

AAAP Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Monday January 26th, 2026

International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE)

Georgia World Congress Center

Room B201

11:00AM – 5:00PM EST, lunch provided

[Zoom Link](#), Passcode: 794652

AAAP Inc. Minutes

Vision Statement

AAAP will be the premier organization for the advancement and dissemination of science-based knowledge on poultry health, welfare, and food safety to provide member value and stakeholder trust.

Mission Statement

AAAP is committed to foster collaboration, expand scientific knowledge, build expertise and provide education on poultry health, welfare and food safety to members and poultry affiliated organizations. We achieve this mainly through scientific meetings, publications and outreach to poultry professionals and students.

Meeting Attendees: Bob Bevans-Kerr, Lily Peterson, Wayne Collins, Rick Phillips, TJ Gaydos, Rodrigo Gallardo, Suzanne McComb, TJ Gaydos, Claudia Osorio, Susan Williams, Kate Barger Weathers, Rana Waqar Tabish, Jose Linares, Ivan Alvarado, Mohammadreza Ehsan, Eliza Ripplinger, Tak Niino, Randy Singer, David E. Swayne, Martine Boulianne, Sara Reichelt, Hailey Quercia, Andrea Zedek, Rob Porter, Bruce Stewart-Brown, Chuck Hofacre, Carl Heeder, Meagan Abraham, Stephanie Benedict, Sara Throne

1. Welcome: President's Welcome

- a. Statement for Antitrust Compliance was read by President Dr. Jose Linares.

2. Vote: Approval of Previous Minutes

- a. Motion: Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo
- b. 2nd: Dr. Kate Barger Weathers
- c. Vote Passes, no discussions or edits

3. Report: Review Strategic Plan

- a. Bob Bevans-Kerr gave a quick overview of the goals from the 2023 Strategy Session:
 - i. Goal #1: Foster collaboration by increasing frequency of annual meeting with outside related groups, such as PSA, NCC, NTF, UEP targeting every 5/years.
 1. 2027 Annual Meeting: joint meeting with the Poultry Science Association (PSA)
 2. Action Item: Board of Directors & EVP
 - a. Determine who we want to meet with for a joint meeting in 2032
 - b. Reach out to the organization we have selected to meet with in 2032
 3. Dr. Kate Barger Weathers asked why the focus was meeting with PSA and with meeting with other groups. Bob Bevans-Kerr clarified that AAAP's goal is to collaborate instead of isolate in our professional sphere.
 - ii. Goal #2: Increase AAAP/AVMA joint membership through an incentive to maintain/surpass annual required AVMA membership goal of 350 members.
 1. We successfully met 2025 approval criteria with 365 US veterinary members also holding AVMA membership— critical for continued professional advocacy.
 2. Ongoing- the AAAP office communicated the relevance & importance of being a part of AVMA through our email communications, social media, and at annual meetings.
 - a. AVMA webpage on AAAP: <https://aaap.memberclicks.net/join-the-avma>
 - iii. Goal #3: Expand scientific knowledge through execution of one joint webinar per year with externally affiliated groups.
 1. In July of 2025, the AAAP conducted a joint webinar with PSA titled "Safeguarding Flock

