

The American Association of Avian Pathologists  
55<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting  
August 6, 2012  
10:30 am to 12:00 pm  
San Diego Convention Center  
San Diego, CA

Meeting Called by: President Patty Dunn

Note Taker: Janece Bevans-Kerr

Attendees: AAAP Membership

**Call to Order**

President Patty Dunn called the meeting to order and members observed a moment of silence for members who had died since the last business meeting.

Bruce Hunter

Julius Fabricant

**Motion to approve the minutes to the last meeting:** H. L. Shivaprasad

Second: Pat Wakenell

Motion passed

**Report of the Officers**

Secretary-Treasurer Report

AAAP Inc. increased its assets by ~58,000.00 last fiscal year. Areas of AAAP that generated the most revenue were the journal and educational materials. Page charges for the journal increased significantly in 2011. Avian Diseases Digest lost money, but a smaller amount than the previous year. Dr. Hofacre thanked the authors and editors of the journal and educational materials for all their work on those publications. The net revenue for educational materials was up 10% in 2011 from 2010. The largest number of sales came from "A Practical Guide to Risk Management," edited by Bob Owen. \$23,000 in income was generated in 2011 while expenses were \$18,000. This is the first publication from AAAP that made money in its first year. The new *Avian Diseases 7<sup>th</sup> Edition* manual is almost complete and will come out this year. Investments for Inc. were down last year but growth over time is expected. AAAP membership is stable at 750-800 members. Dr. Hofacre reminded members who are veterinarians to keep up their membership with the AVMA in order for AAAP to have membership in the AVMA House of Delegates. He thanked all the AAAP committee chairs for their work and encouraged all members to stay active in AAAP.

**Motion to accept the Annual Report:** Andrea Zedek

Second: Ton Schat

Motion passed

Auditors Report

Linnea Newman reported that the Auditing Committee reviewed the AAAP, Inc. financial statements as compiled by G. Michael Smith & Associates and found no problems to be addressed.

**Motion to accept the Auditors Report:** Ton Schat

Second: Yan Ghazikhanian

Motion passed

### Highlights from the Board of Directors meeting

The board reviewed AAAP's income and expenses differently this year that will hopefully make the health of the organization clearer. There are four "lines of business" that AAAP engages in: the journal, the Annual Meeting, the AAAP Bookstore and membership. This new way of viewing the organization divides the cost of the management, the business manager and facilities between the four lines of business so the board can more easily see the expense/income in each area.

The Poultry Science Association (PSA) is interested in meeting with AAAP again. They made a proposal to the board to meet with them outside of the AVMA convention in 2015 or to meet with them at the AVMA convention in 2017. The board decided to pursue meeting with the PSA in 2017. After the 2011 meeting, 70% of AAAP members expressed an interest in meeting with the PSA again.

The Scientific Program will be reorganized somewhat going forward. Oral presentations will continue to be 15 minutes long, but a 15 to 20 question and answer period will be implemented at the end of each session.

Mark Lutschaunig of the AVMA's government relations division (GRD) spoke to the board about legislation and advocacy of a 501(c)6 organization. AAAP as a 501(c)6 can lobby. The AVMA has a core of lobbyists and is willing to train a group from AAAP about how Washington works and facilitate visits to the hill. That group can then train others in AAAP. The board has approved funds for a visit/training. AAAP has a representative on the AVMA Legislative Advisory Committee. It is Gregg Cutler. His alternate is Bruce Stewart-Brown. AAAP has its own Legislative Advisory Committee that is planning a trip to Washington D.C. in May or June of 2013.

The AVMA made a call last fall for nominations to their Future Leaders Program. The Future Leaders Program's goal is to develop the strengths and talents of emerging leader veterinarians, promoting their leadership skills for the benefit of the veterinary workplace, organized veterinary medicine, and society as a whole. AAAP is excited to announce that Karen Burns Grogan was one of 10 selected for this program.

### Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Three retiring AAAP Board of Directors were thanked for their leadership and service:

Stewart Ritchie, Past President

Darko Mitevski, Western Director

Robert Porter, Director at Large

### Retiring Committee Chairs

The following AAAP committee chairs were recognized and thanked for their service:

Kate Barger, Animal Welfare and Management Committee chair

Michael Day, Enteric Diseases Committee chair

Andrea Zedek, Membership Committee chair

Mariano Salem, Toxic, Infectious, Miscellaneous and Emerging Diseases Committee, chair

Louis Dufour-Zavala, Isolation, Identification and Characterization of Avian Pathogens Manual Committee, chair

Richard Chin, Program Advisory Committee, chair

### Results from the Western Region Election

Victoria Bowes was elected as the new director for the Western Region. She will serve until 2016.

