. The membership consists of 607 members, 205 associate members, 106 retired members, 27 life members, 38 student members and 74 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 from last year with an average of 1556 copies printed per issue for volume 42 (volume 41 averaged 1656 copies per issue).

Sales of educational material were down this year to \$32,190 compared with \$40,508 last year.

Unrestricted fund revenues were up from last year and totaled \$315,545 for fiscal year 1998/99. Revenue was higher this year because of the revenue for the Salmonella Symposium. Unrestricted fund disbursements were \$323,967 resulting in a loss of \$8,422 for the year.

Next year we are predicting a loss of \$30,000 and should be concerned with this trend. The Foundation has been asked to raise \$20,000-\$30,000 in contributing support to *Avian Diseases* this year.

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.

The decision was made to re-send the salary survey to the membership. We did not get sufficient response to the survey sent last year to compile results. Please return the survey.

A motion was carried to increase the membership dues \$10 in the year 2000 and \$10 in the year 2001.

A motion was carried to accept the changes to the Life Membership criteria as presented by the awards committee. This will require a change to the Constitution and By-laws. The proposed change will be distributed to the membership at least thirty days prior to the next annual meeting, discussed at the annual meeting and then voted on by mail ballot following the 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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- (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. Retirement is interpreted to mean that the member or associate member has retired from major gainful employment.**

A motion was carried to support the AVMA Congressional Fellowship program with \$2,000. This is a very important program. Anyone interested in doing a fellowship should contact the AVMA.

A motion was carried that AAAP will join the Council for Agricultural science and Technology (CAST). Dr. I.D. Russell reported that the mission of CAST is to identify food and fiber, environmental, and other agricultural issues and interpret scientific research information for legislators, regulators, and the media for use in public policy decision making. CAST creates balanced scientific publications, disseminates them to thousands of influential readers, and sponsors conferences and congressional briefings on critical food and fiber, environmental, and other agricultural science issues. CAST is a nonprofit organization formed in 1972 as the result of a meeting of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences. The collective professional membership of CAST's 36 societies exceeds 100,000.

The US Branch of the World Veterinary Poultry Association will be putting together a bid to host the WVPA meeting in conjunction with the AVMA/AAAP meeting in Denver in 2003.

AAAP Foundation Report

Dr. Eckroade reported for Dr. John Donahoe that this year the foundation has been asked

to raise an additional \$20,000 to \$30,000 in contributing support for *Avian Diseases*.

A motion was carried to commit up to \$4,000 per year for 2 years from the C.A. Bottorff Fund to support the Archives at Iowa State University.

Dr. Kenneth Eskelund has established a charitable remainder Trust (CRUT) of \$100,000 for AAAP. Dr. Eskelund reported that a CRUT benefits the donor and the organization and that he established it so he could take care of his family and not have death taxes take a big portion of what was left. The CRUT pays the Eskelunds a guaranteed 6% per year for life and can be deducted as a charitable contribution. Anyone interested in more information should contact Dr. Eskelund.

AVMA Delegate Report

Dr. Mo Saif reported that he and Dr. Gregg Cutler represent AAAP in the AVMA House of Delegates. This year there was a resolution on forced molting on the agenda. It was defeated but will probably be presented again. We should be very pro-active on animal welfare and environmental issues and position statements should be very thorough.

The annual meeting will be held in Hawaii in 2006 and Washington DC in 2007. Dr. James Nave is the new President-elect and Dr. Joseph Kinnarney is the new Vice President.

Congratulations to Dr. Don Reynolds on his election to the Council on Biologics and Therapeutic Agents.

Scientific Program Committee Report

Dr. Jagdev Sharma reported that the scientific Program this year consisted of 122 oral presentations and 51 posters. The AVMA staff made the decision this year to list only the first author in the program and not to publish the abstracts. The abstracts will be published in the next issue of JAVMA and next year co-authors will be listed in the program.

Dr. Sharma mentioned that working on the program is fun and that putting the program together is a group effort. Thank you all for participating in the program.

Thank you Dr. Sharma.

Report of the Editor

Dr. Louis van der Heide reported Volume 42 (1998) of *Avian Diseases* was 817 pages. It included 70 articles, 24 Research Notes, 16 Case Reports, and 2 Pet Bird Case Reports. The final acceptance rate this year was approximately 82%. The Editorial Board continues to do an outstanding job of expert manuscript review and deserves the full support and recognition of the AAAP membership.

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.

Thank you Dr. Schat.

Animal Welfare and Management Practices Committee

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

Toxic, Infectious, Miscellaneous, and Emerging Diseases Committee

Dr. Shivaprasad reported that the committee will put a proposal together for an "emerging diseases" symposium during the AVMA/AAAP meeting in 2001.

Biologics Committee

Dr. Myers reported that the committee met and discussed the purpose of the committee and are discussing the possibility of putting together a proposal for a symposium in the near future.

Education Committee

Dr. Vaillancourt suggested that the membership visit the AAAP booth in the Exhibit Hall. Dr. Andrea Miles updated it this past year. He mentioned that AAAP is always in need of new and revised slide study sets and asked anyone that was reviewing slide sets to return the sets to Dr. Sherrill Davison.

Preceptorship Committee

Dr. Eskelund reported that the fund is in good shape. There were contributions of \$1,860 this year. Six applicants were funded this year. There were good evaluations from and about the students. The committee re-evaluated the criteria for selection and made a change. There is still some concern that not all students are receiving the information. The packets will be mailed directly to our veterinary student members.

Membership Committee

Dr. Bland asked everyone to participate in the recruitment of new members. Please fill out the "Are We Missing Anyone" flier and send it to the business office.

Epidemiology Committee

A survey will be sent to the membership asking how the committee can better serve the membership. Please respond.

History Committee

Dr. Witter asked the membership to read the history articles in *Avian Diseases* and to thank the authors. Dr. Cardona has been very active on the biography project and Dr. van Sambeek has been working on the web page. Thank you everyone for your help.

Biotechnology Committee

Dr. Daral Jackwood mentioned that the Biotechnology Symposium next year will not be a technical report on how the tests are done but will be about who is using them and how they can be used.

Reference Antisera Committee

Dr. Chase reported that the committee was formed many years ago when a wide variety of results were submitted from HI tests done on a panel of sera sent to laboratories that were doing the tests. There no longer seems to be a need for the committee and it will be disbanded.

Electronic Information Committee

Dr. Reynolds asked the membership to visit the web page. This year the AAAP listserv AAAPNET was started.

Old Business

None

New Business

Dr. Hoerr mentioned that he is interested in forming a group to share ideas and information on teaching veterinary and graduate students. Anyone interested should contact him.

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

As his first official act, Dr. Reed, on behalf of the entire membership, thanked Dr. Yan for his leadership and dedication. Dr. Reed was encouraged to join AAAP by Dr. Winterfield and he attended his first AVMA/AAAP meeting in 1984 in New Orleans. He will devote time and energy to keep AAAP a premiere organization.

A motion was carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 PM.