- Health – Optimizing the House Environment to Mitigate Emerging Diseases.”
2. So far in January of 2026, AAAP promoted 1 webinar between the University of Maryland and the Epidemiology Committee titled “The Rapid Access Biosecurity Application (RABapp) Poultry: A Web-Based Tool for On-Farm Biosecurity, Traceability, and Disease Spread Forecasting.”
 - a. This webinar is happening on February 4th, 2026.
- iv. Goal #4: Quarterly webinars assigned to 4 specific committees by the educational resources committee on their annual committee report starting Aug 15, 2024.
1. 2025 AAAP Webinar Stats:
 - a. AAAP produced 4 total webinars, 2 for CE and 2 without CE
 - b. AAAP Committees that hosted CE webinars: Respiratory Viruses and Emerging Diseases
 - c. AAAP Committees that hosted committee webinars (without CE): Enteric Diseases and Tumor Virus
 2. So far, there are no other AAAP sponsored webinars currently planned for 2026. The Education Committee is still looking for people interested in planning CE webinars.
 3. Dr. Claudia Osorio asked why the committee directors have not solicited more webinars. Bob Bevans-Kerr said that the committee directors have made attempts, but there has not been any traction. Dr. Osorio suggests that we should keep encouraging committee directors to seek out these topics.
 4. Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo made the comment that it is a lot of work for committee chairs to plan CE webinars from scratch, making chairs less willing to come up from a webinar. He also shared that he has personally experienced people having an interest with small flock webinars. Bob Bevans-Kerr shares that we encourage small flock abstracts to present at AVMA. Dr. Linares suggests starting efforts to plan a small flock webinar this or next year. Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo reminds us that it would be difficult to reach the audience that an AAAP sponsored small flock webinar would benefit from.
 5. Dr. Kate Barger Weathers suggested making CE webinars more substantial for those that need to renew their licenses but cannot come to the AAAP Annual Meeting.
 6. Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo suggests streamlining the process of producing webinars in order to make it easier and more appealing for speakers. Dr. Linares suggests setting guidelines for webinar presenters, letting people know you don’t have to be from academia to present during an AAAP sponsored webinar.
 7. Dr. Linares reminds us that there is a need for CE. He also reminds us that a webinar is a great opportunity for people that feel limited by the 12-minute abstract presentation during the AAAP Annual Meeting. So, this would be a great opportunity to target those speakers to do a webinar to expand upon their abstracts.
 8. Dr. Sara Throne reminds us that we need to determine who our webinar audience is and what are we want to accomplish with webinars.
- v. Goal #5: Improve member experience related to networking and exposure to job opportunities by doubling exhibitor participation outside of sponsorship group at the annual meeting and hosting a job fair by spring 2025.
1. At the 2025 Annual Meeting, the AAAP hosted a job fair titled “Poultry Health Professional Pathways.
 2. For the 2026 Annual Meeting, the AAAP plans to host a 2-hour Symposium. Emerging Professionals Symposium (formerly called the Student
 - a. This event will provide networking opportunities open to all but will be geared towards early career professionals.
 3. In 2025, there are 14 exhibitors at the annual meeting.
 4. In 2026, we are aiming for 20 exhibitors at the annual meeting.
- vi. Goal #6: Seek opportunities to improve financial stability by adjusting some rates for presenters at the annual meeting starting in 2025.
1. In 2026, the AAAP has a \$40,000 budget for travel support.

- a. Travel support is allocated for students only.
 - 2. In 2026, AAAP will continue to charge \$100 to all speakers at the Annual Meeting.
 - a. There is no registration cost for invited speakers and student speakers.
- vii. Goal #7: Updated, user-friendly AAAP website published by August 2025.
 - 1. The BetterWorld Platform has been functioning well and has been well received by the AAAP Foundation.
 - 2. The new AAAP Job Board has been well received by both employers and employees and has generated \$140 in income for AAAP.
 - 3. Oxford Abstracts was used for abstract submissions in 2025 and will continue to be used in 2026.
 - 4. The 2026 Annual Meeting website will be housed on Oxford Abstracts this year: <https://aaap2026.oa-event.com>
 - 5. There was a suggestion from President Elect Dr. Susan Williams on updating the accessibility of the AAAP website to accommodate for people with dyslexia, colorblindness, and other disabilities. Bob has stated that the office is constantly making tweaks and updates to the website as member concerns arise. Bob Bevans-Kerr has also stated that he will follow up with a report on what the website is capable of regarding this.
 - a. Dr. Suzanne McComb reminded all that the Bovine group had to pay \$4,000 a month to outsource IT services. So AAAP is limited by our budget to do more to the website.
- viii. Goal #8: AAAP collaborates with Avian Diseases to enrich stream of publications starting with meeting with new AD editor during 2024 IPPE.
 - 1. Dr. Randy Singer – Chief Editor of Avian Diseases
 - 2. Special Issue of Avian Diseases, titled “Protozoal Parasites of Poultry,” expected to be published in 2026 entirely open access.
 - 3. Associate Editors: Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo, Dr. Ruediger Hauck, Dr. Cathy Logue, Dr. David Swayne, Dr. Silke Rautenschlein
 - 4. Dr. Susan Williams asked why she is reviewing so many articles for Poultry Science that would be a better fit for *Avian Diseases*. Bob Bevans-Kerr and Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo said that Dr. Randy Singer will talk about it in his report later in the agenda.

