



American Association of Avian Pathologists, Inc.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

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VISION STATEMENT

AAAP will 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.

MISSION STATEMENT

AAAP facilitates member collaboration to advance science-based knowledge, expertise, and education on poultry health, welfare, and food safety.

Date	Monday, July 27, 2026
Location	Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, Kahili/Lily Room, and via Zoom
Called to order	10:47 AM ET
Adjourned	5:00 PM ET
Presiding	Jose Linares, President
Recorded by	Ben Geesey
Quorum	12 of 12 voting directors in attendance

Attendance

Category	Names
Directors present	Claudia Osorio, TJ Gaydos, Wayne Collins, Ivan Alvarado, Rick Phillips, Rodrigo Gallardo, Kate Barger Weathers, Kabel Robbins, Rana Waqar Tabish
Directors absent	None
Officers / staff	Jose Linares, Susan Williams, Suzanne McComb/ Bob Bevans-Kerr, Ben Geesey
Guests	Ken Opengart, Naola Ferguson-Noel, Ruediger Hauck, Eric Orozco, Pankaj P Gaonkar Jennifer Quammen, Karen Grogan, Michele Kromm, Algis Martines, Randy Singer, David Swayne, Martine Boulianne, Mostafa Ghanem, Ricardo Munoz, Tak Niino, Brigetta Hughes, Kent McCure, Mike Lent, Bruce Stewart-Brown, Andrea Zedek, Robert Porter, Louise Zavala, Don McIntyre, Steve Olson, Milos Markis

Summary of Board Actions

#	Motion	Moved	Seconded	Result
1	Approved minutes of April 17, 2026, Board of Directors meeting as presented.	Suzanne McComb	Rick Phillips	Carried
2	Approved minutes of June 12, 2026, Board of Directors meeting as presented.	TJ Gaydos	Rodrigo Gallardo	Carried
3	Accepted the management transition proposal as presented.	Suzanne McComb	Rodrigo Gallardo	Carried
4	Created a Management Transition Task Force with the members proposed, adding Kate Barger Weathers.	Suzanne McComb	Kabel Robbins	Carried
5	Approved the 2025–2026 End-of-Year Financial Report as presented.	TJ Gaydos	Rodrigo Gallardo	Carried
6	Approved the 69th Annual Report of the Executive Vice President as presented.	Rodrigo Gallardo	TJ Gaydos	Carried
7	Approved moving forward with a bid to host the 2031 WVPA Congress.	Susan Williams	Ivan Alvarado	Carried
8	Approved creation of a CAST task force.	Kate Barger Weathers	Ivan Alvarado	Carried

Action Items

#	Action	Owner	Due
1	Develop the RFP and present up to three ranked management options to the boards	Management Transition Task Force	January 2027
2	Schedule joint monthly briefing calls with the AAAP, AAAP Foundation and ACPV boards	Ken Opengart	September 2026
3	Complete the AAAP Onboarding form	All Board members, especially newly elected members	July 31, 2026
4	Present reserve/investment recommendation once 2026 Annual Meeting bills are paid	Bob Bevans-Kerr	October 2026
5	Submit Avian Disease Manual 9th edition chapter revisions	Martine Boulianne and contributing authors	October 2026
6	Complete updates to the coccidiosis, Marek's disease and serology slide sets	Education Committee	December 2026
7	Prepare the WVPA 2031 bid proposal	Bob Bevans-Kerr	May 2027
8	Form the CAST task force	Mostafa Ghanem	August 2026
9	Identify five candidate cities and issue RFPs for the 2029 Annual Meeting	AAAP office	January 2027

Proceedings

1. Call to Order and Antitrust Statement

President Jose Linares called the meeting to order at 10:47 AM ET, read the Antitrust Compliance Statement, and announced that the meeting and minutes were being recorded. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION	Approved the minutes of April 17, 2026, Board of Directors meeting as presented.
Moved	Suzanne McComb
Seconded	Rick Phillips
Result	Carried

MOTION	Approved the minutes of June 12, 2026, Board of Directors meeting as presented.
Moved	TJ Gaydos
Seconded	Rodrigo Gallardo
Result	Carried

3. Introduction of All BODs and Guests

All directors and guests introduced themselves.

