

The American Association of Avian Pathologists, Inc.

Annual Business Meeting

July 18, 2011

The Americas Center Room 223

St. Louis, MO

2:15 to 3:45 pm

Meeting called by: President Stewart Ritchie

Note Taker: Janece Bevans-Kerr

Attendees: AAAP Members

Call to Order

President Stewart Ritchie called the meeting to order. There was a moment of silence to remember Stephen Hitchner and Lawrence Moorehouse, members who had died the past year. Dr. Ritchie thanked Bob Owen for his work as editor of the new manual just out for distribution entitled, "A Practical Guide for Managing Risk in Poultry Production."

Minutes of the 53rd Annual Business Meeting

Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Ton Schat

Second: Yan Ghazikhanian

Motion passed

Report from the Avian Diseases Editor

Jagdev Sharma, editor of the Avian Diseases and Avian Diseases Digest journals gave a report on the state of the journals for 2010-2011. Submission of articles for publication in Avian Diseases continues to rise. They now have a 60-65% acceptance rate for publication in the journal. The lag period between when an article is first accepted for publication and the time that it is published has been reduced from 36 ½ weeks when Dr. Sharma first began as editor to presently 19 ½ weeks. The impact factor for the journal was 1.623 last year. Four issues of Avian Diseases and Avian Diseases Digest are produced each year. The process of publication is rapid with no down time. A good team is needed to keep the process going. Dr. Sharma thanked the team, Dr. Sylvia Sharma, Jean Baldwin, Jeanne Englemann and Bob and Janece Bevans-Kerr. The quality of the journal remains at a high standard due to the screening of manuscripts by the Avian Diseases Editorial Committee. Dr. Sharma thanked the 47 members of the Editorial Committee and the Editorial Advisory Board for their hard work. Avian Diseases Digest was first published 5 years ago. It is a condensed online version of the articles in Avian Diseases. There is a need for more subscribers to this journal and Dr. Sharma solicited help from the membership, especially those with Mexican and South American contacts, to get word out about the journal.

Secretary-Treasurer 54th Annual Report

Charles Hofacre, Secretary-Treasurer of AAAP gave the 54th annual Secretary-Treasurer's report. AAAP has grown with a net increase of \$20,000.00 this past year. The dues increase last year had a significant impact on the net profit increase. Membership is struggling. There are now 756 total members. There

were 64 new members last year, 5 newly retired members and 157 who did not renew their membership. This impacted AAAP by a negative \$9,000. A significant portion of AAAP's income comes from the sale of educational materials. Last year \$38,000 of income came from educational materials sales. Dues brought in \$245,000. Royalties brought in \$64,000. AAAP has invested \$150,000 with Marin Financial Advisors, LLC. AAAP has already dealt with this company for years with the Foundation's investments. Dr. Hofacre thanked the members who volunteer their time to represent AAAP and work in AAAP committees. He thanked the allied organizations for their sponsorship of the Annual Meeting and Bob and Janece Bevans-Kerr for their work in managing the organization.

Action Item: Motion to accept Annual Report

Motion: Ton Schat

Second: Andrea Zedek

Motion passed

Auditing Committee Report

Karen Burns Grogan reported for the Auditing Committee. They reviewed the financial statements for AAAP Inc. and AAAP Foundation as drawn by G. Michael Smith and Associates, P.C. Certified Public Accountants and found the finances to be in good order. The committee recommended the acceptance of the financial statements.

Action Item: Motion from the committee.

Second: Eric Jensen

Motion passed

Report of the Executive Board

Charles Hofacre gave highlights from the AAAP Board of Directors meeting.

Because membership numbers are down, the Board of Directors has decided to initiate a membership drive. AAAP is challenging the membership to bring new members and/or those who are not active (did not pay dues in 2011). Members can reduce their own membership dues by referring new or lapsed individuals to join AAAP. Dues will be reduced \$50 for each referral or a \$50 donation to the Foundation will be given for each referral. There will be a dues increase of \$30 next year for anyone receiving a print copy of the journal. The online price for dues will stay the same. AAAP is projecting a net increase of \$25,000 next year. The Board looked at strengths and weaknesses of many aspects of AAAP during their meeting this year and will be working with those evaluations more in future meetings. The AAAP Board of Directors does much in the way of advocating for the poultry industry and poultry medicine. This past year many letters have been written and there is always a need to answer quickly and methodically. The Board relies on the committees to help with responses. The committees write a response, the Board reviews the response and writes the letters. Committees are the work horses of our organization. Dr. Hofacre encouraged members to join committees.

Recognition of Retiring Board Members and Committee Chairs

Stew Ritchie recognized and thanked AAAP Board of Directors who had completed their service on the board and committee chairs whose terms had ended:

Board of Directors:

Jagdev Sharma, Past President

Kenton Kreager, Central Director

Susan Williams, Director-at-Large

Committee Chairs:

Isabel Gimeno, Education Committee

David Zellner, Epidemiology Committee
Andres Montoya, Membership Committee
Mariano Salem, Toxic, Infectious, Miscellaneous, and Emerging Diseases Committee

Results of the Central Region Election

Eric Gingerich was elected the new Director for the Central Region. He replaces Kenton Kreager and will serve until 2015.

Special Orders—Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers:

Mark Bland	President Elect
Suzanne Dougherty	Director-at-Large
Charles Hofacre	Secretary-Treasurer

Action Item: Motion from the committee to elect the above slate of officers.

Second: John Smith

Motion passed

AAAP Foundation Report

AAAP Foundation President Fred Hoerr reported on the Foundation.

