

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AVIAN PATHOLOGISTS

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The Education Committee has continued its efforts to expand avian veterinary education during the past year.

1. Nearly 5,000 career brochures were sent to committee liaison people at many of the veterinary colleges in the United States and Canada. Also distributed was a slide presentation set on careers in avian medicine. The purpose of these materials is to inform veterinary students of an aspect of their chosen career largely unfamiliar to them. It also may create some "demand push" on veterinary faculties to provide additional information on avian subjects. The response to this effort has been encouraging.

A limited number of copies of the career brochure are available for AAAP members. Members of the organization may also obtain copies of the slide set on a loan basis from the committee chairperson.

2. To further encourage interested veterinary students in avian medicine, the committee has developed a list of short-term employment opportunities. The list has been distributed via our liaison people to appropriate administrative people at the veterinary colleges. Many of the opportunities carried small salaries, but some were for unfunded positions. It was the committee's hope that a small amount of funding could be generated from the poultry industry. A letter requesting support was sent to all SEPEA members and was carried in a PEIA newsletter. Response to date has been nil; understandable under current economic conditions in the industry. The committee hopes to continue these efforts at a later date. The assistance of all AAAP members in seeking financial support for such positions would be greatly appreciated by the committee. Please contact the committee so the listing can be updated if there are any members who can create new short-term positions.
3. The position paper published two years ago still has not been distributed. The committee had planned to formulate specific curriculum guidelines to be available to veterinary schools wishing to increase coverage of avian subjects. The soon-to-be published teaching manual has created a need for a reassessment of the Education Committee's approach to curriculum development. This examination of goals and methods is underway and hopefully proposals will be submitted to the board for consideration at the annual meeting in Washington, D. C.
4. Recently, lines of communication have been developed between the Education Committee and the faculty at the newly-created veterinary school at Tufts University. This communication has developed as a result of the help of AAAP members in New England. The Education Committee will keep these lines of communication open and provide as much input to Tufts on avian curriculum development as is available from committee members and from other experienced AAAP members.

5. The AAAP, through the Education Committee, continues to support outside speakers at regional meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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