

The American Association of Avian Pathologists
56th Annual Business Meeting
Monday, July 22, 2013
10:30 am to 12:00 pm
McCormick Place Room W196A
Chicago, IL

Meeting Called by: President Mark Bland

Note Taker: Janece Bevans-Kerr

Attendees: AAAP Members

Call to Order

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

Hiram Lasher

Alex Bermudez

Hugo Medina

Roland Winterfield

Kenneth Eskelund

Stanley Vezey

Benjamin Lucio-Martinez

Frank Wills

Motion to approve the minutes to the last meeting. Fred Hoerr

Second: H.L. Shivaprasad

Motion passed

Vote for 2017 WVPA Congress site

Chuck Hofacre asked the members to vote on one of three sites for the 2017 WVPA Congress. Prospective sites are Verona, Italy; Budapest, Hungary; and Edinburgh Scotland in order to take that information back to the WVPA. Members voted for Edinburgh.

Report of the Officers

Secretary Treasurer Report

AAAP Inc increased its assets by \$18,000. Major sources of income were membership dues, contributions to the Annual Meeting, subscriptions to the journal and educational materials. Membership increased from 769 to 795 in 2012. This is a reversal of a downward trend the last few years. Chuck thanked Hector Cervantes for his outstanding work as AAAP Development Director. Subscriptions to the journal brought in \$48,000 to AAAP. Chuck also thanked Martine Boulianne and the chapter editors for the Avian Disease Manual 7th Edition. It generated \$10,000 of income for AAAP in the first few months since publication. In 2010, the AAAP Board of Directors invested \$150,000 in a Charles Schwab account with Marin Financials. It is now \$158,000 after initially losing money. Chuck reminded members who are veterinarians of the importance of being an AVMA member. In order for

AAAP to have representation in the AVMA House of Delegates, 85% of AAAP members who are veterinarians must belong to the AVMA. AAAP had 88% of members in the AVMA last year.

Motion to approve the Secretary-Treasurer annual report. Mick Fulton

Second: Eric Gingerich

Motion passed

Auditors Report

Karen Grogan reported for the Auditing Committee which consists of Karen Grogan, Gregorio Rosales and Eric Jensen. The committee found the financial report by the accounting firm of G. Michael Smith to be accurate and had no issues for AAAP Inc. After reviewing the financial report for AAAP Foundation, the committee advises the Board of Directors to find a solution to the cash flow issues experienced by the Foundation. Scholarships appear to be unsustainable in the long run. They asked that a review the investment policies be taken into account.

Motion to accept the Auditors Report: from committee

Second: Joan Schrader

Motion passed

Report of Executive Board

Highlights form the Board of Directors meeting

AAAP Inc will donate \$240,000 to the AAAP Foundation. The funds will be invested with Marin Financials in a 50% bonds 50% stocks vehicle.

The Legislative Advisory Committee will be restructured somewhat. Gregg Cutler is the chair of that committee.

Karen Grogan participated in the AVMA Future Leaders Program this year. Next year AAAP will have two members participate; Suzanne Dougherty and Eric Willingham.

The Respiratory Diseases committee will give the 2014 symposium and the Tumor Virus Committee will give the 2015 symposium.

Committee chairs will meet with the Board of Directors tomorrow.

Several AAAP members received media training on July 19th this year. The objective is to generate a pool of individuals are able to respond to the media when issues come up. The group reported that it was a very good experience and there are plans to train more members next year.

Recognition of AAAP Directors

The following AAAP Directors completed their term of office and were recognized and thanked:

Patty Dunn	Past President
Dan Bautista	Eastern Director
Suzanne Dougherty	Director at Large

Recognition of AAAP Committee Chairs

The following AAAP Committee Chairs completed their term of office and were recognized and thanked:

Calvin Keeler Awards Committee

Bill Pierson Diseases of Public Health Significance Committee (Bill has accepted a second term.)
Ian Rubinoff Membership Committee (Ian has accepted a second term.)

Recognition of Avian Diseases Editor

Mo Saif presented a plaque to Jagdev Sharma in appreciation for his work as Editor of Avian Diseases journal from 2003-2013.

Eastern Director Announcement

Mark Bland announced that Eva Wallner-Pendleton was elected as the new Eastern Region Director replacing Dan Bautista.

Election of Officers

Bruce Stewart-Brown, chair of the Nominating Committee announced the slate of officers for the 2013 election:

Francene Van Sambeek	President-Elect
Charles Hofacre	Secretary-Treasurer
Sara Steinlage	Director at Large

Motion to accept the slate as presented by the nominating committee –Ton Schat

Second: Noala Ferguson

Motion passed

Reports

AAAP Foundation Report

Fred Hoerr, President of the AAAP Foundation, reported.

The AAAP Foundation is financially sound with \$516,000 in total assets. The Foundation Directors are working on a cash flow issue. The new Poultry Scholarship Program has had two cycles now and is very successful. \$15,000 has been given in scholarships. \$39,000 still remains in the account. The second phase of the scholarship program is being launched by beginning named scholarships. Member groups are encouraged to honor a mentor, company, etc. by raising a minimum of \$40,000. The amount will be invested with a single scholarship being paid out with the dividends on the investment. Perdue graduates are organizing to begin a R. Winterfield scholarship. Dr. Hoerr encouraged other members to begin their drives. The Foundation is also looking into planned giving for scholarships.

