

**AAAP BOARD MEETING  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
FRIDAY, JULY 12, SATURDAY, JULY 13, AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2002**

Dr. John Donahoe called Friday's meeting to order at 8:05 AM and adjourned it at 5:20 PM. Saturday's meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM, adjourned at 2:00 PM, called to order again at 4:30 PM and adjourned at 5:20 PM.

The following Board Members were present at the Friday and Saturday meetings.

President	Dr. John Donahoe
President-elect	Dr. Syed Naqi
Secretary-Treasurer	Dr. Robert J. Eckroade
Director Northeast	Dr. Mariano Salem
South	Dr. Fred Hoerr
Central	Dr. Ching Ching Wu
At-large	Dr. Mark Bland
Past President	Dr. Charles Hofacre

Drs. David Frame (Western Region Director) and Leonard Fussell (At-large Director) were absent.

The following Board Members were present at Wednesday's meeting which was called to order by Dr. Syed Naqi at 7:15 AM and adjourned at 11:10 AM.

President	Dr. Syed Naqi
Secretary-Treasurer	Dr. Robert J. Eckroade
Director North	Dr. Mariano Salem
South	Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala
At-large	Dr. Mark Bland
Past President	Dr. John Donahoe

Absent were Drs. Elizabeth Krushinskie (President-elect), Ching Ching Wu (Central Region Director), David Frame (Western Region Director) and Dr. Robert Owen (At-large Director). Several guests attended each meeting.

**Minutes of the 2001 Board Meeting**

Dr. Eckroade reviewed the minutes of the 2001 meeting. A motion was carried to accept the minutes of the 2001 Board of Directors meeting as presented.

Dr. Eckroade reviewed the following Board actions taken since the July 2001.

AAAP wrote a letter to members of the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee

expressing concern over the elimination of funding in the President's budget for the poultry research projects conducted at the Avian Disease and Oncology Lab in East Lansing, MI and supporting the effort by other organizations in the poultry industry to restore \$701,200 in funding for the retrovirus research, keep the multidisciplinary approach of research projects together at the same facility, and delay the proposed physical move of the other research projects for one year until a team of stakeholders to be assembled immediately can provide input to assist in an orderly transition in the future.

A contribution of \$2,000 was sent to the American Academy of Microbiology to support the Colloquium, *The Role of Antimicrobials in Agriculture: A Critical Scientific Assessment*.

AAAP agreed to join a group of veterinary organizations signing a letter to Applebee restaurant packer suppliers expressing concern about Applebee's "minimum animal welfare standards". The concern was that some of the standards were not grounded in science but were mandates attempting to appease the animal rights activists. Because of the short turn around time (less than 24 hours) given for our response we were not added to the first letter but will be added to future letters addressing the issue. If the content changes in any way, AAAP will be given the opportunity to review the letter before it is distributed.

### **45th Annual Report**

Dr. Eckroade reviewed the 45th annual report. He reported that the membership consists of 1050 members (798 domestic and 252 international) of which 821 have paid their 2002 dues or are retired or life members who are exempt from paying dues. Subscriptions to *Avian Diseases* were down again this year. Sales of educational material were down a little for the year. Unrestricted fund revenues were down and disbursements were up for a net loss for the year of \$19,994.

### **Membership**

AAAP must have 500 AVMA members to maintain allied group status with AVMA and at this time we only have a few more than 500.

Drs. Ernest Waller and C.W. Darby passed away this year.

The list of members who have not paid dues for 2002 was reviewed and regional directors will attempt to contact the members and ask them to pay. Dr. Donahoe will contact the international members. E-mail and address information for these members will be sent to the regional directors. E-mail reminders will be sent monthly to members who have not paid.

### **Report of the Editor**

Dr. van der Heide reported that volume 45 of *Avian Diseases* was 1096 pages. This included 76 articles, 45 research notes, 17 case reports, and 2 pet bird case reports. This is 101 more pages and a 4.5% increase in the number of printed manuscripts compared with volume 44.

A motion was carried to accept the current list of editors of *Avian Diseases* with the addition of Drs. H.L. Shivaprasad, David Suarez and Ching Ching Wu.

