

Minutes from the AAAP History of Avian Medicine Committee Meeting

11 am – Noon ET January 15, 2026 by Zoom

12 members were in Attendance:

Core Committee

Helen Wojcinski (Chair), Ton Schat (Avian Diseases Cover Project Subcommittee Chair, Lasher Eckroade History Lecture Subcommittee Chair) Elect) David Frame (Autobiographies Subcommittee Chair) Yuko Sato (Obituaries and Archives Subcommittees Chair), John Dunn (Chair Elect)

Committee Members

Becky Tilley, Eliza Ripplinger, Jose Otavio, Rudolf Hein, Wayne Collins

AAAP Office – Lily Peterson; Rob Porter (BOD liaison)

Regrets : Milos Markis

1. Welcome (Helen Wojcinski)

2. Approval of the Minutes of the committee meeting on 6-23-2025

- Moved by Ton Schat, seconded by Yuko Sato to accept as written

3. Biography project (David Frame)

- Help needed to identify people in the system and contact info.
- Take a look at AAAP Retired member list to see who else needs to be in the queue (sent by HW)
- TJ Myers, Robin Morgan, Oscar Fletcher,
- Tom Grimes encouraged Australian Veterinary Poultry Association to start their own biography project. At this time they have at least 27 autobiographies

4. Lasher-Eckroade History Lecture (Ton Schat)

- See attached document
- Schedule set with Rudolph Hein on EDS, 2026
- Originally scheduled Elena Behnke to present on NPIP in 2027 but is currently on administrative leave. Hopefully will get an update this spring.
- Ruediger Hauck for blackhead approved for 2028, Mohamed El-Gazzar for 2029 (still needs BOD approval)

5. Historical articles (Ton Schat)

- See attached document of summary of articles.
- Ton referenced the importance of the historical articles. Example: the paper on Marek's has been cited 80 times
- Mo Saif article published
- Pending: Maricarmen Garcia, Holly Sellers, Louise Dufour-Zavala
- David discussed his efforts to compile the history of the Western Poultry Disease Conference proceedings, which has been a time-consuming task but is still ongoing. Ton inquired about the possibility of posting the history on the website once completed
- Ton has documented the history of all 14 Symposia and 4 Molecular Workshops on Marek's Disease since 1978. This information is posted in the AAAP archives with links to video presentations from 1996 and 2014.

6. Archives (Yuko Sato)

- Touch base with AAAP business office and connect with Janece on frequency of items sent to ISU archives
- Photo archives maintained in a drive at AAAP office – e.g. photos at AAAP meetings, member photos

7. Avian Diseases cover project (Ton Schat)

- List of previous covers and proposed names is attached
- **NEW:** *Peter Woolcock, Charlie Beard, Caswell Eidson* approved by committee
- The committee noted that finding suitable photos for the covers could be challenging, and they would proceed with all three approved candidates to determine which could be completed first.

8. Tributes and obituaries (Yuko Sato)

- Working with Milos Marcus to compile tributes and obituaries, prioritizing recently deceased members like Dr. Bickford, Peter Wilcox, and others
- Prioritize the three new names on AD project, added Tom Bryan

9. Old Business

- National Inventors Hall of Fame (Helen) tabled for now due to low priority vs work needed.

10. New business

- Chair Elect: John Dunn
- Resources shared by HW: WeLib archives which provides links to historical poultry medicine books. It is freely accessible and similar to Internet archives. Kevin Amini brought this resource to Ton's attention.
- Photo repository of members, meetings (in combination with AAAP MemCom?)
 - Other ideas: Photos from AAAP Histopathology Committee meeting, gross photos
- Next History Committee Meeting TBD. Note: will be sent to ALL AAAP members

11. Adjourn

Summary of Action Items arising from the Meeting

- **Helen:**
 - Resend the AAAP Retired Members list to David Frame and the committee.
 - Contact Elena for an update on her situation regarding the Lasher-Eckroad History Lecture and inform the committee of any developments.
 - Schedule the next (virtual) committee meeting to precede the AAAP meeting, and inform the committee of the date.
 - Prepare summary of activities for the upcoming Spring AAAP Newsletter.
Note: Avian Disease Cover candidates should be kept confidential.
 - Post WeLib link to historical Poultry Vet Medicine books on AAAP

- **Yuko:**
 - Contact Iowa State archives this week to check on status and preferred frequency of archive deposits.
 - Work with Milos Marcus to prepare and publish more tributes/obituaries prioritizing recently approved cover honorees and others as discussed.
 - Work with Rob Porter (and potentially Dwayne Murphy) to gather information and help draft an obituary for Tom Bryan.

- **Eliza :**
 - Eliza is chair of the Membership committee and as such consider developing a central repository for AAAP member/event photos, in coordination with the AAAP office.

- **AAAP (Lily):**
 - Coordinate with Yuko offline regarding frequency and last update of archive information sent from the AAAP business office.

- **All committee members:**
 - Review the AAAP Retired Members list and forward to David Frame any personal contacts or information on potential biography subjects.
 - Suggest additional names (with supporting information) for consideration for Avian Diseases cover recognition, and send to the history committee.
 - Submit suggestions for future symposia to Helen