



69th Annual Report American Association of Avian Pathologists, Inc. For year ending April 30, 2026

The American Association of Avian Pathologists, Inc. (AAAP), a nonprofit 501(c)(6) organization, is in a strong financial position. Our mission is to facilitate member collaboration to advance science-based knowledge, expertise, and education on poultry health, welfare, and food safety. We achieve this through scientific meetings, publications, and outreach to poultry professionals and students. Our vision is to be the premier organization that advances science-based knowledge, expertise, and education on poultry health, welfare, and food safety to provide member value and stakeholder trust. AAAP is well-equipped to continue this mission and vision through active member engagement and financial stability.

Our accounting firm, Smoak, Davis & Nixon, located in Jacksonville, Florida, has prepared our financial reports, which have been reviewed by the AAAP Auditing Committee and included in the agenda materials for all Board members. Our fiscal year is from May 1- April 30th.

Financial Overview

AAAP's net assets grew to \$2,127,292 in FY2025, an increase of \$248,553 from the previous year. In March of 2026 AAAP invested another \$125,000 from our CDs into our investment accounts.

Investment Portfolio

- **Charles Schwab Account** (managed by Longview Financial): \$744,845 in long-term investments, and \$377,796 in CDs. AAAP has 8 CD's which are managed by our financial advisor at the board's direction. Most CDs have an expiration date of February 2027.

Operational Funds

In 2026 AAAP took advantage of the new **AVMA Affiniti Financial Program** moving most of our funds from VyStar Credit Union to AVMA Affiniti. In January 2026 the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) introduced the AVMA World Elite Business Mastercard (AVMACard.com), a new financial tool designed to help ease one of the ongoing burdens of running a business, managing everyday financial operations without adding complexity or cost. Affiniti is a financial technology company. Our Banking services are provided by Thread Bank, Member FDIC.

With this program all our funds now earn 3% interest with strong platform benefits such as ACH and check payments with no fees. All funds are also now fully insured up to \$3M with FDIC Insurance and not limited to \$250,000 per bank. At the end of our fiscal year \$975,172 was moved to our Affiniti account with \$6,278 remaining with PNC, and \$23,472 remaining with VyStar Credit Union. By the end of 2027 we anticipate that all our funds will be with AVMA Affiniti.

Membership remains strong and stable, with total membership growing to 1,089, a net increase of 14 members. Following the Board-approved dues increase, membership revenue rose nearly 7% year-over-year to \$179,283, now representing 18% of total organizational income. The growth reflects both the rate adjustment and continued modest gains in overall membership, underscoring the value members continue to place on their AAAP membership.

We thank the Membership Committee and Dr. Eliza Ripplinger, for their outstanding leadership this year.

Membership Engagement Overview

AAAP's Inc committee structure was reorganized two years ago and focus around four pillars that are each led by a director. We are indebted to our four pillar division directors for their leadership.

- **Membership Committee** (Membership, Diversity and Inclusion, Women's Network committees)- Dr. Andrea Zedek.
- **Educational Resources Committee** (Educational Resources, History of Avian Medicine, External Relations (Outreach), Research Priorities)- Dr. Rob Porter
- **Food Safety, Animal Welfare, and Regulatory Committee** (Food Safety, Animal Welfare and Management Practices, Therapeutics, Biologics, and Bioprotection)- Dr. Bruce Stewart-Brown
- **Poultry Diseases Committee** (Enteric, Respiratory, Tumor Virus, Emerging Diseases, Epidemiology Committees)- Dr. Charles Hofacre
- The other committees were broken into Constitutional Committees and Interest groups. Foundation committees are a separate entity as well.

Annual Meeting and Sponsorship Overview

2026 Meeting Success AAAP held our third independent meeting in Portland in 2025, attracting 739 participants. For our 2026 Orlando meeting, we are anticipating over 780 attendees a strong showing despite some unexpected government travel restrictions that affected attendance.

We maintained the successful three-day format and expanded recorded online content for both in-person and virtual attendees.

Registration revenue increased to \$294,496.00 (this number comes after the close of FY2026), compared to \$231,051 the previous year and representing 51% of AAAP's total revenue. We continued with a \$100 speaker registration fee while continuing free student registration and travel support for students.

Sponsorship: Sponsorship revenue decreased to \$131,175 from 57 sponsors compared to \$143,500 from 65 sponsors last fiscal year, not due to the intense efforts from our sponsorship committee. It is important that we continue to create more impactful sponsor incentives and value to increase our levels of sponsors. We welcome feedback from our sponsors. Special recognition goes to Drs. Kabel Robbins, Reece Bowers, and John Schleifer for their outstanding work.