There was discussion about a fixed term length for members of the editorial board but since the list is reviewed annually it was decided that it is not necessary.

The Editor and Secretary-Treasurer will work together on decisions about which manuscripts should have page charges paid by AAAP Foundation when authors are not able to pay.

Dr. van der Heide will step down as editor in 2004. An announcement will be made at the 2002 business meeting and published in the Newsletter that proposals will be accepted and reviewed in 2003.

Electronic publishing of *Avian Diseases* was discussed. Mr. Guy Dresser from Allen Press presented a proposal for on-line publishing. There are two options available from Allen Press. The first is to offer online subscriptions to members, individuals and institutions through Allen Press. A fee would be paid to Allen Press to put information online and access would be by password for individuals and IP addresses for institutions. The second option is to offer online subscriptions to members, individuals and institutions through Allen Press and to participate in BioOne which is a non-profit organization that groups journals together online and makes them available to libraries. With BioOne participation, fees paid to Allen Press would be lower and we would see revenue from BioOne. BioOne divides 50% of revenue received among all publishers based on number of pages posted and number of hits to website for the journal.

There was also discussion about posting back issues online. Allen Press will be asked to quote costs to go back ten years. Money could be put aside each year for this project and donors for this project could be solicited.

The Board consensus is to move forward with online publication of *Avian Diseases* and will meet by conference call to finalize details.

### **AAAP Educational Material**

Dr. Eckroade reviewed the educational material list.

*Avian Histopathology* should have a committee appointed for the third edition. Dr. David Swayne will be asked if he is interested in editorship.

An editor for the 5th edition of *A Laboratory Manual for the Isolation and Identification of Avian Pathogens* should be appointed in 2003 or no later than 2004.

Dr. Hoerr approached the Schwartz family about the need for an updated gamebird disease and health manual for extension personnel and gamebird growers. By the time it is ready for publication the current manual will most likely be out of date so the concern about the new

manual competing with Dr. Schwartz's manual should not be an issue. The Schwartz family will discuss the issue and report back to the Board.

There was considerable discussion about the need for new and updated slide study sets as well as about how to proceed with electronic distribution of the slide study sets. It was suggested that in the future there be separate CD-rom's produced for different groups of diseases. It was also suggested that future slide sets be produced as power point presentations with .pdf text so that conversion to CD-rom can be done less expensively. Dr. Andrea Miles, Chair of the Education Committee will develop a list of pros and cons to power point and .pdf slide sets and send it to the Board for consideration. Dr. Miles presented a revised proposal for creating the first slide study set CD-rom. All 25 slide sets, with text in English and Spanish, will be on one CD-rom which will sell for \$100. A copyright statement and a do not copy statement will be put on the opening page.

A motion was carried to accept the proposal by the education committee to produce the slide study set CD-rom. There was then discussion about revising the slide sets before the CD-rom was produced. A motion was carried to move forward with the CD-rom using the existing slide sets but to clearly state the date that each title was published and that some are archive versions and some are new. The final version must be approved by the Board before production.

Dr. Mo Saif reported that the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of *Diseases of Poultry* is expected to be published by December 2002. Iowa State University Press wanted the color plates to be together but Dr. Saif told them they must be with the appropriate chapters. He has a meeting scheduled with them to discuss this issue.

### **AAAP Electronic Information**

A motion was carried to transition to e-mail distribution of newsletters and other AAAP mailings by the 2003 annual meeting.

A motion was carried to develop a member-only area of the website for a cost of about \$600.

A new list serve will be developed for AAAP members.

An online credit card purchasing option for AAAP educational materials is being investigated.

### **Awards**

Dr. John Smith reported on the Awards Committee activities.

There were 25 nominations for 9 awards and there is concern that the number of awards may be getting too high.



The L. Dwight Schwartz and Richard B. Rimler scholarships have provisions to give more than one award in a given year. In 2003, one Rimler and one Schwartz scholarship will be given.

The Pharmacia-Upjohn Achievement Award was not given this year. Pharmacia no longer has the funds to continue with award. If a new sponsor is found for next year, this year's chosen recipient will receive the award next year.

