

AAAP History Committee Mid-year report 1/15/2010

Committee activities

Lasher History Lecture

- David Espeseth was nominated to present the 2010 lecture on vaccine regulation. The nomination was approved by the board in September.
- Proposal for changing the name to Lasher-Eckroade History Lecture was submitted to the board.

Historical review articles

- David Espeseth and Hiram Lasher are currently working on a manuscript titled, "Historical data on establishing regulatory oversight of poultry vaccines." David expects the paper to be complete by end of January 2010.

Avian Diseases Cover Project

- Approximately 3 years worth of covers have been submitted

AAAP website

- Additional historical references will be added to Grumbles & Hall 30-year history of AAAP on website. Bruce Calnek has reformatted his Lasher lecture on history of Avian Diseases and Dick Witter is working on reformatting his Lasher history lecture from 50th anniversary.

Biographies

- Currently there are 37 biographies posted online
- Celina Buscaglia is working on biography for Raymond A. Bankowski
- Mark Bland is working on Dr. Yan
- A number of other biographies have been promised, and follow-ups are in order.
- Biographies need to be updated for those who have recently passed away. A mechanism for such updating needs to be established.

Photos

- Ray Williams suggested we may want to expand our collection to include prominent non-AAAP members.
- The photo file is growing. It now has folders for over 500 persons, many with multiple pictures.
- The digital photo collection is now on deposit in the archives.

Archives

- Dick Witter and Art Bickford were approved for funding to visit the AAAP archives. Summary – The tangible outcomes of the site visit included (1) an updated list of documents and their locations, (2) a list of special collections and their locations, (3) a list of missing documents, and (4) a recommendation for a revised system of cataloging of documents. See the attached document for full report of their trip.
- Additional follow-up work is needed to encourage ISU library to improve their cataloging, and to generate an accurate list of missing documents. Once the missing document list is available, it may be possible to recover the missing documents from members or other sources.

Plans for the summer meeting

- Select topic and potential speaker for 2011 Lasher history lecture
- Select topic and author for future historical review article
- Solicit names for future Avian Diseases covers
- Develop policy on photos and update collection of AAAP members
- Discuss actions needed for archives

Needs/concerns for board of directors

- Provide complete list and hard copies of newsletters to committee. It does not appear feasible or necessary to post all old newsletters on the web site.
- Develop and implement policy to generate hard copies of important email for archival purposes.
- It would be useful if we could set up a computer at the Atlanta meeting with all of the current photo files on it so that attendees could search it to view their own file, or to determine that we do not presently have one for them. In the case of the latter, it would be nice if we had a camera and a spot (in the poster room?) with a good neutral background for taking their pictures.