

## Annual Committee Report

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**Committee Name:** Diseases of Public Health Significance

**Date:** 08/15/2017

**Committee Chair and Term:** Jarra Jagne, 2018

**Board Liaison:** Eric Jensen

**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), Dustin Burch (NT/RA), Bill Pierson(NT/RA), Don Waldrip(NT/RA), Nat Tablante (NT/RA), Bwalya Lungu (NT/RA)

**Committee Members:** In Attendance: Bill Pierson, Katy Burden (new), Colin Basler (new), Michele Jay-Russell (speaker), Sue Trock (new), Don Waldrip, Dustin Burch, Tatum Odland (new), Jim Davis = 9, 4/9 new

Regrets: Agnes Agunos, Patty Dunn, Sandra Aehle

**Briefly explain the topics discussed during your committee meeting**

1. Introductions
2. Additions/Amendments to 2016 Committee Report - none
3. Member Directory Update
4. Presentation by invited speaker Dr. Michele Jay-Russell, Program Manager/Research Microbiologist from the Western Center for Food Safety, University of California, Davis  
Dr. Jay-Russell's topic was "The Microbiological Hazards of Free-range Chickens and Wild Birds" (copy available upon request, file too big to attach)  
Dr. Jay-Russell talked about potential foodborne zoonotic pathogens focusing on Salmonella and Campylobacter. She also provided information about the multi-state outbreak of human Salmonella infections linked to backyard flocks in 2017. More discussion on the outbreak followed her presentation
5. Membership and Chair-elect issues - how can we get members to attend committee meetings? There are too many committee meetings going on at the same time. Can AAAP look into committee time slots to minimize overlap? Other committee members cannot travel to meetings every year.  
The issue of finding a chair-elect remain unresolved. The people who were approached declined.
6. We discussed the issue of separation from the Food Safety Committee and whether the separation should be maintained. Committee members suggested merging the two committee meetings if food safety issues are prominent in the public health discourse. The chair was tasked to discuss with James Barton, Chair of the Food Safety Committee (This was done and there is a tentative agreement to merge the two meetings next year and maybe extend the time to 2hrs.)
7. Communications: Suggestions to have at least 2-3 telephone conference calls a year to have more substantial discussions on important issues and initiatives
8. Goals for the year include;
  - improved and timely communications of emerging and zoonotic disease issues with members and with AAAP
  - Collaboration with committees with similar interests such as the Food Safety committee and the newly formed Small Flock committee
  - Chair should subscribe to other public health group listserves that are under the AVMA e.g American Association of Food Safety and Public Health Veterinarians and share some of their info with the committee
  - Invite speaker to annual meetings

**Optional: Upload files pertaining to your meeting.**

[Diseases of Public Health Significance Committee Agenda 2017.docx](#)

**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 Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing the availability of and requesting comment on guidance for importing meat, poultry, and egg products into the United States. This guidance is intended to help U.S. importers, customs brokers, official import inspection establishments, egg products plants, and other interested parties understand and comply with FSIS import requirements. Deadline for comments is September 5 and committee members will be asked to provide comments

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

This committee created a white paper published in Avian Diseases in 2016 (Avian Diseases 60:553-575, 2016)  
  
Review of Nonfoodborne Zoonotic and Potentially Zoonotic Poultry Diseases by A. Agunos, F. William Pierson, B.Lungu, P. Dunn and N. Tablante

**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 organized the 2016 AAAP symposium "Emerging and Reemerging Zoonotic Diseases"

The symposium focused on avian influenza outbreaks, particularly HPAI H5N1 and recent outbreaks of H7N9 in China. The symposium also featured presentations on data collection and analysis for effective prevention and control of zoonotic diseases as well as communicating science-based information to non-scientists. The symposium concluded with a presentation on One Health

**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?**

Collaborate with small flock committee to produce educational materials on zoonotic diseases, food safety issues and antibiotic use for small flock owners and veterinary practitioners

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

There is a need to do extensive studies on foodborne diseases (Salmonella, Campylobacter, Listeria) in small flocks

**Diseases of Public Health Significance Committee (DPHS) Meeting Agenda  
AAAP Annual Meeting – Indianapolis, IN – July 22, 2017**

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the AAAP Committee on Diseases of Public Health Significance is to: a) to address current and emerging risks to public health associated with commercial poultry production, the rearing of backyard/hobby flocks, and general exposure to avian species, b) to enhance the transfer knowledge and provide educational materials to industry personnel and the general public, c) to assist the AAAP in establishing research priorities, d) to advise the AAAP regarding relevant public opinion and pending legislation.

**DPHS Business**

- Introduction of meeting attendees
- Minutes from 2016 – acceptance of minutes after amendments and corrections
- Member Directory update

**Speaker: Michele Jay-Russell**

**Microbiological hazards of free-range chickens (and wild birds)**

**Michele Jay-Russell, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, Western Center for Food Safety, University of California, Davis**

**Michelle is a Program Manager/Research Microbiologist at the Western Center for Food Safety, Univ of CA, Davis. Her research interests are in food safety and veterinary public health with an emphasis on the molecular epidemiology of zoonotic enteric foodborne pathogens. Her research aims to understand the role of wildlife and domestic animals in the dissemination of Campylobacter, Shiga toxin-producing E. coli, and Salmonella in farm environments.**

**Group Discussions**

- Multistate Outbreaks of Human Salmonella Infections Linked to Live Poultry in Backyard Flocks, 2017
- Chair-elect nominations and voting
- DPHS 2019 symposium
- White paper on a public health topic
- Review paper produced by DPHS Committee Members
- Membership issues
- Communications
- Future Meetings – Speakers?
- Other Business
- Adjourn