

The American Association of Avian Pathologists
45th Annual Meeting
July 16, 2002
Nashville, Tennessee

The 45th annual meeting of the American Association of Avian Pathologists was called to order by Dr. John Donahoe, President at 10:50 AM. The meeting was attended by approximately 140 members.

Dr. Donahoe asked the membership to pause for a moment of silence to remember our members who passed away this year. Drs. C.W. Darby, Ernest Waller, George Stein, Catherine Fabricant.

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

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee placed into nomination Dr. Elizabeth Krushinskie for President-elect, Dr. Robert J. Eckroade for Secretary-Treasurer (2002/03), and Dr. Robert Owen for Director-at-large.

There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion was carried to accept the Nominating Committee Report as presented.

The Nominating Committee placed into nomination two candidates, Drs. Charles Hofacre and Sherrill Davison, for Secretary-Treasurer to take office in July 2003.

There were no nominations from the floor

A motion was carried to close the nomination and written ballots were distributed. An election committee consisting of Drs. Fred Hoerr (chair), Mark Bland and Mariano Salem counted the ballots. Dr. Charles Hofacre won by a vote of 80 to 75 and will take office in July 2003 replacing Dr. Robert Eckroade.

Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Dr. Donahoe recognized three Board members leaving the Board this year. Dr. Charles Hofacre, past president, Dr. Fred Hoerr, Southern Region Director, and Dr. Leonard Fussell, Director at large.

Southern Region Election

Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala has been elected to serve as the Southern Region Director for the next four years. She will replace Dr. Fred Hoerr who completed his term this year.

Audit Committee Report

Drs. Charles Hofacre reported that the financial statement prepared by Elko and Associates for AAAP,

Inc. and AAAP Foundation, Inc. appeared to be in order.

45th Annual Report

Dr. Eckroade reported that the American Association of Avian Pathologists is entering its 46th year with a total membership of 1050 (798 domestic and 252 international). 821 (647 domestic and 174 international) of the 1050 members have paid their 2002 dues or are life or retired members and are exempt from paying dues. The membership consists of 597 members (458 domestic and 139 international), 189 associate members (166 domestic and 23 international), 110 retired members (99 domestic and 11 international), 27 life members (26 domestic and 1 international), 44 student members (41 domestic and 3 international) and 83 international associate members (8 domestic and 75 international).

Subscriptions to *Avian Diseases* and sales of educational material were down this year. Interest income was also down. Expenses were up this year in part because of the new expenses associated with the annual meeting such as the cost of a projectionist and printing of the abstract book. AAAP finished the year with a net loss of just under \$20,000.

It is very difficult to predict what will happen to the overall financial status of AAAP next year because we continue to experience increased costs for the annual meeting and the cost of the abstract book and second projectionist. Electronic publication of *Avian Diseases* and the production of slide study sets on CD-Rom will also likely affect income and the World Veterinary Poultry Association Meeting which will be sponsored by the AAAP and AVMA in 2003 will result in significant increases in the cost of the meeting and is yet another unknown factor in the economic status of AAAP in the near future.

Highlights of the AAAP and AAAP Foundation Board Meetings

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

Members were reminded that we need 500 AVMA members to maintain allied status. All veterinarians should belong to AVMA and be active in their state associations..

A motion was carried to transition to e-mail distribution of newsletters and other AAAP mailings by the 2003 annual meeting so please keep the business office informed of e-mail address changes.

Dues and subscription prices will increase for 2003.

Approved the proposal by the Electronic Information Committee to publish *Avian Diseases* online beginning with the first issue in 2003.

Dr. Elizabeth Krushinskie will be appointed to the AVMA Clinical Practitioner Advisory Committee, an advisory committee to COBTA (council on Biologics and Therapeutic Agents), as an alternate representative.

Dr. Billy Hargis was appointed to the AVMA Committee on Environmental Issues.

Dr. Tom Holder was appointed to the AVMA Committee on Disaster and Emergency Issues.

Dr. Eric Gingerich was appointed to the AVMA Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee.

A motion was carried to support the *Workshop on Molecular Pathogenesis of Marek's Disease and Avian Immunology* with \$5,000. This workshop will be held in Limassol, Cyprus in October 2002.

A motion was carried to again support the American Veterinary Medical Foundation Congressional Fellowship Program with \$2,000.

A CD-rom containing all 25 slide study sets will be produced and available for sale in 2003. The Foundation will support the project with \$10,000.

A motion was carried to appoint a small committee made up of Drs. Hofacre, Anthony, Cutler, Eskelund, and Eckroade as the business office liaison to investigate small investment firms and report back to the Board.

The awards nominations deadline will be moved to December 1 from February 1 beginning this year.

A motion was carried to support the 2003 WVPA/AAAP/AVMA meeting with \$10,000 for travel funds for international speakers from developing countries.

A motion was carried to donate \$2,900 to the Christian Veterinary Mission (CVM) to pay for printing of the French translation of *Raising Healthy Poultry*.

A motion was carried to accept the report from the AAAP and AAAP Foundation Boards of Directors.

WVPA Congress Committee

Drs. Witter, Eckroade, Cardona and Stewart-Brown reported that the joint WVPA/AVMA/AAAP meeting in Denver in 2003 is a unique opportunity for a very good meeting.

