

**The American Association of Avian Pathologists  
50th Annual Business Meeting  
Tuesday, July 17, 2006  
Washington, D.C.**

The 50th annual business meeting of the American Association of Avian Pathologists was called to order by Dr. Pat Wakenell, President at 10:45 AM. The meeting was attended by approximately 150 members.

Dr. Wakenell asked the membership to pause for a moment of silence to remember our members who passed away this year, Drs. Joseph W. Dunsing, Jack T. Tumlin, David C. Kradel, Barry G. Harmon, and Norman G. Olson.

A motion was carried to approve the minutes of the forty-ninth annual meeting as published in the newsletter.

**Recognition of Retiring Board Members**

Dr. Wakenell recognized three members leaving the Board this year, Dr. Bob Owen, Past President, Dr. Ching Ching Wu, Central Region Director, and Dr. Mike Fulton, Director-at-Large.

**Central Region Election**

Dr. Kenton Kreager has been elected to serve as the Central Region Director for the next four years.

**Nominating Committee Report**

The Nominating Committee report given by Dr. Rich Chin placed into nomination Dr. Fred Hoerr for President, Dr. Bruce Stewart-Brown for President-elect, Dr. Charles Hofacre for Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. Bruce Charlton for Director-at-large.

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was carried to accept the Nominating Committee Report as presented. The membership then had an affirmative voice vote to accept the nominees to become the officers of AAAP for 2007-2008.

**Audit Committee Report**

Dr. Fred Hoerr reported that the compiled financial statement prepared by G. Michael Smith & Associates for AAAP, Inc. and AAAP Foundation, Inc. were examined and both financial statements and practices were found to be in good order. A motion was carried to accept the report as presented.

## **50th Annual Report**

Dr. Hofacre began his report stating that the American Association of Avian Pathologists committees have been busy with position statements and issues. These committees are the life blood of AAAP.

The Board voted last year to require membership in AAAP to the first author to be on the scientific program of AAAP. This brought in new students with an increase of 100% in the student membership category. It is now the responsibility of the older members to show these students the value of AAAP so they maintain their membership.

AAAP will continue their allied status with AVMA since AAAP had 95% of their members who are veterinarians maintain their AVMA membership.

There was a significant increase in AAAP membership dues and subscriptions last year and the Board voted not to do major increases again.

For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the organization had an income of ~\$16,000 over the budget. This means that AAAP probably did not need to use any of the CD that the organization has built over the years. AAAP is in good financial shape.

A motion was made and approved to accept the 50<sup>th</sup> annual report as read.

### **Highlights of the AAAP Board Meeting**

The AAAP Board met on Friday and Saturday and will meet again on Wednesday morning. Dr. Hofacre gave the following report from the Board.

The Board visited the AVMA Washington office and met with Dr. Mark Lutschaunig, Director of the Governmental Relations Division of AVMA. He explained their operation and invited the members back to spend several days with them. AVMA works hard in Washington for not just veterinary medicine but also for the poultry industry.

The Board approved an increase of 5% in the dues and subscriptions rates. The AAAP membership increased by 40 members last year.

AAAP, Inc. last year approved assisting the Foundation by paying for the awards from the AAAP funds and will continue this next year in order to give the Foundation funds a chance to grow.

Within the next month, AAAP will have their new website working which will be more interactive for the members. There will be a members only section containing the directory and other features that members have expressed an interest to have. We would welcome your feedback.

The board has developed a rotation schedule for the educational material to be revised. The new Diseases of Poultry and Isolation and Identification of Avian Pathogens manual will be published in 2008. This will help the income to AAAP to have new educational material published on a regular schedule.

From the survey done in 2005, the Board appointed a Task Force, with John Smith as Chair, to look at a name change for AAAP. The Task Force did a report to give a better understanding of the name "American Association of Avian Pathologists" and recommended no name change for AAAP.

Beginning with the 2008 annual meeting, the Wednesday sessions of the AAAP scientific program will be held at the AAAP Headquarters hotel with assistance from AVMA to handle the room procurement for these sessions. This will help AVMA to hold down on the cost of the annual meetings.

Please be sure to thank all of the sponsors for the AAAP meeting and events.

There was a motion made and seconded to accept this report as presented by Dr. Hofacre. The motion was approved.

### **AAAP Foundation Report**

Dr. Wakenell reported the AAAP Foundation Board met on Saturday afternoon with the following members attending: Drs. Bob Owen, Bob O'Connor, Pat Wakenell, Charles Hofacre, Hector Cervantes, Patty Dunn, Mick Fulton, Stewart Ritchie, and Bruce Calnek. Dr. Wakenell announced that the Foundation is solvent.