AAAP Foundation is a charitable organization parallel with AAAP Inc. They are two separate organizations. This year an ad hoc committee will be formed assess and work on the structure of the Foundation. This committee will be headed by John Glisson. The membership was surveyed last year and overwhelmingly responded that student scholarships was an area where they wanted the Foundation to expand. The Foundation already supports students with the following awards: Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship, Richard B. Rimler Memorial Paper Award, Schwartz Travel Scholarship, Rosenwald Student Poster Award, and the Reed Rumsey Award. Last year a new scholarship for students pursuing a career in poultry health was established. \$19,000 was donated from some 50 members. This year \$7,500 in scholarship money will be given out. Dr. Hoerr invited more members to donate. Dr. Hoerr thanked Robin Gilbert for getting support for the Annual Meeting as Development Director of the Foundation. She is stepping down this year and Hector Cervantes is taking her place supported by Robert Williams.

AVMA Delegate Report

Gregg Cutler AAAP Alternate Representative to the AVMA House of Delegates reported. Mo Saif (AAAP Representative) was unable to attend this year due to illness.

Several Bylaw amendments passed the House of Delegates. Resolution #5 might be of interest to the AAAP membership and it involved exploring the cost incurred by the AVMA in accrediting foreign veterinary schools. The House of Delegates decided to establish a task force to explore the issue further.

Scientific Program Report

Rich Chin, chair of the Program Advisory Committee reported.

This year the combined program with the PSA had 604 presentations. There were 404 oral presentations and 270 posters. Of those, AAAP had 193 total presentations with 133 oral presentations and 59 posters. A new session was added to the program this year. It was titled, "Wealth of Knowledge." Dr. Chin encouraged everyone to fill out the online survey that would be emailed soon. Feedback regarding the combined meeting will be appreciated. The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held in San Diego, CA. The AVMA has budgeted \$45,000 in support. Next year is Dr. Chin's last year as chair

and the Board will be looking for a new program chair elect in the academic area. 20 minute oral presentations are also being discussed.

Committee Reports

Animal Welfare Committee

Kate Barger, chair of the Animal Welfare Committee reported.

The AVMA has posted their Euthanasia Guidelines on their website. The Animal Welfare Committee's comments on these guidelines will be given to the AAAP Board of Directors at their Tuesday meeting.

Enteric Diseases Committee

Michael Day, chair of the Enteric Diseases Committee reported.

Holly Sellers gave a presentation to the committee this year. The Enteric Diseases committee submitted a formal proposal to the Board of Directors for a 2012 symposium.

Awards Committee

Calvin Keeler, chair of the Awards Committee reported.

12 awards were given this year with 14 recipients. Four of the 12 awards are student awards Dr. Keeler encouraged the members to nominate deserving and qualified members for awards. Nominations are now active for three years. Dr. Keeler thanked the members of the Awards Committee for their hard work and announced that they are looking for new committee members.

Drugs and Therapeutics Committee

Hector Cervantes, chair of the Drugs and Therapeutics Committee reported.

The Drugs and Therapeutics Committee was very active this past year working with the Board of Directors to respond to many issues. Dr. Bill Flynn, Senior Director of Science Policy at FDA-CVM was the guest speaker for this year's meeting. The committee is working on a new mission statement. Dr. Cervantes is stepping down as chair this year and asked for volunteers to take over the chairmanship.

Histopathology/Case Report Interest Group

H.L. Shivaprasad, chair of the Histopathology/Case Report Interest Group reported.

The group met on Friday this year for approximately three hours. They had 50 presentations and a lively discussion. The group has a lot of fun.

Tumor Virus Committee

Gregorio Rosales, chair of the Tumor Virus Committee reported.

The Tumor Virus Committee will work to promote the new Tumor Diagnosis Manual which came out last year. They are pursuing the idea of having the manual translated into Spanish. The committee developed a survey which was put to the membership last year and through feedback from that has decided to make fact sheets for publication. They are also planning to propose a symposium for 2013. This is Dr. Rosales' last year as chair and Arun Pandiri will take over as the new chair of the committee.

Legislative Advisory Committee

Gregg Cutler, chair of the Legislative Advisory Committee reported.

This is a new committee and not many came to the meeting this year. Dr. Cutler hopes that more will attend next year and invited young people to come and say hello.

Membership Committee

Andres Montoya, chair of the Membership Committee reported.

The Membership Committee discussed ways to increase AAAP's membership. Ideas included having a student rate of \$50, giving a 10% discount on educational materials to members, auto pay for dues and a student chapter of AAAP with a page on Face Book.

Toxic, Infectious, Miscellaneous and Emerging Diseases Committee

Gloria Avellaneda, chair of the Toxic, Infectious, Miscellaneous and Emerging Diseases Committee reported.

The committee discussed two new diseases and the possibility of submitting a proposal for a 2013 symposium.

Respiratory Diseases Committee

Susan Williams reported for Maricarmen Garcia, chair of the Respiratory Diseases Committee. The committee discussed outbreaks in various regions. Ian Rubinoff gave a presentation to the committee as well as Kate Barger.

Transfer of Leadership

Stewart Ritchie passed the John Delaplaine gavel to Patricia Dunn to officially begin her term as President of AAAP. Dr. Dunn thanked the members for being involved in the organization and encouraged everyone to attend next year's meeting in San Diego. She then presented a plaque to Dr. Ritchie and thanked him for his services as the 2010-2011 AAAP President.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.