AVMA Delegate Report

Mo Saif reported as AAAP's representative on the AVMA House of Delegates.

Dr. Saif thanked the membership for the privilege of representing AAAP on the AVMA House of Delegates. The HOD debated a resolution to eliminate the HOD. AAAP was part of a group that recommended keeping the HOD as it is more in the interest of AAAP. Dr. Saif encouraged members to take part in an upcoming survey on the subject.

Report on Avian Diseases

Mo Saif reported on Avian Diseases as new Editor of the journal.

Janece Bevans-Kerr is helping as the new Avian Diseases office manager. The manuscript acceptance rate is similar to the rate before Dr. Saif became Editor. The rejection rate however is very high due to a number of case reports many of which were on wild birds. Dr. Saif acknowledged and thanked the reviewers. He is adding more international members to the Editorial Board. Dr. Oscar Fletcher and Dr. Richard Witter will be added to the Avian Diseases Advisory Board.

Scientific Program Committee Report

John Smith, Chair of the Scientific Program Committee reported.

Dr. Smith thanked Danny Magee for his work on the committee. There were 101 oral reports this year and 77 posters. Attendance has been great. Dr. Smith thanked the presenters and the moderators and reminded the moderators that he needed their reports to give attendance numbers to the AVMA. A program evaluation survey will be sent after the meeting including asking for feedback regarding the new Q & A session.

Report on the 13th Edition of Diseases of Poultry

David Swayne, Editor of the 13th DOP, reported.

The electronic version of the 13th edition is available now. AAAP members get a price break. He thanked the associate editors and the chapter authors. The electronic version has more color than the print version. Dr. Swayne has agreed to act as Editor for the 14th edition. He thanked Dr. Mo Saif and Dr. Bruce Calnek for their contributions as past editors.

AAAP Task Force Committees and Manual Boards

Representatives of the various AAAP committees and manual boards were invited to report.

Histopathology and Case Report Interest Group

H. L. Shivaprasad reported. 40 members attended this year's meeting. The meeting went very well and they have plans to meet again next year.

Awards Committee

Calvin Keeler, Chair, reported.

Dr. Keeler acknowledged the award winners and thanked the presenters at the Awards Luncheon. In the future, the poster awards will be presented at the Wine and Cheese Social. No New Investigator Award was given this year. He encouraged members to nominate colleagues for this award.

Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship Committee

Kenneth Eskelund who founded the preceptorship scholarship program, died this year. Dr. Roney expressed his thanks for Dr. Eskelund's contribution. There are 5 or 6 scholarships given each year. This was Dr. Roney's last year as chair and Francene Van Sambeek will be the new chair.

Membership Committee

Andrea Zedek reported for the Membership Committee.

The Meet and Greet was very fun and she invited members to attend next year. The event was sponsored by Aviagen. AAAP is now on Facebook. The committee is continuing to find ways to get students on board. They have several recommendations to the Board of Directors. One is to lower student membership dues. The committee is updating the Veterinary School Liaison list. If you are asked to be a liaison, please accept.

Media Training

Nancy Reimers attended this year's media training for several AAAP members. She recommended the experience and encouraged members to consider doing it. She also suggested considering diversity in the members being training.

New Business

AAAP Bylaws Amendment

Chuck Hofacre explained the Bylaw change process as outlined in the AAAP Bylaws. Three members must sign a petition for the bylaw change. The Board of Directors must approve the recommendation. The members must be notified that a bylaw change will be discussed and a discussion held. After that,

the bylaw change will be voted on by the membership. The current change to the Bylaws includes gender language changes throughout the document, a name change for the Secretary-Treasurer position to Executive Vice President and a change in the term of the Secretary-Treasurer (as follows.)

The Executive Vice President shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of 5 years. Each year, the Executive Vice President, shall be reaffirmed by a majority of the voting membership present at the annual meeting until his or her term is ended. Failure to be reaffirmed will result in a new election process for Executive Vice President, beginning immediately and with the election held no later than two months after the annual meeting. There are no limits to the number of 5 year terms a member can serve as Executive Vice President. Failure to be reaffirmed as Executive Vice president does not exclude a member from applying for the Executive Vice President position. If the Executive Vice President is unable or unwilling to complete his/her term of office, an election process to replace him/her will begin immediately with the election to take place no later than two months after he/she has vacated the office.

No questions were posed regarding the proposed Bylaw change. Chuck Hofacre announced his intention to step down as Secretary-Treasurer (Executive Vice-President) in three years.

Passing of the John Delaplaine gavel

President Mark Bland passed the John Delaplaine gavel to the new AAAP President, Mick Fulton.

New President Remarks

Mick Fulton asked all the AAAP Past Presidents to stand and thanked them for their service. He announced to the members that AAAP and ACPV would be conducting a salary survey of the membership in early 2014. He also reminded members of upcoming regional meetings.

Presentation of Presidents Plaque

Mick Fulton presented the President's plaque to Mark Bland.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.