4. AVMA President Introduction & Updates

Presenter: Jennifer Quammen, AVMA President

SUMMARY

- Jennifer Quammen introduced herself to the Board and highlighted AVMA's continued collaboration with AAAP on highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) response and antimicrobial stewardship.
- AVMA continued to work with USDA on HPAI surveillance, biosecurity and vaccination research, and endorsed and promoted AAAP's antimicrobial stewardship guidelines through joint educational webinars and new clinical resources.
- AVMA updated its animal welfare policies and euthanasia guidelines and continued legal guidance affirming the importance of the veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) in telemedicine.
- AVMA is developing practical AI guidance that emphasizes responsible adoption, data security and veterinarian oversight.

5. AVMA House of Delegates Report

Presenter: Michele Kromm, AVMA House of Delegates

SUMMARY

- AVMA membership exceeded 111,000, surpassing its 2025 goal. AVMA remained financially stable, with \$52 million in revenue, \$3.5 million in investment income and a net-asset increase of nearly \$917,000, and is investing \$5.9 million in strategic initiatives.

- The AVMA Council on Education remained recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Federal accreditation rule changes expected in late 2026 may require the Council to operate more independently from AVMA, possibly beginning in 2027–2028.
- The JAVMA impact factor rose from 1.6 to 2.3 and the AJVR impact factor from 1.3 to 1.6; the journals have published 51 video manuscripts with nearly 480,000 views.
- Regulatory and advocacy priorities include the MUMS 2.0 initiative to improve FDA approval pathways, FDA reauthorization of ADUFA and AGDUFA, Farm Bill provisions, veterinary access to xylazine, rural workforce expansion, and eliminating federal taxes on Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program awards. The AVMA Foundation awarded more than \$1 million in grants and scholarships and more than \$150,000 in disaster relief; the AVMA PAC raised approximately \$345,000 in 2025 (up 8%).
- The House of Delegates approved two bylaw amendments and four policy resolutions (animal abuse and neglect reporting, free-roaming cats, calf management standards, and recognition of One Health Day on November 3), and discussed AI governance in veterinary practice and New World screwworm preparedness.
- AVMA officers: Jennifer Quammen, President; Robert Knapp, President-Elect; Elizabeth Boggier, Vice President; Michael Lent, AAAP Board Liaison.

DISCUSSION & DECISIONS

- AAAP members were encouraged to support the AVMA Foundation and the AVMA PAC.

Full written report: see Appendix A.

6. Future Management Discussion

Presenter: Ken Opengart, Executive Vice President-Elect

SUMMARY

- Ken Opengart presented a proposal to manage the transition of AAAP, Inc., AAAP Foundation and ACPV management to a new management company through a request for proposals (RFP), led by a Management Transition Task Force. Proposed members were Ken Opengart, Susan Williams, Jose Linares, Chuck Hofacre, Andrea Zedek, Joel Cline and Bob Bevans-Kerr.
- The Task Force will select and rank up to three management options to present to the boards. AAAP, Inc., AAAP Foundation and ACPV each retain the right to decide on their own future management and will formally vote on the selection under their bylaws; because AAAP is the largest financial contributor, the boards are expected to entrust the final selection to the Task Force.
- The three boards will be briefed on RFP progress through a joint monthly call, with emails between calls as significant milestones occur. The Executive Vice President will schedule the briefings, and each organization's president will inform their board of the Task Force and the project timeline.
- The RFP will address all current management roles and responsibilities and include a scoring matrix to rank proposals. Current platform contracts (Personify AMS and LMS, and Oxford Abstracts) will be outlined; initial thinking is that these platforms will be handed to the new management company, which may keep them or recommend alternatives.
- Potential RFP respondents include Association Management Center (used by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists), The Poultry Federation, the Poultry Science Association, and other association management companies among ASAE members.

DISCUSSION & DECISIONS

- The Board added Kate Barger Weathers to the Task Force.

MOTION	To accept the management transition proposal as presented.
Moved	Suzanne McComb
Seconded	Rodrigo Gallardo

Result	Carried
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MOTION	To create a Management Transition Task Force with the members proposed, amended to add Kate Barger Weathers.
Moved	Suzanne McComb
Seconded	Kabel Robbins
Result	Carried

ACTION ITEMS

- Management Transition Task Force — develop the RFP and present up to three ranked management options to the boards — January Board Meeting
- Ken Opengart — schedule joint monthly briefing calls with the AAAP, AAAP Foundation and ACPV boards — dates to TBD

Full Task Force notes: see Appendix B.

7. AAAP Board Member Onboarding

Presenter: Bob Bevens-Kerr, Executive Director

SUMMARY

- Bob Bevens-Kerr welcomed new Board members and showed them how to access the AAAP Board Onboarding page and the AAAP Board of Directors page on the AAAP website.