The Pfizer Research Award has been on-again, off-again for the past several years. This year, Dr. Sharma, who was chosen as last year's recipient was awarded. The award will not be given next year. AVMF is re-evaluating the achievement awards and will make a decision next year for about awards for the following year. It was suggested that if they offer it AAAP should decline to participate.

Dr. Eckroade has contacted a potential benefactor for either the achievement or research award and the person is interested in funding the achievement award with a contribution of \$50,000 but it is conditional on the sale of property.

A motion was carried to allow Dr. Eckroade to approach the member with slightly changed award criteria.

There is another member who may be interested in funding the Research Award and will be approached.

A motion was carried authorizing the awards committee to give achievement and research awards even if the commercial sponsor does not fund them.

A motion was carried to move the deadline for all awards to December 1 each year.

## **Audit**

Dr. Eckroade reviewed the 2001/02 audit that was prepared by Elko & Associates Ltd.

The financial statement is divided into 4 responsibility areas (Business Manager, Avian Diseases Journal, Educational Material, and Miscellaneous). Revenues and expenses for each category were as follows:

Business Manager - revenue = \$58,885, expense = \$54,273; Avian Disease Journal - revenue = \$130,005, expense = \$142,505; Educational Material - revenue = \$22,583, expense = \$11,557; Miscellaneous - revenue = \$38,544, expense = \$61,676.

There was a net loss of \$19,994 for the year.

## **Budget**

Dr. Eckroade reviewed the proposed budget for 2002/03.

A motion was carried to accept the proposed budget with the addition of \$13,500 for WVPA expenses.

A motion was carried to increase membership dues and subscriptions \$20 each for 2003. During a Board conference call held on September 9, 2002 at 2:00 pm, Drs. Naqi, Donahoe, Eckroade, Owen, and Salem carried a motion to make the dues and subscription increase \$40 and to offer a \$20 discount to members and subscribers not requesting a paper copy of *Avian Diseases*.

AAAP Foundation will be asked to pay an administrative fee to the association. Dr. Eckroade will determine what percentage of time is spent by business office personnel on the Foundation and recommend a fee amount to the Board in 2003.

AAAP Foundation will be asked to take over the Special Service and P.P. Levine Awards.

## **Honoraria**

A motion was carried to increase the honorarium for the Business Manager and the Editor of *Avian Diseases* by \$500 each for a total of \$11,500 each.

## **Nominating Committee**

The Committee submitted the following names. Dr. Syed Naqi for President, Dr. Elizabeth Krushinskies for President-elect, Dr. Robert Eckroade for Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. Robert Owen for Director-at-large.

The Nominating Committee report was accepted as presented.

Members who are nominated for office by the Nominating Committee will be notified as early as possible that they will probably be elected and should plan to attend the Wednesday morning Board meeting.

A motion was carried to hold a special election at the 2002 business meeting to elect the 2003 Secretary-Treasurer. An election committee of Drs. Fred Hoerr (chair), Mark Bland and Mariano Salem was appointed.

## **Southern District Election**

Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala was elected to serve as the Southern District Director. She will replace Dr. Fred Hoerr. Thank you Dr. Hoerr.

Dr. John Schleiffer asked the Board to consider a proposal to change the Constitution and By-laws to allow for review and possible reapportionment of the Northeastern, Southern, Central and Western Districts every ten years with the goal of providing balanced membership distribution in each of the four districts. It was decided that the districts are based on geography and not numbers and no changes are necessary.

## **Symposia**

Dr. Vergil Davis reported that the "Poultry Vaccines and Vaccination Practices" Symposium went well even though the meeting room was totally inadequate.

A proposal from the Toxic, Infectious, Miscellaneous, and Emerging Diseases (TIME) Committee to hold a Symposium on Emerging Diseases in 2004 was presented by Dr. Shivaprasad. A program has been developed but is not final because what may be an emerging disease now may not be a problem in 2004.

A motion was carried to hold the TIME Symposium in 2004.

The Symposium Procedure Guidelines will be sent to all committee chairs each year.