The Foundation invested \$300,000 in 2004 and the fund is now worth \$338,000 while AAAP has a CD with an initial \$300,000 in it and the value is at \$317,000.

There were 4 preceptorships funded this past year and AAAP needs to encourage more students to see preceptorships.

### **AVMA Delegate Report**

Dr. Mo Saif reported that he and Dr. Gregg Cutler are the AAAP representatives to the AVMA House of Delegates. He and Dr. Cutler thanked AAAP for allowing them to represent the organization. The House of Delegates is the legislative arm of the AVMA and has the final statements that everyone must live with. There were animal welfare issues again this year and will continue to happen each year.

- 1) The issue of Foie Gras was again presented but the resolution was defeated. There was another resolution on the issue from the Connecticut delegates that the issue be closed and not presented again but this was also defeated.
- 2) There is a new Animal Welfare Division at AVMA. Dr. Saif thinks we should watch for a new College of Welfare and be sure that AAAP is a part of this.
- 3) He stressed that AAAP members should also be members of AVMA.
- 4) Dr. Saif applauded all members who are part of the AVMA Liaison.
- 5) He feels that AAAP's relationship with AVMA is improving.

### **Diseases of Poultry**

Dr. Mo Saif reported he has received notification from Blackwell Publishing Company that the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of Diseases of Poultry will be published around May 2008. He thanked all of the Section Editors and authors for their contributions. He will retire as Editor and David Swayne will become the new Editor.

### **Scientific Program Committee Report**

Gregorio Rosales reported that the scientific program is going very well. There were 108 oral presentations and 92 poster presentations. There were 3 last minute cancellations but thanks to Pat Wakenell, Andres Montoya, and Carlos Estevez, the program did not have any breaks in the presentations. We really appreciate these members for their willingness to step in at the last minute.

The next meeting will be in New Orleans and the Convention Center has been completely remodeled and is very clean. The AVMA staff and the Convention Center have been very helpful and supportive. Thanks to Rich Chin for his assistance with the program.

### **Report of the Editor**

Dr. Sharma reported that there were 182 papers submitted in 2006 and 115 papers published in *Avian Diseases*. The impact factor has increased to 1.37 and the articles in our journal have a half life greater than 10 years. The Board has voted to give more rights to authors such as using pictures and other information in their thesis, etc. The new journal, *Avian Diseases Digest*, became available beginning in December 2006. We need to work to increase subscriptions to this journal. He will work on getting an email alert when the new issue is posted on the website. Jeanne Engelmann is the translating editor for *Avian Diseases Digest* and Jean Baldwin is the Managing Editor at Allen Press. They have both been very helpful in getting this journal started. He thanked Dr. Sylvia Sharma who is the *Avian Diseases* Office Manager and also all of the reviewers for *Avian Diseases*.

### **Awards Committee**

Dr. T. J. Myers, Chair of the Awards Committee, thanked all of the members for the nominations for awards this year. There were 23 nominations received. The awards will be presented at the AAAP 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Banquet on Tuesday evening, July 17, 2007.

There were some questions received from members as to when the Bayer-Snoeyenbos criteria started for the 7 years limit. He will present this to the Board for clarification. He expressed thanks to his committee of Drs. Darrell Kapczynski, Cheryl Gustafson, Calvin Keeler, Kenton Kreager, Deoki Tripathy, Ching Ching Wu, Robin Gilbert, and Ken Opengart for all of their hard work. Dr. Myers will rotate off the committee this year and Dr. Kapczynski will become chair. Dr. Tripathy will also rotate off and a replacement will be named.

### **Animal Welfare Committee**

Dr. Robert Williams, Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee gave the committee report. The committee held their first meeting of the year at the IPE meeting in Atlanta in January. There were 37 members present. The committee has been asked to develop training standards for the PAACO animal auditors training sessions. There are 9 subcommittees and they would like to add another one for turkeys.