ACTION ITEMS

- All Board members, especially newly elected members — complete the AAAP Onboarding form confirming they have read our governing documents and organizational policies — July 31, 2026

8. 2025–2026 End-of-Year Financial Report

Presenter: Bob Bevens-Kerr, Executive Director

SUMMARY

- Total assets grew from approximately \$1.8 million (FY2025) to \$2.1 million (FY2026).
- Total revenue decreased slightly: membership revenue rose modestly; educational-materials revenue fell by approximately \$30,000.
- Total expenses decreased by approximately \$170,000, largely because no new publications were produced this year. Audiovisual expense rose by approximately \$6,000 for the 2026 Annual Meeting.
- Advertising income is expected to return to approximately \$11,000 in 2026; unrealized gains increased by approximately \$50,000.
- Final figures will be available after all 2026 Annual Meeting food and beverage invoices are paid.

DISCUSSION & DECISIONS

- Bob Bevens-Kerr recommended avoiding Encore for future audiovisual services because of cost.
- AAAP holds a high level of liquid cash. The Board will decide how much to set aside in reserves once all meeting bills are paid.

MOTION	To approve the 2025–2026 End-of-Year Financial Report as presented.
Moved	TJ Gaydos
Seconded	Rodrigo Gallardo

Result	Carried
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ACTION ITEMS

- Bob Bevans-Kerr — present reserve/investment recommendation once meeting bills are paid — October 2026

Full financial statements: see Appendix C.

9. 69th AAAP Inc. Annual Report

Presenter: Suzanne McComb, Executive Vice President

SUMMARY

- Net assets increased to \$2.13 million in FY2025 (up \$248,553 year over year), and an additional \$125,000 was invested in March 2026.
- Membership increased to 1,089 members, generating \$179,283 in dues revenue (up 7%).
- The Annual Meeting remained AAAP's largest revenue source, with expected attendance above 780 and registration revenue of \$294,496. Avian Diseases contributed \$234,070 (23% of total revenue).
- AAAP moved its financial operations to the AVMA Affiniti banking platform, expanded educational resources and maintained 388 dual AAAP/AVMA veterinary members.
- The leadership transition to Executive Vice President-Elect Ken Opengart is under way.

DISCUSSION & DECISIONS

- The Board raised whether online committee meetings and online Annual Meeting recordings provide enough value to AAAP and should be reassessed. No referral was made.

MOTION	To approve the 69th Annual Report of the Executive Vice President as presented.
Moved	Rodrigo Gallardo
Seconded	TJ Gaydos
Result	Carried

Full written report: see Appendix D.

10. Education Committee Update

Presenter: Algis Martinez, Education Committee Co-Chair

SUMMARY

- The committee coordinated CE and non-CE educational webinars, including a paid quarterly CE webinar led by other committees, timely submission of topics for CE processing, and voting on approval of non-CE webinars, in close coordination with the AAAP office and committees.
- With the Respiratory Diseases Committee, the committee organized the 2026 Annual Meeting symposium "aMPV — Lessons Learned" (July 29, 2026). Invited speakers were Steven Clark, Silke Rautenschlein, Eric Orozco, Gunnar Dunnam and Robin Gilbert; moderators were Carmen Jerry, Ehsan Mohammadreza and Algis Martinez.
- The committee is working with the specialized committees to update the most-purchased slide sets (coccidiosis, Marek's disease and serology), with completion expected before the end of 2026.

DISCUSSION & DECISIONS

- The committee will consider sunsetting slide sets that are obsolete and no longer purchased.

ACTION ITEMS

- Education Committee — complete updates to the coccidiosis, Marek's disease and serology slide sets — December 31, 2026