4. Discussion: Future Management

- a. Key Decisions
 - i. New -Foundation Support Management Cost
 - 1. Option 3: Foundation not pay for management as is now
 - a. On the condition that AAAP cover the cost to give the foundation time to figure out how to raise the money to cover these expenses.
 - ii. Executive Vice President Position Replacement and/or Enhancement
 - 1. Option 2: Increase Honorarium to 20-hour week \$80,000.
 - a. (This item was formally voted on the agenda item involving the budget).
 - iii. Executive Director and 3 Staff move to become AAAP Employees
 - 1. Option 4: The issue is tabled at this point. Lily will send a doodle poll out for dates and times for the week of February 2nd – 6th for the entire AAAP BOD, Dr. Sarah Throne, and Dr. Kelli Jones to discuss further the possibility of an Executive Director and 3 Staff to be AAAP employees.
 - iv. Executive Director and Staff Salaries Increase total from \$259,784 to \$291,458
 - 1. (This item was formally voted on the agenda item involving the budget).
 - v. Vote to approve the 20-hour a week, \$80,000 salary for the next EVP.
 - 1. Motion: Dr. Susan Williams
 - 2. 2nd: Dr. Ivan Alvarado
 - 3. Vote passes, no passes or edits
 - vi. Vote to ask the ACPV to increase their contribution to AAAP to \$7,092.

1. Motion: Dr. Rick Phillips
2. 2nd: Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo
3. Vote passes, no passes or edits

5. Vote: Budget 2026 - 2027

- a. Two budgets were presented to the board, reflecting the two options for the EVP salary suggested in the future management discussion. Dr. Suzanne McComb spoke from her experience from being AAAP's EVP for the past 10 years that she has often contributed more than 20 hours a week of work for AAAP, and thus strongly advocated for the 20-hour salary for the future EVP. Bob Bevans-Kerr then went through the 20-hour EVP salary budget and explained line by line the expected expenses and incomes for AAAP. In total, there would only be a \$16,717 in profit for the budget with a 20-hour EVP work week. This includes AAAP Inc. covering the overhead costs for the AAAP Foundation.
- b. **Vote to approve the 2026 – 2027 AAAP Inc. Budget that leaves the AAAP with a profit of \$16,717 with the modification to the budget that as AAAP increases increase expenses by around \$20,000 than what was on the original report to support the AAAP Foundation overhead costs.**
 - i. Motion: Dr. Susan Williams
 - ii. 2nd: Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo
 - iii. Vote Passes, no discussions or edits

6. Report: Update on 2026 aMPV Symposium

- a. The schedule has been finalized through a collaboration of the Respiratory Diseases Committee and the Education Committee. There will be 5 speakers: Dr. Gunnar Dunnam, Dr. Robin Gilbert, Dr. Eric Orozco, Dr. Silke Rautenschlein, and Dr. Steven Clark. The topics of discussion will include diagnostics, vaccination, interpretations, and an overview of aMPV in the US.

7. Report: Update on 2026 Emerging Professional Symposium

- a. Planning for 2026 Symposium:
 - i. Approved at past BOD meeting:
 1. Date/time: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 3:45 – 5:45 pm (2 hr)
 2. Location and room setup: 3rd room, setup for 100 people with podium, microphone, and projector, plus small round tables
 3. Emerging Professionals Symposium: New name to identify target audience of students and early career vets, and express that all members are encouraged to attend
 4. Agenda (see below)
 - ii. New this year: AAAP Bingo!
 1. Student members welcome to participate
 2. Pick up bingo card at EPS
 3. Submit completed bingo cards by end of meeting for chance to win prizes
 - a. Prize ideas: 1-2 free student memberships and/or \$50-100 Visa gift cards
 - iii. **Vote to approve \$200 of funding for AAAP student bingo prizes: \$100 Visa gift card and \$50 Visa gift card 2 student memberships (\$50)**
 1. Motion: Dr. Kate Barger Weathers
 2. 2nd: Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo
 3. Vote passes, no discussions or edits.

8. Report: Update on 2026 Annual Meeting Schedule

- a. The schedule for the 2026 Annual Meeting has been finalized.
- b. The committee will meet on February 18-19 to construct the scientific program. Core committee members and the AAAP office will convene at the 2027 AAAP Meeting location in Fort Worth, TX, while associate members will join virtually.
- c. The deadline for abstract submission is February 3rd.
- d. Avian Metapneumovirus was proposed as this year's symposium topic by the Respiratory and Education committees. The proposed title is "Current aMPV status in the US and Lessons learnt on diagnostics, and

vaccination strategies.”

