

**AAAP Business Meeting
57 Annual Business Meeting
July 28, 2014
11:30 am to 12:15 pm
Colorado Convention Center
Denver, CO**

Meeting Called By: President Mick Fulton

Note Taker: Janece Bevans-Kerr

Attendees: AAAP Members

Call to Order

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

A. Louis Shor

Richard Wooley

Quinton J. Hanssens

George B. W. West

Frank Wills

Wilma Schwartz (friend of AAAP)

Louis Van der Heide

Bruce Charlton

Conrad Pope

Special Orders

Election of Officers (The election of officers was moved up in the agenda because the meeting began late and Dr. Sharma had to leave to catch a plane.)

Jagdev Sharma, chair of the Nominating Committee announced the slate of officers for the 2014 election:

Robert Porter President-Elect

Charles Hofacre Executive Vice President

Ian Rubinoff Director-at-Large

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

Second: Eva Wallner-Pendleton

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting—Karen Grogan

Second: John Glisson

Motion passed

Report of the Officers

Executive Vice President Report

Chuck Hofacre, Executive Vice President of AAAP reported.

Last year AAAP Inc. donated \$240,000 to the AAAP Foundation to be used to help shore up the award and scholarship funds so that they could be self-sustaining. This move was in line with AAAP's mission.

2013 AAAP financials showed total assets of \$631,546. Total assets for 2014 were \$490,284. Taking into account the \$240,000 which was gifted to the Foundation, AAAP increased its assets by over \$100,000.

Dr. Hofacre thanked all the volunteers to AAAP. AAAP's investment with Marin Financial Associates, Inc. has given AAAP a net gain of \$12,381 which is close to a 4.5% annual rate of growth. Membership numbers for AAAP remain steady after a few years of declining rates. The year over year numbers reported to the Board this year looked like a decrease, but that is because some members paid their dues late—after the fiscal year. Dr. Hofacre stressed the importance of being a member of AVMA to those members who are U.S. veterinarians. 85% of AAAP's members who are U.S. resident veterinarians must be AVMA members in order for AAAP to have representation in the AVMA House of Delegates and on AVMA committees and councils. 87% of AAAP members who fit that description are in AVMA. The numbers are close each year.

Action Item: Motion: Motion to accept the Executive Vice President's report.—Hector Cervantes
Second: H. L. Shivaprasad
Motion passed.

Report of Executive Board

Highlights from the Board of Directors Meeting

Chuck Hofacre, Executive Vice President of AAAP reported.

- Dr. Hofacre encouraged members to come to the Board of Director's meetings as they are open to the membership. There are actually two Board of Directors meetings that are held the two days before the annual meeting; one for AAAP, Inc. a 501(c)6 corporation and the other for AAAP Foundation, a 501(c)3 corporation.
Action Item: Publish Board of Directors meetings agendas on the website for members before the Annual Meeting.
- The Board decided that 25% AAAP Inc.'s yearly profit will be donated to the AAAP Foundation.
- The Wildlife Diseases Association is looking for some partnership with AAAP. AAAP will continue to discuss various options with them.
- Last year there was a proposal to the AVMA to consider forming a new Food Animal Division. Dr. Hofacre reported on the subsequent actions by the AVMA since receiving that proposal. Representatives from the swine practitioners, the bovine practitioners and Dr. Hofacre representing the poultry groups met with Dr. Ron DeHaven in Schaumburg, IL. The AVMA will not be forming a new division, but representatives from the various food animal groups will meet twice a year at the AVMA headquarters and the AVMA will be hiring staff who will specifically be handling the needs of those groups. Dr. Hofacre felt that the AVMA is committed to supporting food animal veterinarians.

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 the association is in sound financial status. The committee applauds the move of \$240,000 to the Foundation.

Action Items:

1. The committee requests a copy of the Executive Vice President's report.
2. A new committee member needs to be selected as Eric Jensen is now serving on the AAAP Board of Directors as the Southern Director. He cannot be on both.