11. Report on Avian Diseases Journal

Presenter: Randy Singer, Avian Diseases Editor

SUMMARY

- Avian Diseases has an impact factor of 1.3, which must improve for the journal to compete with top-tier journals. Marketing will be a priority; options include search engine optimization and AI tools to speed paper review.
- Three authors were nominated as 2026 BioOne Ambassadors (authors less than five years past completing an MS or PhD).
- The 2026 special issue, Protozoal Diseases of Poultry (*Eimeria* spp., *Histomonas meleagridis* and other parasites), will be a digital-only, fully open-access supplemental issue. Invited reviews publish free; original research publishes at open-access rates (\$1,500 members, \$2,000 non-members). The eight invited reviews represent a cost of \$12,000.
- A 2027 special issue is proposed for proceedings of the 12th International Symposium on Avian Influenza (ISAI), June 8–10, 2027, in Barcelona. Five of the journal's ten most-cited articles come from past ISAI proceedings, and AAAP holds \$25,000 from past ISAI meetings to pay open-access fees.
- Proposed changes: eliminate the Reviewers Board; restructure the editorial board as Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editors and Editorial Board Members (recognized in each issue, AAAP membership not required, committed to reviewing multiple articles per year, with reviews accepted and declined evaluated annually); offer a reviewer training webinar; and substantially revise the author guidelines along the lines of Poultry Science, requiring DOIs for references where available to help identify AI-generated content.

DISCUSSION & DECISIONS

- Questions put to the Board: whether to ask companies to donate to the 2026 special issue to offset the cost of invited reviews; whether to publish the ISAI papers as a special section of a regular issue or as a supplemental special issue, and whether to plan an additional 2027 special issue (papers could also be recruited from the 2027 AAAP/PSA Joint Meeting); whether AAAP will cover Randy Singer's cost to attend ISAI to recruit papers; and how to handle AI use in submitted articles.
- Travis Schaal, on behalf of the AAAP Foundation Financial Engagement Committee, proposed advertising donations to the AAAP Foundation in the journal, including named scholarships needing additional funding such as the Peter Woolcock and Trevor Bagust awards.

12. Update on Avian Influenza 3rd Edition

Presenter: David Swayne, Editor, Avian Influenza

SUMMARY

- As of July 14, 2026, the cover design, dedication, and preface and acknowledgments were complete. Whether Richard Slemons will write the foreword was to be known in the second week of July.
- Twenty-three of 25 chapters (92%) were complete and ready for the publisher. Chapter 11 (Gs/GD-related outbreaks since 1996) was in final revision, and a co-author was added to Chapter 21 (Vaccines) to complete the nucleic acid vaccine section.
- The table of contents, list of contributors, and online abstracts and keywords were 96% complete, pending Chapter 11. Wiley will prepare the index.
- The book is estimated at 704 pages, 466,035 words, 43 tables, 112 color figures and 52 authors (25 from the United States and 27 from 16 other countries).

13. Discussion on 2031 WVPA Meeting

Presenter: David Swayne, WVPA Board

SUMMARY

- Upcoming World Veterinary Poultry Association Congresses (WVPAC): XXIV, Brussels, Belgium, August 30–September 3, 2027; XXV, Melbourne, Australia, September 17–21, 2029.
- Regional meetings: 3rd Africa–Middle East, Istanbul, Turkey, September 2–4, 2026; 7th Asia, New Delhi, India, October 9–10, 2026. The next regional meetings will be decided at the 2026 meetings.
- Bids for the XXVI WVPAC (2031) are due May 2027; potential bidders include China, Colombia and Portugal. The WVPA Executive Committee is updating the bid package.
- WVPA officers: Sjaak de Wit, President; Nicolas Eterradosi, Past President; Clara Marin Orenga, Vice President; Rafiqul Islam, Secretary; Thijs Manders, Treasurer; members Aini Oderis, Greg Celliers and David Swayne; ex officio Damer Blake, Editor of Avian Pathology.

DISCUSSION & DECISIONS

- Target cities discussed for a U.S. bid are Atlanta, Chicago and Anaheim. Travel agents and consultants will help identify the top destinations.
- A July date is preferred to accommodate members with children, and the host city must meet metrics that appeal to WVPA voters.

MOTION	To move forward with a bid to host the 2031 WVPA Congress.
Moved	Susan Williams
Seconded	Ivan Alvarado
Result	Carried

ACTION ITEMS

- Bob Bevans-Kerr — prepare the WVPA 2031 bid proposal — May 2027

14. Update on Avian Disease Manual 9th Edition

Presenter: Martine Boulianne, Editor

SUMMARY

- All contributing authors were contacted and invited to take part in the revision, and every chapter in all four sections now has a confirmed author.
- Copies of the 8th edition are with all distributors.
- A new chapter will complement the existing poultry drug group course, and the manual will be restructured for a more logical flow: prevention; investigation and diagnosis; diseases; practical tools.