- e. The keynote speaker is Dr. John Glisson. The topic will be the past, present, and future of US Poultry research.
- f. The Emerging Professionals Symposium (previously student symposium) will be taking place concurrently with the scientific program from 3:45-5:45pm on Tuesday, July 28th.
- g. [Vote to for Dr. Simone Stoute to fill the open associate member position on the Program Advisory Committee.](#)
 - i. Motion: Dr. Tak Niino, Program Advisory Committee
 - ii. 2nd: Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo
 - iii. Vote Passes, no discussions or edits.

9. Report: *Avian Diseases* Editor in Chief

- a. 3 authors were nominated for the BioOne Ambassador award for 2026: Minh Kim, Hemlata Gautam, and Raimundo Espejo.
- b. In the 2025 special issue about Avian Metapneumovirus in Poultry, there were: 6 invited reviews, 8 original articles, and 2 case reports.
- c. For the 2026 special issue, it will be about Protozoal Parasites of Poultry. It will be entirely open access and will be co-edited by Dr. Randy Singer and Dr. Ruediger Hauck.
- d. Open access stats:
 - i. Original Articles and Reviews: \$1,500 for members and \$2,000 for non-members.
 - ii. Research Notes and Case Reports: \$750 for members and \$1,000 for non-members
- e. Discussion: What to do about submissions from developing countries?
 - i. Many publishers have agreements to offer OA at a discount
 - ii. Some authors have replied to my emails stating that they do not have the funds to support OA
 - iii. Do we want to consider offering OA at member rates to authors from developing countries who are interested in OA?
 - iv. Maybe we fold AAAP membership into the OA charge?

10. Discussion: *Avian Diseases* Publishers Contract

- a. Bob Bevans-Kerr shared that through the discovery process, 5 different publishers' contracts were reviewed. It was determined that staying with KGL would be the best option for AAAP. Because now KGL is responding in a respectable timeline and has improved on many of the issues that we had with them. Bob shared that he is looking to sign a 5-year contract with no added services.

11. Report/Vote: Update on *Avian Disease Manual 9th Edition* & Proposal on Authorship Attribution

- a. *Avian Disease Manual* 9th Edition Updates:
 - i. We are currently in the preliminary stages of organizing the project materials and establishing the workflow systems. Work is underway to set up the chapter distribution process and to implement several collaborative tools that Mr Bevans-Kerr has suggested, which should significantly enhance efficiency once we enter the active review and revision phase.
 - ii. At this stage, much of the effort has focused on ensuring that the foundational elements are in place before engaging fully with the chapter materials. I expect to have more concrete progress to report once these systems are operational and editorial work can begin.
 - iii. Authorship attribution remains a key issue moving forward. Once the authorship attribution framework is accepted by the AAAP Board, I anticipate that it will be easier to attract new authors to the project. Several new contributors have already accepted to participate, but some prior authors have also indicated that a formal replacement would be appreciated in light of their busy schedule or upcoming retirement. Clarifying authorship expectations and recognition should help address these concerns and facilitate broader engagement. At this time, I am still awaiting support and guidance from AAAP on this matter, as no actions have been taken since my last report.
 - iv. I am also looking forward to receiving the necessary materials so that they can be distributed to the contributing authors. I hope that no major technical issues will interfere with this process.

- During my last meeting in Portland, it was acknowledged that there were formatting problems that needed to be resolved. I trust these challenges are being addressed, as timely access to properly formatted materials is essential for maintaining momentum and author engagement.
- v. Dr. Boulianne will continue to keep the Board informed as the project progresses and additional milestones are reached.
 - b. A group of various AAAP book authors have worked to create a policy for various publications to ensure that all past and present authors and various contributors would be properly recognized.
 - c. [Vote to approve the authorship attribution policy document for AAAP.](#)
 - i. Motion: Dr. Rick Phillips
 - ii. 2nd: Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo
 - iii. Vote Passes, with no discussions or edits.