The meeting format will be different for this joint meeting. There will be three concurrent scientific sessions and social functions such as a welcome reception, gala banquet, and a closing ceremony with a western theme in addition to the normal AAAP/AVMA events. The program will start on Sunday and run through a full day Wednesday. The traditional AAAP Symposium will not be held. There will be a \$125 surcharge for this meeting and everyone must pay it. \$100 of this will be used by AAAP to support the meeting and \$25 will go to AVMA. Please register with the form you receive from AAAP not the one from AVMA because they will be different. The badges will be different and only registrants who have paid the additional fee will be able to attend.

Please do not let the inadequate meeting rooms this year deter you from attending next year. This year room changes were made after the site visit. Next year a trip will be made to Denver after all room assignments have been made to ensure adequate facilities. There will be twelve keynote speakers, the Houghten Lecture, and the Hiram N. Lasher History Paper. There will be a nice mix of domestic and international speakers and more posters. Please pay attention to deadlines for title submissions.

There will be several added social functions at this meeting that can be shared with "1,000 friends". The closing event will be held at the Denver Museum of Natural Science. Please come to Denver with "smiles, joy and hospitality".

The budget for this meeting exceeds \$300,000. Those in a position to influence company contributions, please plan and budget for them and make them early. Thank you.

There will be dorm rooms at the University of Denver available. The cost will be about \$45 for a single room sharing a bath and kitchen with another single room.

This will be a one of a kind meeting and we look forward to seeing you there.

AVMA Delegate Report

Dr. Mo Saif reported that a resolution on induced molting was again submitted by the animal rights veterinarians and defeated unanimously. This year AAAP and AAV became proactive and also submitted a resolution on induced molting which was passed unanimously. AVMA was pleased that AAAP has taken a proactive approach. They take welfare issues very seriously.

Members interested in running for AVMA Councils and Committees should contact Drs. Cutler, Eckroade or Saif. Please do not get discouraged if you are not elected or appointed the first time.

Thank you Drs. Saif and Cutler for the great job you do for AAAP.

Scientific Program Committee 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 was presented by Dr. S.B. Hitchner. Please remember to look for a copy of the abstract book that we pass out at the meeting for a copy of the final program.

The problems with the meeting rooms will be discussed with AVMA. Dr. Stewart-Brown will travel to Denver next year just before the meeting to be sure the final rooms assigned to us are reasonable. After the meeting, Dr. Eckroade received a letter of apology for the meeting room problems from Dr. Bruce Little, AVMA Executive Vice President. We will all work harder in the future to ensure that this does not happen again.

Thank you Dr. Stewart-Brown.

Poultry Vaccines and Vaccination Practices Symposium

Dr. Vergil Davis reported that the "Poultry Vaccines and Vaccination Practices" Symposium went well even though the meeting room was totally inadequate. Thank you everyone for your patience and perseverance with the room situation.

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. 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

Drs. John McCarty and John Smith thanked everyone for the great submissions and reported that the deadline for nominations will move to December 1.

The Pharmacia Achievement Award was pulled by the sponsor this year and the Pfizer Research Award has been pulled for next year. Hopefully new benefactors will be found and the awards will become AAAP awards.

Posters must be up by mid-afternoon on Sunday in order to be judged.

Thank you committee members for all your hard work. Thank you Drs. McCarty and Smith.

Membership Committee

Dr. Elizabeth Krushinskie reported that there are now 1,050 members of AAAP. There are still quite a few members who have not paid their 2002 dues. Please send payment to the business office.

Thank you Dr. Susan Williams for coordinating volunteers to "man" the booth in the exhibit hall and thank you to all who worked. The booth will be set up in Atlanta at the International Poultry Exposition.

Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship Committee

Dr. Steve Roney reported that there were eight very qualified applicants this year. There were insufficient funds to award all applicants. Six were asked to accept \$1,200 each instead of the \$1,500 stated in the application, one was awarded \$1,000 which came from a recent donation from Dr. Eskelund to be used specifically for this student and one was not funded but asked to apply again next year.

Thank you Dr. Eskelund for making the Preceptorship Program possible.

History Committee

Dr. Cardona reported that the archives at Iowa State University are progressing, a history article will be published in *Avian Diseases*, and the first Hiram N. Lasher History paper was given this year by Dr. Stephen Hitchner.

Thank you Dr. Cardona.

Toxic, Infectious, Miscellaneous, and Emerging Diseases Committee

Dr. Shivaprasad reported that the committee met and presented a proposal for a symposium on emerging diseases to the Board of Directors. The symposium will be held in 2004.

Education Committee

Dr. Andrea Miles reported that several projects such as revision of the AAAP Brochure and some of the web pages have been completed.

A CD-rom containing the existing 25 slide study sets is being developed and will be available in the near future. New and revised slide sets are needed.

Diseases of Poultry

Dr. Mo Saif reported that the 11th edition of *Diseases of Poultry* will be published in December 2002. The book will have bigger pages, be sturdier, easier to work with, and not be quite as thick. There will also be a CD available that will be sold separately. Dr. Eckroade will attempt to work out a special member price with Iowa State University Press. Thank you Drs. Saif, Barnes, Glisson, Fadly, Swayne, and McDougald.

Electronic Information Committee

Dr. David Ley reported that website has been re-designed and will be ready soon, the Board is investigating online distribution of *Avian Diseases*, and the slide study sets will be available on CD in the near future.

Old Business

None

New Business

Dr. Donahoe thanked AAAP for the enjoyable year as president.

The John Delaplaine gavel was passed to Dr. Syed Naqi and a Past President plaque was presented to Dr. Donahoe. Thank you Dr. Donahoe for the great job you have done this year.

A motion was carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 PM.