Annual Committee Report

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Committee Name: Diseases of Public Health Significance

Date: 08/06/2016

Committee Chair and Term: Frank (Bill) Pierson, 2016

Board Liaison: Ian Rubinoff

Core Committee Members and Terms:
Agnes Agunos (NT/RA), Sandra Aehle (NT/RA), Bob Edson (NT/RA), Patty Dunn (NT/RA), Fidelis Hegngi (NT/RA), Jarre Jagne (Chair Elect - to be approved by Director, 2-3 yrs), Bwalya Lungu (NT/RA), Nat Tablante (NT/RA), Don Waldrip (NT/RA), (No Term / Regular Attendance, RT/RA)

Committee Members:
In Attendance: Bill Pierson, Corine Giroux (new), Alicia Taylor (new), Sara Reichelt (new), Brandon Armwood (new), Dustin Burch (new), Bob Edson, Jarra Jagne, Claude Hebron (new), Don Waldrip, Mahzar Khan (new), Vacques Hines (new) Geoff Lossie (new), Patty Dunn, Daniel Carreno (new), Nikki Holoway (new) = 16 total, 9/16 new

Regrets: A. Agunos, S. Aehle, N. Tablante

Briefly explain the topics discussed during your committee meeting

1. Additions / Amendments to 2015 Committee Report - None

2. Symposium Feedback - Excellent attendance. Presentation were good. Topics were familiar, but presented in the context of public health.


4-6. See items below.

7. Jarra Jagna has agreed to serve as the next chair - pending approval by AAAP Director. Agnes Agunos was asked by Pierson to consider serving a chair elect, but declined due to anticipated schedule conflicts. there were no other volunteers. Pierson agreed to send out thank you letter upon stepping down and will request nominees for chair elect to be forwarded to Jagne.

8. Other - It was proposed that the committee take a lead on "One Health" issues. Pierson volunteered to form a subcommittee.

Can you inform the AAAP Board of Directors about any issues, pending legislation or foreseeable rule making by the federal government in your committee’s area? If so, please list.

The National Occupational Research Agenda / National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (CDC) - recommendations regarding safety and health issues in the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Sector was mentioned. Research and data collection are in progress. The information will be used by NIOSH to give guidelines to the poultry industry and make recommendations to OSHA. Of particular interest to AAAP would be the focus on respiratory health (non-infectious and infectious diseases / zoonoses) as well as exposure to pesticides and other agrochemicals.

Could your committee create a white paper on an issue or issues that may require Board action?

The committee recommended development of a white paper or review publication that would specifically target the human medical community as its audience. Such a paper would be submitted to the Board for review and editorial approval prior to submission to a public health, one health, or human medical journal. EcoHealth (Springer, impact factor 2.489) was suggested.
Is your committee interested in organizing a symposium and if so, when? (Committees interested in conducting a symposium must submit a symposium proposal to the board of directors no less than one year in advance. Two years is optimal. There is a symposium proposal form including a timetable available on the website.)

The DPHS Committee co-sponsored 2016 Symposium

Does your committee have a product in mind that will benefit the AAAP membership, poultry community or public at large? If so, what and what is your timetable?

The committee discussed developing concise materials for AAAP to provide to CIOs/PIOs and Departments of Health that address poultry related public health issues. A potential TED talk regarding zoonoses associated with raising backyard poultry was suggested. It was also suggested that the committee reach out to the "One Health" / "Public Health" sections of AVMA to see about getting on their programs for future AVMA meetings.

Do you have topics to suggest for the Research Priorities committee?

In advance of NIOSH recommendations, it would be advisable for the industry to gather its own data regarding zoonoses and respiratory exposures experienced in commercial poultry production. The data could be used to guide the improvement of existing safety training / standard operating procedures and aid in generating new industry guidelines.