12. Report: Update on *Avian Influenza 3rd Edition* & WVPA updates

- a. *Avian Influenza 3rd edition*
 - i. Published by Wiley with earlier edition in 2008 and 2017, under the oversight of AAAP and edited by David E Swayne.
 - ii. Royalties to AAAP and authors/co-authors receiving a book copy.
 - iii. Estimated to be completed in April 2026 (~12 month delay); eBook and hardcopy late 2026.
 - iv. Contract signed 1/17/2024 by Bob Bevans-Kerr and David E Swayne, Wiley signed 1/21/2024 (Justin Jeffryes).
 - v. 25 chapters with commitments: five authored or co-authored by David Swayne and 20 chapters authored/coauthored by others.
 - vi. Progress:
 - 1. 18 chapters – received first draft
 - 2. 18 chapters reviewed and returned for author revision
 - 3. 14 revised chapters received
 - 4. 4 chapters are near completion per communication with the authors - (Ch 6 (Mammals), Ch 8 (Pathobiology in birds), Ch 16 (Depopulation) and Ch 19 (Farm Biosecurity)
 - 5. 13 chapters completed and accepted
- b. WVPA
 - i. 23rd WVPAC was 6-10 October 2025, Kuching, Malaysia.
 - 1. Over 1,800 participants from more than 70 different countries.
 - 2. 19 keynote speakers and 168 oral presentations.
 - ii. Scientific Program: over 700 research abstracts and 412 e-poster presentations displayed. b. 24th WVPAC, 30 August to 3 September, 2027, Brussels Belgium (Chair: Gunther Antonissen) and 25th WVPAC, 17-21 September 2029, Melbourne Australia (Chair: Angela Scott).
 - iii. The next Congress to bid will be for 2031. Portugal, Colombia and China have expressed interest in making bids. Bids for 2031 site should be sent in May 2027 to WVPA Board of Governors.
 - iv. Regional congresses every 2 years but opposite years as the International Congress:
 - 1. 3rd WVPA Africa and Middle East Meeting, scheduled to take place from September 2 to 4, 2026, in Istanbul, Türkiye
 - 2. 7th WVPA Asia Meeting – 9-10 October 2026, New Delhi, India
 - v. [Vote to reaffirm AAAP's desire to submit a bid to host WPVA in 2031.](#)
 - 1. Motion: Dr. Rick Phillips
 - 2. 2nd: Dr. Ivan Alvarado
 - 3. Vote passes, with discussion that Dr. David Swayne, Dr. Jose Linares, and Bob Bevans-Kerr. Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo offered to help too.

13. Discussion: Update on 2027 Annual Meeting with PSA

- a. The PSA Interim President, Dr. Don McIntyre Jr. popped into the board meeting to meet all of the in-person board members attending and to express his excitement for the 2027 Joint AAAP and PSA Annual meeting.

14. Discussion/Vote: Animal Welfare 2027 Symposium Proposal

- a. The title of the symposium will be “Practical Animal Welfare: Best Practice for Your Birds and Your People.” The proposed budget for the proposal is \$3,000. The speakers will be: Dr. Kate Barger Weathers, Dr. Kathleen Long, Dr. Karen Schwean-Lardner, Dr. Sara Reichelt, Dr. Mike Petrik, Collette Kaster, and Becky Johnson.
- b. Further details on symposium topics are below:
 - i. Transport animal welfare
 1. Reducing DOAs (transportation in extreme weather)
 2. How to best audit crews & transport conditions
 3. New technology
 - ii. Lighting
 1. Lighting programs for welfare, decreasing health challenges while optimizing production
 2. New technology
 - iii. Plant Welfare
 1. Tools for monitoring, measuring, and ensuring welfare in the plant
 2. New technology
 - iv. Euthanasia
 1. Challenges with euthanasia on farm
 2. Optimal tools
 - v. Training for adults
 1. Building effective training that stands the test of time
 2. What do you need to achieve appropriate training of adults from language to effective material
- c. Vote to approve the 2027 Symposium Proposal
 - i. Motion: Dr. Sara Reichelt, Animal Welfare Committee
 - ii. 2nd: Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo
 - iii. Vote Passes, no discussions or edits

15. Discussion/Vote: Diversity Committee Proposals: Adding Questions to the post Annual Meeting survey & DEI Committee Chair-Elect to attend the Iverson Bell Symposium every other year