1. Foot Pat Subcommittee Chair – Phil Stayer
2. Gait Scoring & Lameness Decision Tree Subcommittee Chair – Tim Cummings
3. Litter Conditions Subcommittee Chair – Randy Chick
4. Pre-16 Wk Broiler Breeder Pullet Welfare Subcommittee Chair – Michael Martin
5. Pre-16 Wk Layer Pullet Welfare Subcommittee Chair – Simon Shane
6. Broiler Breeder Welfare (Nose Bone) Subcommittee Chair – Steve McCarter
7. Layer Welfare Subcommittee Chair – Eric Gingerich
8. Wing Breakage Subcommittee Chair – Marty Ewing
9. What Constitutes a Stunned Bird? Subcommittee Chair – James Barton
10. Turkeys

The committees hope to have by January 1<sup>st</sup> their position statements, videos or pictures which they will coordinate with PAACO. The AAAP Animal Welfare committee will create a vocabulary list giving the proper terms to be used with the help of Hugo Medina.

Dr. Williams advised the membership that Dr. Jose Linares has been appointed to the new AVMA Animal Welfare Committee. He thanked Gregg Cutler for all his years of service.

### **Eskelund Preceptorship Committee**

Dr. Steve Roney gave the Eskelund Preceptorship report: There were 5 applicants for preceptorships this year and AAAP funded 4 applicants. He also had received a letter from Dr. Ken Eskelund expressing concern on the low number of applicants and asked the committee to encourage the members to solicit more applicants for preceptorships. He thanked Sue Clanton for help in getting the information out to the veterinary schools. He also thanked Chuck Hofacre for the funding of the preceptorships from AAAP, Inc. and the committee members for their work.

### **Epidemiology Committee Report**

Dr. Nathaniel Tablante gave the report from the Epidemiology Committee which only had 4 people in attendance. They had submitted a proposal for a symposium in 2007 but will not submit a new proposal for 2008. The committee might be interested in submitting a new proposal for 2009.

### **Respiratory Diseases Committee Report**

Dr. John El-Attrache said in his report that there were 30 members at the Respiratory Disease Committee meeting this year. They have added 2 new core members to the committee, Ching Ching Wu and Maricarmen Garcia. Under their new business, there is a new disease on the front page, ILT. They will try to add this to their proposal for a symposium in 2008 co-sponsored by ACPV. They will try to get a USDA representative as well as NPIP and NVSL on the program.

### **History Committee Report**

Dr. Richard Witter informed the members that the history committee had accomplished a lot this year. They have established a digital photo database after Dr. Bruce Calnek sent out the request for member photos. Thanks to Dr. Calnek for all his work on this project.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Pat Wakenell will have a meeting with the new members at the Convention Center following the Session A of the scientific program on Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 PM. She invited and encouraged all interested members to be there.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Update**

Dr. Bob Owen announced that we are honored to have some of AAAP's founding members in attendance and a lot of great sponsors. Please remember to thank all of them. Also, please thank Intervet, Inc. for sponsoring the Welcome Reception on Saturday night again this year. There will be great entertainment following the Awards Presentations with a 90-minute show by The Fabulous HubCaps that have been generously sponsored by Cobb-Vantress and Merial Select donating the money for this show.

Pat Wakenell asked all members to thank Bob Owen and his family who did all the preparations for this memorable event.

## **ACPV**

Jean Sander, new President of ACPV, presented the new pin that ACPV will be using and offered them to the AAAP members.

## **Silent Auction Report**

Pat Wakenell reported that the Silent Auction went well this year. The antique books were the top items.

Pat passed the Delaplaine gavel to the new President, Fred Hoerr, who in turn presented Pat Wakenell with the outgoing President plaque. He thanked Pat for her service this past year.

Fred Hoerr stated that it is a privilege to look forward to the next 50 years of AAAP which is a cutting edge organization.

He encouraged each member to mentor one person and work to increase the organization. There are changes for AAAP coming. The Board of Director's agenda is to look at the administration of AAAP and continue the strong programs now in place. He knows that AAAP accepts this challenge.

There being on further business, the meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant Business Manager  
August 2, 2007  
2007 AAAP Business Meeting Minutes

**American Association of Avian Pathologists  
2007 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.**

**COMMENTS / FEEDBACK:**

**(Please check your answers).**

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
<b>Registration</b>	42	9		
<b>Meeting location</b>	40	10	2	
<b>Meeting room(s)</b>	45	7		
<b>Scientific Program</b>	27	21	5	
<b>Symposium Program</b>	23	19	6	2
<b>Proceedings</b>	22	16	4	
<b>Refreshments</b>	19	17	14	2

