

# History Committee Meeting Annual Report

San Diego, CA, August 4, 2012

Attendees: Ton Schat, Celina Buscaglia, Patricia Dunn, Charles Hofacre, Kim Sprout, Robert Owen, Bob Bevans-Kerr

By phone: Hiram Lasher, John Dunn

Old Business:

1. Invited Historical Articles
  - a. Historical data on establishing oversight of poultry diseases
    - i. First article published in December, 2010
    - ii. Article covering 1978 to 1990 being prepared/reviewed by Drs. Lasher and Espeseth – Dr. Lasher reported that he had reviewed the paper and had communicated with Dr. J. Dunn that it was almost ready to publish
    - iii. Dr. Lasher suggested that an additional paper covering the last 20 years be prepared. As no possible authors or volunteers to champion the project were suggested the idea was tabled for this year.
  - b. Tyzzer Research project: Progress on this project has been put on hold due to health issues being experienced by Dr. Ray Williams. RLO will communicate with him to try to get an update
  - c. Infectious Bronchitis Manuscript – Mark Jackwood – It is highly unlikely that Dr. Jackwood will be able to undertake this project due to his new responsibilities at PDRC. Dr. P. Dunn agreed to approach Dr. Gelb as second time to inquire about his willingness to undertake this project.
  - d. History of Poultry Vaccination Equipment – David Smith – No update available. RLO will communicate with Dr. Smith regarding his willingness to continue with this project and suggestions for possible alternates if he is unable to continue
2. Avian Diseases Cover Project – Francene VanSambeek
  - a. John Lancaster – completed and submitted
  - b. Leland Grumbles – completed and submitted
  - c. Harold Chute – completed and submitted
  - d. Raymond Bankowski – Dr. Celina Buscaglia submitted two photos of Dr. Bankowski that were sent to her by Dr. Mikami. Dr. Buscaglia reported that she will be in California for the next several months and will continue to search for photographs of Dr. Bankowski in his laboratory or pursuing his love of fishing
  - e. A. Brion – No progress reported
  - f. William Hinshaw – No progress reported

- g. Other suggestions – Ton Schatt suggested that Dr. Julius Fabricants be added to the list. RLO will talk to Dr. Sharma about whether other names need to be submitted before the next annual meeting
  - 3. Historical Photos
    - a. Cataloging of photos was completed by Dr. Calnek
    - b. Received a communication from Dr. Opitz regarding the kodachrome collection from Dr. Gerencer.
      - i. RLO will follow –up with Dr. Opitz to see what might be available and how many photos may be involved. He will also reconfirm Dr. Opitz’s ability and willingness to scan in at least the important photos.
4. Biography Project – Dr. David Smith
  - a. Recently published – Dr. Robert Eckroade, Dr. Pedro Villegas
  - b. Dr Witter has recently submitted the biography of Dr. Lucy Lee and it has been posted on the AAAP website
  - c. No other suggestions were received
5. Lasher-Eckroade History Lecture
  - a. 2012 Lecture – Dr. Calvin Keeler, “History of DNA Biotechnology in the Poultry Industry”
  - b. 2013 Lecture – Two proposals were submitted. The first by Dr. Shane and Lasher entitled “The History of Post-Graduate Training in Poultry Veterinary Medicine in the US” to be given by Dr. Shane. The second by Dr. Owen was a suggestion to approach Dr. Calnek and ask him to present a biography of Dr. Steven Hitchner. The motions were voted on and Dr. Owen’s motion carried. RLO will discuss with Dr. Calnek.
  - c. Ideas for future programs – In a communication earlier this year, Dr. Cardona suggested an idea for future programs. Her thought was that the organization has lost some of its real pioneers of avian medicine. We have not, however, lost the peers and colleagues of these pioneers. The suggestion, therefore, was to use the time allotted in the scientific program for selected members to present personal biographies of these pioneers. This idea was discussed with the AAAP Board of Directors and was supported. The feeling of the board was that ideas for history lectures that apply to the general population are becoming more difficult to identify and before the ability to have personal biographies is lost that this would be a good use of time allotted for the history lecture and would provide an ongoing stream of topics. *(Editor’s note: Due to the dismal attendance at the annual meeting, this suggestion should not be considered as adopted yet but rather warrants more in depth discussions by the general membership.)*
6. ISU Archives – Dr. Witter, Kim Sprout
  - a. Status of digitizing of records – There was a series of communications regarding digitizing that occurred last year, but the exact status of this project is unclear. K. Sprout will follow-up the get a status report
  - b. Visits to the archives - No visits were conducted last year.
7. Website History Section – John Dunn
  - a. Two publications posted last year

- i. Avian Diseases: The Creation and Evolution of P. Philip Levines's Enduring Gift, Bruce W. Calnek, 2009
  - ii. Origin and Evolution of the American Association of Avian Pathologists: 50 Years of Dedication and Accomplishment, Richard L. Witter, 2011
- b. Update of other possible publications – John Dunn reported that there were no additional publication being suggested or under development. He suggested that this section of the minutes be considered complete

New Business:

1. On behalf of Dr. Calnek, Dr. Schatt inquired about the status of the photographs of new members project. It was agreed that his project had fallen through the cracks and would be reactivated at next year's meeting
2. Dr. Schat inquired about the possibility of having his name placed on the core committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Philip Levines". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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