- a. Vote to add diversity questions to the post Annual Meeting survey.
 - i. Motion: Dr. Hailey Quercia, Diversity Committee
 - ii. 2nd: Dr. Kabel Robbins
 - iii. **Vote Passes, with discussion to make efforts to use the results from the survey that if an offense is reported in the survey, that AAAP could create questions that registrants and/or speakers would have to abide by to show those affected by the offense that the office is acknowledging the violations. Bob Bevans-Kerr also reminded us of the AAAP Whistleblower Policy.**
- b. There is discussion that the members of the diversity committee should complete the [AVMA Journey for Teams](#) before going to the conference in an effort to be more financially conservative route. Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo offered to put the committee in touch with his wife who has additional DEI knowledge and connections.
- c. Vote for AAAP Inc. to fund the Diversity Committee Chair-Elect to attend the Iverson Bell Symposium as a part of the AAVMC annual conference (an expected \$2,300 expenditure).
- d. Motion from Dr. Linares to amend the following motion to attendance only this year and then evaluate based on future participation.
 - i. Motion: Dr. Jose Linares
 - ii. 2nd: Dr. Susan Williams
 - iii. **Vote Passes, with next steps to vote on the amended motion**
- e. Amended motion: Vote to send the Committee Chair-Elect to attend the Iverson Bell Symposium this year and then reevaluate for future years.
 - i. Motion: Dr. Jose Linares
 - ii. 2nd: Dr. Susan Williams
 - iii. **6 no votes, 3 yes votes. Vote fails and does not pass. With discussion from board members**

encouraging the members of the Diversity Committee to all complete the AVMA Journey for Teams modules to gain additional DEI knowledge. And to connect with other associations on their DEI efforts and possibly with Dr. Gallardo's wife who works in that field.

16. Discussion/Vote: Role of Board Liaisons vs. Committee Directors & influence on future symposia

- a. Dr. Chuck Hofacre reaffirmed the importance of the committee director position but asked for additional support from the board to know exactly what the directors are supposed to do. For example, Dr. Hofacre would like to know what committees are not functioning to their best ability and need help from the directors so that the directors know where to funnel their energies.
- b. Dr. Andrea Zedek supports the idea of sunsetting the board liaisons as the committee directors have assumed all the responsibilities of the liaisons.
- c. Dr. Bruce Stewart Brown recognizes that the board liaisons are not as effective as the committee directors in supporting the committees. [Dr. Bruce Stewart Brown is suggesting a follow-up meeting with the Committee Review Committee Chair to discuss the overall reviews of the committees from the report created by the CRC Chair. The office \(Lily\) will email the previous year's report and current year's report prior to that follow-up meeting.](#)
- d. Dr. Rob Porter shares that he is open to future meetings/discussions with the CRC Chair to gather more data to support the committees.
- e. [Vote to sunset the board liaison roles in place of the Committee Directors.](#)
 - i. Motion: Dr. Claudia Osorio
 - ii. 2nd: Dr. Susan Williams
 - iii. Vote passes, with the comment from Dr. Claudia Osorio that now that we've learned more about the committee director role, the SOP could be revised if needed. She also praised the good work of the committee directors.
 1. Dr. Jose reminded Lily to schedule 2 meetings with the committee directors, AAAP Leadership, and CRC chair: 1 before the 2026 CRC Meetings with the 2025 report and 1 after the 2026 CRC Meetings with the 2026 report created by the CRC chair.

17. Discussion/Vote: Combining Legislative Advisory & Outreach to make new: AAAP External Relations Committee

- a. The chairs of the LAC and Outreach Committee have realized they have similar priorities and actions, so they want to combine the committees since they have been meeting jointly for years already. Dr. Carl Heeder will be taking over as chair of this new committee.
- b. Motion: Dr. Carl Heeder as Outreach Committee and Dr. Suzanne McComb as Legislative Committee
- c. 2nd: Dr. Susan Williams
- d. Vote passes, no discussions or edits.

18. Reports: Reports from AAAP 2026 VLC Representatives

- a. Dr. Stephanie Benedict shared that she learned a lot about the structure and the function of the AVMA, giving her positive outlook on the AVMA and an eagerness to encourage member involvement.
- b. Dr. Meagan Abraham shared that the talks were interesting, the networking was fun, and that she really enjoyed the experience.
- c. Dr. Rana Waqar Tabish shared that he learned a great deal about the historical perspectives of many current initiatives and topics regarding AVMA activities and events.

19. New Business

- a. There was no new business suggested at this time.
- b. [Vote to give Foundation 2 free memberships as prizes during Extravaganza if they donate \\$300 or more.](#)
 - i. Motion: Financial Engagement Committee
 - ii. 2nd: Dr. Rick Phillips,
 - iii. Vote passes with no discussions or edits.

20. Closing

- a. Vote to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Motion: Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo
- c. 2nd: Dr. Kate Barger Weathers
- d. Vote passes, no discussions or edits.

Adjourn at 6:21pm