ACTION ITEMS

- Martine Boulianne and contributing authors — submit chapter revisions — October 31, 2026

15. Update on AAAP Epidemiology Manual

Presenter: Mostafa Ghanem and Ricardo Munoz

SUMMARY

- The AAAP Epidemiology Manual (1st edition) will be digital-first, with a 15–18-month timeline and five sections: foundations; study design and implementation; diagnostics and measurement; applied tools (DIY epi); and advanced and emerging topics.
- The authors requested a production budget and fundraising support to ensure the manual is published.

Full written proposal: see Appendix E.

16. CAST Task Force Recommendation

Presenter: Mostafa Ghanem and Ricardo Munoz

SUMMARY

- On December 30, 2025, Secretary of Agriculture Rollins issued a memorandum setting five USDA R&D priorities under a “Farmers First” mandate. CAST reviewed each priority against the peer-reviewed literature and developed a nonpartisan position.
- Gaps most relevant to AAAP are food security assistance, prevention of foodborne illness (despite poultry’s central role in the Salmonella and Campylobacter burden), and protection of public health, as One Health and zoonotic surveillance are narrowed to an invasive-species framing. CAST also noted that USDA has lost roughly 23,000 staff since January 2025, with ARS, APHIS and other mission agencies down 25–32%.

DISCUSSION & DECISIONS

- Options presented: endorse or amplify relevant portions of CAST’s position, communicate the gaps to members, coordinate with CAST’s advocacy channels (SAC/SoAR) and U.S. Poultry to convey the research gaps to Congress, or prepare an AAAP comment.

MOTION	To approve creation of a CAST task force.
Moved	Kate Barger Weathers
Seconded	Ivan Alvarado
Result	Carried

ACTION ITEMS

- Mostafa Ghanem — form the CAST task force — August 2026

17. Update on Diseases of Poultry 15th Edition

Presenter: David Suarez not present

SUMMARY

- Item was not covered

18. 2026 Annual Meeting Sponsorship Report

Presenter: Kabel Robbins

SUMMARY

- Sponsorship totaled \$131,700 (goal \$140,000). The highest past total was \$170,000, before COVID.
- Many of the sponsors lost in 2025–2026 were gold-level sponsors.

DISCUSSION & DECISIONS

- The Board discussed adding sponsor value to attract more support, improving sponsor tracking for the Board, and building personal connections and better communication with sponsors.
- A new, higher diamond tier was proposed for sponsors contributing more than \$15,000, with greater recognition. Referred to staff for the 2027 sponsorship prospectus.

19. 2026 Scientific Program Report

Presenter: Tak Niino, AAAP Program Advisory Committee Chair

SUMMARY

- The program committee convened in Fort Worth to assemble the abstracts and program for the 2026 Annual Meeting.
- The program included 118 oral presentations, 116 posters, 31 online presentations, 27 moderators, 5 symposium presentations, the keynote and the history lecture.
- Student involvement in abstracts remained consistent with the past year.

20. 2026 AVMA Poultry Session Report

Presenter: Brigetta Hughes

SUMMARY

- The poultry session was held Friday, July 10, 2026, in Anaheim and offered 11 CE hours.
- Attendance ranged from 17 to 52 per session, lower than in past years; clinical presentations and parasites drew the most attendees. The Friday schedule likely reduced attendance.

21. Depopulation Task Force Updates

Presenter: Ken Opengart, Executive Vice President-Elect

SUMMARY

- The AAAP Poultry Depopulation Task Force, established in winter 2025, is a multidisciplinary group from academia, industry, government and allied sectors updating depopulation resources that had not been revised in about five years.
- The Task Force comprehensively revised the “AAAP Depopulation Methods and Decision Tree” guidance, incorporating current AVMA guidelines and classifying methods into Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 approaches based on animal welfare, feasibility, resources and emergency circumstances.
- Updated decision trees help producers and veterinarians select methods for natural disasters, supply chain disruptions and reportable disease outbreaks such as HPAI.
- Revised materials add planning guidance on personnel, equipment, PPE, disposal and worker safety, plus mental health and wellbeing resources for responders and farm personnel.
- The updated position statements and materials are under review by the AAAP Animal Welfare Committee; feedback will be incorporated before broader dissemination.

Full written report: see Appendix F.