We thank all sponsors, especially our Diamond level partners: Boehringer Ingelheim, CEVA, Elanco, Huvepharma, Merck Animal Health, and Zoetis. All Diamond and Platinum sponsors receive a free booth at our exhibitor hall, while others are welcome to participate in our exhibitor showcase.

Future Meetings

- **2027 (70th Annual):** Joint meeting with Poultry Science Association in Fort Worth, TX at Omni Fort Worth Hotel, July 12-15- a milestone celebration of AAAP's 70-year legacy
- **2028 (71st Annual):** AAAP 71st Annual Meeting - Scottsdale, Arizona, Fairmont Scottsdale Princess, July 25 - July 27, 2028
- **2029 TBD**

Program Excellence We extend heartfelt thanks to Tak Niino and the AAAP Program Advisory Committee for navigating this year's challenges. Our six-member Program Committee conducts blind abstract reviews to ensure quality programming. Tak will be discussing more details of the program in his committee report.

Avian Diseases Journal Overview

Financial Performance The journal generated \$234,070 in total revenue (\$107,017 in royalties from BioOne and JSTOR, \$63,837 in subscription revenue, and \$60,416 in open access charges and \$2,800 in advertising), contributing 23% of AAAP's total revenue. While subscription revenue increased from \$51,990, open access charges increased by \$27,596, reflecting our hybrid publishing model's success.

After a careful review of competing offers to manage Avian Diseases, the decision was made to retain our current publisher KGL. The journal profitability continues to increase as well as the quality and quantity of our manuscript submissions.

Publishing Evolution We completed the transition away from print subscriptions in 2023 due to rising costs and member preference for digital access. The journal remains available through print-on-demand for individual issue orders while maintaining full online content hosting.

All AAAP members enjoy free access to journal content.

Editorial Leadership We thank Dr. Randall Singer as Editor-in-Chief for bringing fresh leadership and for engaging our evolving scientific community needs. We thank Dr. Singer, the Editorial and Advisory Boards, and all contributing authors for their dedication to advancing avian disease research and knowledge.

Educational Materials Overview

Financial Performance Educational materials generated \$46,479 in revenue for 2026, down from \$72,604 in 2025, representing 5% of AAAP's total revenue. While expenses temporarily exceeded income due to reprinting two books, we expect to recover these costs through continued sales.

Online Course Success: The Poultry Medicine Course for Veterinarians in Private Practice, developed with the University of Kentucky, Utah State University, and Michigan State University through USDA-NIFA grant funding, generated \$10,201 in net profit through our revenue-sharing agreement which is similar to last fiscal year. Net sales for this program have significantly declined.

Continuing Education Expansion: Our enhanced webinar program produced \$3,280 down from \$8,340 in revenue through live and recorded sessions. We're exploring process improvements to increase impact and reach. Net income is not growing as expected. Any suggestions on member needs would be welcomed.

We are excited to announce a new publication this year thanks to Drs. H John Barnes and Tahseen Abdul-Aziz, titled *Avian Diagnostic Cases: Pathology and Diagnosis*. We anticipate that this book will generate solid revenues quickly.

We thank the Education Committee and Chair Dr. Kristen Roza-Sutherland for leading so many productive initiatives this past year.

Volunteer Leadership and Management

AAAP's volunteer-driven mission continues with strong financial backing and dedicated leadership.

AVMA Partnership: We thank Dr. Karen Burns-Grogan as our AVMA HOD delegate and Dr. Michelle Kromm as the alternate who maintain our critical engagement with AVMA. As an AVMA Constituent Allied Organization, we maintained House of Delegates representation and committee participation. We successfully

met the 2026 approval criteria (of 300) with 388 US veterinary members also holding AVMA membership, critical for continued professional advocacy.

After the meeting, the office will be sending out a meeting survey. Please be sure to take the time to take the survey and voice the positives and negatives of our annual meeting. We evaluate this to improve future meetings. The board also reads and considers every comment from the survey. Also, member suggestions for future meeting locations are used to investigate our upcoming meetings.

Management Team: Our appreciation goes to Lauren Willins, Willow Frasier, and Bob Bevans-Kerr for their exceptional dedication. We also acknowledge the 2.5 years of service from Lily Peterson who has concluded her engagement as a staff member, and we wish her well in her future endeavors. We welcome our two newest staff members, Ben Geesey and Mohammed Hassan, we look forward to your contributions.

EVP

Welcome to Dr. Ken Opengart our new Executive Vice President. I know that AAAP is in good hands.

Finally, I am grateful for the past ten years serving as your Executive Vice President for the AAAP, the Foundation and the ACPV. In handing over the gavel to our new EVP, I know great things are ahead as we continue to grow and serve our members and the profession.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our organization's continued success.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne McComb', with a stylized, cursive script.

Suzanne McComb, Executive Vice President
AAAP Inc.