## **AAAP/AVMA Scientific Program Report**

Dr. Bruce Stewart-Brown reported that there were 105 oral and 51 poster presentations in the program this year. Nine papers were pulled by the author at the last minute. Three "hot topics" were added just before the meeting but there will be six holes in the program.

The 2002 Hiram N. Lasher History Paper will be presented by Dr. S.B. Hitchner.

The meeting rooms for the 2002 meeting were totally inadequate. Drs. Stewart-Brown, Eckroade, and Naqi will each send letters about the room assignments to Dr. Bruce Little, AVMA Executive Vice President. All AAAP meeting attendees will be encouraged to write letters of their own. Dr. Halvorson asked the Board to consider investigating meeting sites separate from AVMA for 2004 and beyond.

The committee worked well together developing the keynote speaker portions of the 2003 Scientific Program. So far, AVMA has also been very cooperative with issues for the 2003 program. There will be about \$80,000 from AVMA for the 2003 program but it is still unclear how much freedom the Program Committee will have in distributing the funds to the speakers. Letters of invitation will be needed from some international attendees for travel visas to the United States.

Thank you Dr. Stewart-Brown for a job well done.

## **AVMA Related Matters**

Drs. Mo Saif and Gregg Cutler gave the delegates report to the Board. Thank you Drs. Saif and Cutler for a job well done.

AVMA committee appointments were reviewed. Dr. Eric Gingerich was appointed to the AVMA Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee and Dr. Billy Hargis was appointed to the AVMA Committee on Environmental Issues.

A motion was carried to appoint Dr. Elizabeth Krushinskie as the AAAP alternate representative to the Clinical Practitioners Advisory Committee to the Council on Biologics and Therapeutic Agents.

Dr. Elizabeth Krushinskie was not elected to serve on the AVMA Council on Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Stanley Kleven was not elected to serve on the AVMA Council on Research.

Dr. Eric Gonder was not elected to serve on the AVMA Committee on Disaster and Emergency Issues. Dr. G. Thomas Holder was elected instead. Dr. Donahoe will write a letter to AVMA expressing concern that the AAAP nominee was not chosen for a poultry position.

AAAP will do everything possible to support members nominated for AVMA Councils and Committees. AAAP members must get more involved with state veterinary medical associations and communicate with AVMA delegates from their state to solicit support for AAAP candidates. Getting candidates elected is a very political process.

Resolutions 6 and 7 concerning induced molting in layer hens were presented to the House of Delegates. Resolution 6 was co-sponsored by AAAP and AAV and resolution 7 came from the Animal Rights group. The AVMA Executive Board was pleased that AAAP was very proactive this year on the molting issue. They are very concerned about animal welfare issues and AAAP must be very sensitive to these issues. Resolution 6 was passed unanimously and Resolution 7 was defeated unanimously.

Karen Burns will be invited to attend AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference. If she is not available then Kellye Bessinger will be invited.

A letter from AVMA expressing concern about the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) encouraging its member boards to circumvent the rigorous Educational Commission for foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) licensing program for the less demanding, unproven Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence was discussed. Dr. Willie Reed mentioned that at one time there was a large backlog of veterinarians waiting to be licensed and this was an attempt to make the process shorter. There is no longer a backlog and the shorter process is not necessary. No action will be taken.

Susan Goldberg, a representative for the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) stopped by with Michael Chaddock and Rick Zapala, congressional fellows from the AVMF Congressional Fellowship Program, to thank AAAP for support of the program and asked



for continuing support. Both enjoyed the time spent in Washington.

A note about the Congressional Fellowship will be put in Newsletter and Dr. Trisha Marsh will be contacted about possibly doing a fellowship.

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

## **WVPA**

Dr. Witter reported that planning for the World Veterinary Poultry Congress that will be held in conjunction with AVMA in Denver in 2003 is going well. There have been several meetings with AVMA to work out the details of the meeting and hotel and dormitory rooms have been reserved. The meeting website is up, the second mailing is scheduled for September 1, and fundraising has begun.