22. Committee Director Reports

Director	Committees	Status / Requests of the Board
Chuck Hofacre (written report; not present)	Respiratory Diseases, Epidemiology, Enteric Diseases, Emerging Diseases, Tumor Virus	All committees reviewed are functioning very well. Committees with a symposium or webinar are growing; keeping members engaged in off-symposium years remains a challenge. Chairs increasingly seek his advice, which shows the Director role is working. No requests of the Board.
Andrea Zedek	Membership, Diversity and Inclusion, AAAP Women’s Network	All three committees are very active with strong leadership, and the Director role continues to receive positive feedback. Requested that the pre-review call

Director	Committees	Status / Requests of the Board
		continue and that CRC feedback reach Committee Directors at least one month before the Annual Meeting; the 2027 CRC review may need to move earlier because of the mid-July meeting. She will begin identifying a Committee Director-Elect for the Membership Committee.
Robert Porter	History, Research Priorities, Education, External Relations	History, Research Priorities and Education are highly functional, with no recommendations; Research Priorities still needs a Chair-Elect, preferably a layer veterinarian. External Relations' direction is undetermined and it has no Chair-Elect; he recommended that Ken Opengart and Jose Linares provide input on its direction.
Bruce Stewart-Brown	Animal Welfare, Food Safety, TBB	Welfare's leg conditioning scoring guide is in the NCC Welfare Guidelines, and a joint PSA/AAAP symposium, a breeder vaccination welfare webinar and turkey scoring guides are under way. Food Safety held a turkey food safety webinar (about 75 attendees) and is editing an egg production white paper. Plans for the coming year: TBB and Welfare to address NAE-type program concerns together, three TBB subcommittee chairs, and support for the new Food Safety Chair.

Full written reports: see Appendix G.

23. 2027 Joint Meeting with PSA Update

Presenter: Bob Bevans-Kerr, Executive Director, and Don McIntyre, PSA Interim Executive Director

SUMMARY

- Steve Olson, newly named PSA Executive Director, introduced the Poultry Science Association (PSA) and gave an overview of the organization.
- Goals for the joint meeting: one registration for all attendees regardless of organization; one abstract system for both organizations; CE accrual worked out; a fully integrated program; and open questions resolved, such as childcare provisions.

DISCUSSION & DECISIONS

- Simplification and clear communication will be needed going forward, and bringing speakers and programs together will build synergy between the two organizations.

24. 2028 Meeting Site Update

Presenter: Bob Bevans-Kerr, Executive Director

SUMMARY

- The 2028 Annual Meeting contract for Scottsdale, Arizona, is posted on the website.
- Attendees will be largely confined to the Fairmont campus unless they use third-party transportation.

25. Discussion on 2029 AAAP Annual Meeting

Presenter: Suzanne McComb, Executive Vice President

SUMMARY

- Suzanne McComb reviewed how meeting sites are chosen: five desirable cities are identified through member surveys and write-ins, and AAAP issues RFPs to select the city.

DISCUSSION & DECISIONS

- The Board discussed meeting alongside AVMA without co-locating; some Board members questioned holding two joint meetings in a row.
- Bids will be presented in May 2027, and the Board will vote on the 2029 location at the 2027 Annual Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- AAAP office — identify five candidate cities and issue RFPs — bids presented May 2027

26. New Business

- Suzanne McComb proposed remaining as part-time consulting Executive Vice President from August 1 to December 31, 2026, to assist with the transition, with Ken Opengart becoming full-time Executive Vice President immediately after the Annual Meeting. A counter-proposal provided a retainer with hourly pay for her meetings with Ken Opengart. The Board approved a budget of \$3,333.33 per month (\$16,666.66 total) at a previous meeting.
- Karen Grogan, AVMA delegate, reported criticism of AVMA's support of the new Farm Bill; animal welfare groups accused AVMA of not following proper procedures in supporting an act dealing with farm animal welfare. No action was taken.
- Kent McCure reminded the Board that the FDA animal drug user-fee programs must be reauthorized by January. FDA will modernize drug development and review antimicrobial development, and AVMA will need AAAP input in the near future. New World screwworm cases may require vaccines and treatments not approved by FDA. No action was taken.
- Wayne Collins noted that since 2016 all vaccines must come from domestic U.S. flocks and recommended that AAAP work with AVMA to consider whether the USDA rule should be amended.

27. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Board meeting will be scheduled for October

MOTION	To adjourn the meeting.
Moved	Wayne Collins
Seconded	Kate Barger Weathers
Result	Carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM ET.

Appendices

Attach, or link to the Board portal, the full reports referenced above.

- A. [AVMA House of Delegates Report](#)
- B. *Management Transition Task Force Notes (August 10, 2026)*
- C. [2025–2026 Financial Statements](#)
- D. [69th Annual Report of the Executive Vice President](#)
- E. *AAAP Epidemiology Manual Proposal*
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