Action Items: Motion: Motion to accept the auditor's report. —Ton Schat
Second: Hector Cervantes

Motion passed.

Recognition of AAAP Directors

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

Mark Bland	Past President
Andrea Zedek	Southern Director
Deirdre Johnson	Director at Large

Recognition of AAAP Committee Chairs

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

Michael Martin	Animal Welfare Committee
Barry Kelly	Drugs and Therapeutics Committee
Dan Karunakaran	Enteric Diseases Committee
Randy Chick	Epidemiology Committee
Ian Rubinoff	Membership Committee
Maricarmen Garcia	Respiratory Diseases Committee

Recognition of the AAAP Development Director

Hector Cervantes completed his term of office and was recognized and thanked for his outstanding service as AAAP's Development Director.

Southern Region Election Announcement

Mick Fulton announced that Eric Jensen was elected as the new Southern Director replacing Andrea Zedek.

Reports

AAAP Foundation Report

Fred Hoerr, President of the AAAP Foundation reported.

The infusion of cash from AAAP Inc. has done much to help the Foundation reach its goal of having the awards and scholarships be self-funding. The Foundation's financial consultant has said that it is prudent to expect dividends of 3 to 3 ½ % of the invested income that could be used to pay out awards and scholarships. There is a lot of development work to do with the Foundation, but the Foundation is positioned well for growth. Dr. Hoerr described a next step toward funding the Poultry Scholarships; endowed named scholarships. There are five already proposed. Each fund would need \$40,000 to be fully endowed.

The Foundation is looking for a Development Director. Dr. Hoerr asked members to please contact him if they are interested.

AVMA Delegate Report

Mo Saif, AAAP's Representative on the AVMA House of Delegates reported.

Dr. Saif thanked the members for the confidence they placed in his representation. AAAP's relationship with the AVMA is very good. The majority of issues to report from the HOD have to do with the governance of the AVMA.

Avian Diseases Report

Mo Saif, Avian Diseases Editor reported.

Dr. Saif thanked all the reviewers for the journal, the Avian Diseases Editorial Board and the Avian Diseases Advisory Board. A new "Letter to the Editor" section has been added to the journal and Dr. Saif feels the transparency in the process it affords is good for the journal. Dr. Saif has added more international reviewers for manuscripts. He thanked Janece Bevans-Kerr for her help as office manager. More than 200 manuscripts were submitted to the journal in the past year. The acceptance rate is 55% which is down from the previous year.

Scientific Program Committee Report

John Smith, chair of the Program Advisory Committee reported.

John Smith thanked Danny Magee and Bob and Janece Bevans-Kerr for their work getting the Scientific Program together. The relations between AAAP and the AVMA are good. The attendance at this year's meeting is very large. A non-exact count of attendees in one of the rooms was between 400 and 500. The quality of the submissions has been good and the number of cancellations has been small.

New Business

Executive Vice President Position for 2016

Chuck Hofacre, AAAP Executive Vice President reported.

In the coming year there will be a search for a new Executive Vice President of AAAP. The AAAP Past Presidents group has worked out a process for the search. 2 or 3 people have already expressed an interest. The membership will vote for the new Executive Vice President at next year's Business Meeting. The new Ex. V.P. will then shadow Chuck for one year before taking over the job in 2016.

Other Business

- Rotating Chairs

Mo Saif voiced the opinion that the current practice of having terms for chairs and their rotation off the leadership roles of a committee, may not always be the best situation for some committees. It may be better to not rotate off at all if the committee has exceptional leadership. He asked the Board to consider not requiring term limits for committee chairs.

Passing of the John Delaplaine Gavel and Presentation of the President Plaque

President Mick Fulton passed the John Delaplaine gavel to the new AAAP President, Francene Van Sambeek. Dr. Sambeek then presented Dr. Fulton with a Presidents Plaque and thanked him for his service to AAAP.

New President Remarks

Francene Van Sambeek stated that finding the right replacement for Chuck Hofacre will be a very important task for the upcoming year. She asked all the members to please contact her if they have any issues or concerns regarding any AAAP issues.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.