There is still concern that members will be upset with the change in meeting structure and increase in registration fees to attend. The committee must continue to communicate to the membership the benefits and opportunities associated with this meeting.

International attendees may have trouble getting a visa to attend but there is not much we can do to help. We will send a generic letter of invitation.

Nominations for the Houghten Trust Lecture will be solicited in 2003 for the 2005 award. AAAP should submit several nominations from the United States. A note about this will be published in Newsletter and Drs. Naqi and Donahoe will form a committee to put together the nominations.

## **Long Range Planning Committee**

Dr. Don Waldrup reported that the committee was satisfied with the process in place to elect the new secretary-treasurer.

Last year, the committee was charged with making a recommendation to the Board about a potential organization name change that had been requested by several members.

A motion was carried to continue with American Association of Avian Pathologists as the name of the organization.

The motion last year to delay action on the recommendation by the Long Range Planning Committee to hold two Board meetings per year until the meeting this year was followed up by discussion and a motion carried to continue to hold one full meeting per year and conference calls as necessary.

Last year's motion to table the Long Range Planning Committee's recommendation of two year presidential terms was followed up by a motion carried to maintain one year presidential terms.

Dr. Waldrip reported that there were no new issues for the committee to discuss and it would remain inactive until needed.

### **ACPV**

There was discussion about how to get ACPV representation on the AAAP Board. Possibilities such as changing the AAAP Constitution and By-Laws to add an ACPV position, have the ACPV Secretary-Treasurer be the representative and always be on the AAAP Board or have a Board member who is also an ACPV member be the representative. It was decided that ACPV will review the AAAP Board list each year and notify AAAP which Board member will be the ACPV representative.

A motion was carried to ask ACPV to send a letter each year notifying AAAP which Board member will be the ACPV representative.

Dr. Dennis Wages reported that 16 candidates took the exam and the pass rate was about 40%. Credentialing and publication issues were discussed at the Board meeting.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

A letter of support from AAAP for a state veterinary licensing issue was requested by a member. The consensus of the Board was not to get involved with a single case but to re-activate the Veterinary Licensing Committee to address the principle concerns of multi-state licensure. Drs. Bland and Hofacre will write up the committee charges. Dr. Eckroade will write a letter to the member stating that AAAP can not get involved in a single case but will re-activate the committee.

Dr. Don Lein would like AAAP to submit names for a Chair and Co-chair of a NIAA Avian Health Committee. The committee objective will be to seek consensus on issues based on scientific reasoning and to move forward to promote issues. The issues are mostly industry oriented environmental and welfare issues.

A motion was carried to nominate Drs. Charles Corsiglia and Buzz Klopp for the NIAA Avian Health Committee Chair and Co-Chair. Dr. Eckroade will ask them if they are interested and notify NIAA.

Dr. I.D. Russell reported on CAST activities for the year. The main focus has been on food safety and security issues and increasing membership. CAST would like to have more individual memberships from AAAP. A simple application and dues are all that is required. Dr. Russell would like to be replaced as the AAAP representative in 2003.

Dr. Naqi again expressed his concern about CAST's position on some issues. He was involved with a CAST report that he felt was not something AAAP would want to be associated with. Dr. I.D. Russell, AAAP's representative in CAST, will be asked to communicate any concerns with issues to the Board.

A motion was carried to continue membership in NIAA and CAST.

Dr. Robert Silva requested financial support for the *Workshop on Molecular Pathogenesis of Marek's Disease and Avian Immunology* which will be held in Limassol, Cyprus in October 2002. The funds must be used to support travel to the meeting for a scientist working in the U.S. The meeting organizers will be asked for documentation on how the funds were used.

A motion was carried to support the *Workshop on Molecular Pathogenesis of Marek's Disease and Avian Immunology* with \$5,000.

Dr. Naqi was given the charge of creating the committees and making sure they are well balanced. He will appoint a Chair and Vice-chair and will attempt to assign as many new members as possible to the committees.

Dr. H.L. Shivaprasad was given the ok to re-establish the histopathology interest group which will meet during the AVMA meeting.

Drs. Fussell, Hoerr, and Hofacre are retiring from the Board this year. Thank you.