### Nominations Committee Report

Fred Hoerr, chair of the Nominations Committee, announced the committee's recommendations for the following:

Mick Fulton for President Elect

Charles Hofacre for Secretary-Treasurer

Deidre Johnson for Director at Large

**Motion to approve the slate as recommended by the Nominating Committee:** H. L. Shivaprasad

Second: Ton Schat

Motion passed

### Reports

#### **AAAP Foundation Report:** Fred Hoerr

The Foundation has traditionally given out awards funded by large monetary gifts which were then invested. The intent was that the dividends from these award funds would pay for the yearly cost of the award. In the current financial climate, the returns from investments are barely paying or not paying for the cost of the awards. The Foundation has been paying for the awards out of its general fund, which is getting depleted rapidly. The Foundation has cash flow issues. An Ad Hoc committee has been formed to look into solutions for this situation. A Bylaws review committee has been formed to update the Foundations bylaws into more of a working document. A new scholarship program was initiated by the Foundation in 2010. It is the Poultry Scholars Program. If avian medicine professionals want to stay competitive with other animal groups in attracting young talent to their field, they need to offer something to the young people. The scholarship program addresses that. The Foundation has raised ~\$34,000 for the program. This year five \$1000 and five \$500 scholarships were awarded. Approximately 10% of the AAAP membership is donating to the Foundation. The Foundation board would like to broaden that group. Endowing the scholarships is a goal.

#### **AVMA Delegate Report:** Mo Saif

AAAP has excellent relations with the AVMA. The AVMA is very supportive of AAAP and this relationship is very important. The House of Delegates had three main issues which were discussed at this year's meeting. 1. Economic situation for veterinary professionals. 2. The number of and distribution of veterinarians 3. Raw meat as food for dogs and cats. Dr. Saif encouraged members to talk with him or Gregg Cutler if they are interested in serving on an AVMA council.

#### **Scientific Program Report:** Rich Chin

There were 203 total presentations this year—121 oral presentations and 82 poster presentations. There were not as many submissions as in the past. The new schedule of Saturday through all day Tuesday which began in 2011 has added more presentation slots. There are now slots for 132 presentations where previously there were 116. There were many cancellations this year which is a concern. There were 12 oral cancellations which left 3 hours open in the schedule. There were also last minute poster cancellations and 4 no shows. John Smith will take over as the new Program Advisory Committee chair and Danny Magee will be the new vice chair.

**Report on Avian Diseases and Avian Diseases Digest:** Jagdev Sharma

There was a 17% increase in submissions this year. The lag time between submission to publication is now at 20 to 24 weeks. The journal has a very good reputation. The journal has a very good peer review process and Dr. Sharma asked all the reviewers present at the meeting to stand and be recognized and thanked. Dr. Sharma announced that he has submitted his resignation as Avian Diseases Editor to the AAAP Board. He thanked everyone for the good feedback he has received that has meant a lot to him.

**Diseases of Poultry 13<sup>th</sup> Edition:** David Swayne

The *Diseases of Poultry 13<sup>th</sup> Edition* will be out next summer in print and e-book. There will be a discount for AAAP members. Dr. Swayne thanked the chapter editors for their contribution. *Diseases of Poultry* is published by Blackwell & Willey Press, but the royalties for the book go the AAAP.

**Membership Committee:** Andrea Zedek

The Membership committee emailed a welcome to each new member this year. Many new members expressed interest in serving on an AAAP committee. Andrea asked all committee chairs to please contact the new members who expressed interest in their committee. The new time for the New Member Meet and Greet was a big improvement and the Meet and Greet was a great success this year.

**New Business**

Pat Wakenell reminded the members who participated in the Silent Auction that the auction was closed and asked the winners to pick up their items. She also announced a new poultry residency/training program at Perdue University.

Chuck Hofacre reminded members that the next World Veterinary Poultry Association Congress will be August 19-23, 2013 in Nantes France.

He asked members who are interested in applying for Editor of Avian Diseases to call the AAAP office for an application.

Dr. Hofacre also announced that 2016 meeting would be his last as Secretary-Treasurer. The Past Presidents will discuss a transition plan for a new Secretary-Treasurer and advise the AAAP board.

Calvin Keeler, chair of the AAAP Awards Committee, asked members to consider serving on the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee also requests more time to judge student posters when planning the schedule and asked members for nominations for awards, stating that the committee will help in developing the nomination forms.

**Passing of the John Delaplaine Gavel**

Patty Dunn thanked the membership for allowing her to serve as president of AAAP. Her focus this past year as president was on casting a broad net for new members and on the One Health Initiative—that public health and poultry health are one. She reminded members that the work of such AAAP committees as the Drug and Therapeutics committee, the Food Safety Committee and the Diseases of Poultry Health and Significance committee would only become more and more important. She thanked Chuck Hofacre, Bob Bevans-Kerr and Janece Bevans-Kerr for their help the past year.

The gavel was passed on to the new AAAP President Mark Bland. His focus as president will be on students—the future of AAAP. He thanked Andrea Zedek for her excellent work as the Membership Committee chair and applauded the work the students and young veterinarians are doing on that committee. He asked the members to support the Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship Program by

mentoring students and asked members to get the message out that the new AAAP Foundation Poultry Scholarship was available to students. He thanked Chuck Hofacre, Bob Bevans-Kerr, Janece Bevans-Kerr and his wife Karen for their help and support.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.