**Additional comments:**

1. Have Monday Keynote speaker not at 8 AM but at 10 AM. Same time as committee meetings in AM.
2. Symposium program should mix practical field and diagnostic and research to make it more attractive, rather than too much molecular topics.
3. It is a good organization – at the present time. Many do not know about farming and this indicates an industrial country. It seems to me that it behooves this group to educate the population to what we do to provide first class protein and eggs. Also need to work with growers to explain the importance of following best management practices for growing birds. It will be our responsibility to educate these growers and they should have the opportunity to observe and be shown the reproducibility of the results.
4. Keep up the good work!
5. Excellent meeting as always!
6. Congratulations to Program Committee for job well done. We don't need heavy refreshments – coffee/drinks are fine!
7. O.K.
8. Greg, a tip of the hat for all your work & efforts. Thanks.
9. OK, getting better.
10. Lumping committee meetings together is not a good practice.
11. Schedules of committee meetings tended to conflict with other sessions. This is a busy meeting so this is a difficult issue to resolve. Thanks for all the hard work and organization. Symposium was a good subject.
12. Consider staggering committee meetings – block out 2 hours for each day.

13. There has to be some guidelines or regulation about abstract submissions. My post doc who left several months ago submitted an abstract to AAAP without my knowledge. When I contacted the program chairs, they requested that I contact the previous post-doc to withdraw. I think the program committee should accept the supervisor's request and should have agreed to cancel the abstract in question. Also have a new regulation by program committee that if students or post-docs violate this regulation about abstract submission, they will be forbidden to submit an abstract for 3 years, etc.
14. Dick Witter should have been recorded and posted on the AAAP website. Choice of moderators could be better.
15. Excellent meeting and a good blend of practical and more theoretical material.
16. Case Report Symposium next year – please.
17. Enjoy more ppt w/field topics – but I know this is our fault for not stepping up to the plate and helping to present these.
18. Posters – suggest putting (placing) posters in numerical order as the reader moves down and up the aisle ways. Just a suggestion – not a complaint.
19. Did not like that the committee meetings were all at the same time so that some people had to pick between committees. Let the committees set breakfast meetings and then start the Symposium at 9 AM instead of 8 AM. Or the committees can have evening or afternoon meetings if they want. Encourage more field topics for talks to a point of soliciting talks from production vets.
20. Would prefer printed copies of proceedings; but I understand why CD's are used. Would prefer rolls/etc. in addition to drinks in a.m. Impressive body of scientific information comprising a variety of subjects ranging from basic “bench” studies to clinical investigations. All poster/presentations – well presented – somewhat disappointing of the “no shows” among the posters. Overall – great meeting!
21. Please tell AVMA that we need to find inexpensive cities for future conventions.
22. Good meeting. Topics are very relevant.
23. Refreshments – would like food as well as drinks. No times were provided for the meeting rooms. Organization has been excellent. A great party on Tuesday night – can we do it every year? !!! Washington, D.C. was well organized and designed.
24. Hotels very expensive. Overall, very good meeting.
25. Thanks for putting together.
26. Please do not use the mouse roller for slide advancing in the future. Please stagger committee meetings so members don't have to choose to attend only one. Many of us are active on more than one committee.
27. Where are the Continental breakfasts? AVMA has done a very poor job of recognizing AAAP at this meeting as we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. No chicken, turkey banner anywhere in sight. We need to ask the question – Are we getting fair representation as a Poultry Industry? Maybe it is time to leave AVMA and join another poultry organization for better representation.



28. Need snacks. Move committee meetings to Monday PM. Sunday is just too busy 8 AM to 6 PM. It ruins the family night. Associate members should be able to hold office in AAAP. Meeting rooms should all be at the AAAP hotel. AAAP has their entire meeting in their own hotel and lets non-vets hold office. Many of the best and long time science presenters do not have a DVM!!! Letting foreign educated vets hold an office is a sham. Their Vet degrees are equivalent to Animal Science degrees in the U.S.
29. Water need for refreshment. Shuttle service unpredictable – not AAAP responsibility.
30. Scientific program: Thanks for your efforts to classify subjects. More turkey associated papers would be nice – please encourage and accept these.  
Refreshments: Drinks appreciated. I miss the pastries!!
31. I have not looked at the proceedings but the CDs are fine. Do not have committee meetings on Saturday. It means an extra day and more expensive flights.
32. Committees must have flexibility with scheduling their meetings. The “fixed time” did not work. Please allow this change. DC – too many pan handlers/ Rough folks.
33. I missed breakfast in the poster room.
34. Committee meetings were poorly scheduled.
35. Need to have non-coffee refreshments, such as tea, iced tea, lemonade, water.
36. Minimal turkey topics – NEED MORE. Too much molecular – not enough practical application to field.
37. –Well done, a quality program. –Enjoyed key note speakers. –Thank you. –Difficult to get to all meetings.