

## **AAAP Business Meeting Minutes**

### **58<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting**

**July 12, 2015**

**11:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**Room 210A**

**Boston Convention Center**

**Boston, MA**

### **Call to Order**

President Francene Van Sambeek called the meeting to order. The members took a moment to remember those members who have died since the last business meeting:

Conrad Pope

Darrell Trampel

Joseph Bricker

Ronald Plylar

### **Minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting**

Motion to approve the minutes of the last business meeting. –Ton Schat

Second: Susan Williams

Motion passed.

### **Report of Officers**

Report of the Executive Vice President, 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Report: Chuck Hofacre reported.

The assets of AAAP grew from \$149,000 to \$580,000. Selling educational material brings revenue into the organization. Dr. Hofacre thanked the members who have volunteered their time producing and publishing educational materials. Dr. Hofacre also thanked the new Sponsorship committee, Scott Gustin, Eric Gingerich and Kabel Robbins, who raised \$122,750 in sponsorship donations for the 2015 Annual Meeting. Membership numbers are static at 787. Dr. Hofacre encouraged the AAAP members who are U.S. veterinarians to keep up with their AVMA dues. AAAP's relationship with the AVMA is important in part because AAAP is able to be part of a larger voice for advocating animal health issues.

**Action Item:** Motion to accept the Executive Vice President's report.—Mick Fulton

Second: Ton Schat

Motion passed.

Auditing Committee Report: Karen Grogan reported.

The auditing committee consists of Karen Grogan, Gregorio Rosales and Eric Jensen. AAAP changed accountants this year. The reporting structure for the financials was also changed this year. The accounting system is better, and will be even more so next year when year over year results can be compared. The committee reviewed financials for both AAAP Inc. and the AAAP Foundation. They saw no problems in either.

**Action item:** Motion to approve the auditing committee report.—Ton Schat

Second: Mick Fulton

Motion passed.

### **Report of the Executive Board**

Report on the AAAP Board of Directors Meetings: Chuck Hofacre reported.

The AAAP Board of Directors met for two eight hour long meetings on July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The Board works hard for the organization. The Board voted to donate 25% of last year's profit to the AAAP Foundation

and would like to do that on an annual basis if possible. Last year David Swayne asked AAAP to donate \$10,000 for the 9<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Avian Influenza. AAAP agreed, but Dr. Swayne informed the Board this year that it was not needed as other donations were larger than expected. Dr. Hofacre also thanked David Swayne for continuing to act as Editor for the *Diseases of Poultry*, for editing *Avian Influenza* and now *Animal Influenza*. The profits for these go to AAAP. Educational materials are important to the mission of AAAP and Dr. Hofacre thanked everyone involved in their production. Next year new editions of the Isolation, Identification and Characterization of Avian Pathogens and the Avian Histopathology manuals will be published. He thanked Susan Williams, Oscar Fletcher and Tahseen Aziz for their work as editors of those manuals. In 2003, the AAAP Foundation Board invested Foundation award funds that had previously been in CDs. The investments plus generous donations from the membership have resulted in Foundation assets of \$853,000. Dr. Hofacre thanked Fred Hoerr for his initiatives to make the Foundation grow. The Foundation is not just giving out awards anymore, it is now funding scholarships and expanding its mission. Dr. Hofacre reminded the members that AAAP Board meetings are open to members and invited them to come to a meeting.

#### Recognition of Retiring Board Members and Committee Chairs

Francene Van Sambeek thanked the following AAAP Officer and Directors for their service:

Mick Fulton     Past President

Eric Gingerich   Central Director

Sara Steinlage   Director at Large

The following AAAP committee chairs were thanked for their service:

Helen Wojcinski     Animal Welfare Committee

Danny Magee         Research Priorities Committee

Arun Pandiri         Tumor Virus Committee

Hyatt Abassi         Toxic, Infectious, Miscellaneous and Emerging diseases Committee

Gabriel Senties-Cue   Education Committee

A special thank you was given to John Smith for his service as the AAAP Program Advisory Chair.

#### Central Region Election Announcement

Bernie Beckman was elected to replace Eric Gingerich as the Central Director. He will serve until 2019.

#### Election of Officers

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers and director:

Martine Boulianne     Director at Large

Hector Cervantes     President Elect

Chuck Hofacre         Executive Vice President

Suzanne Dougherty     Executive Vice President Elect

**Action Item:** Motion to accept the slate as presented.—Babak Sanei

Second: Bill Hewat

Motion passed.

#### **Reports**

AAAP Foundation Report Robert Porter reported for Fred Hoerr.

12 Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship scholarships were funded this year. 16 students applied for the scholarship. For the last 5 years, the Foundation has funded AAAP Poultry Scholarships. A total of \$29,500 has been paid out. The applicants for these scholarships have been most impressive. Dr. Porter anticipates that these scholarship winners will be the future leaders of AAAP. Most of the funds were provided by members through a 5 year pledge drive begun in 2010. Last year a new initiative for named

endowed scholarship funds was begun. Three have substantial funds so far and one, the Past Presidents Poultry Scholarship, is already fully endowed. Dr. Porter asked members to pledge again. The AAAP Board of Directors has already made new pledges totaling \$12,900. Members may also elect to give to the named scholarship funds. New named scholarship funds have already begun.

AVMA Delegate Report Mo Saif reported.

Dr. Saif thanked the membership for the privilege of representing AAAP. The main issue this year was the AVMA Council of Education responsible for accreditation. It was suggested that a firewall between the AVMA and the Council of Education was needed. Some changes were made to create more separation. Other initiatives were made to create even more separation, they all failed.

Report on Avian Diseases Journal Mo Saif reported.

Dr. Saif reported that the journal is in good shape financially and scientifically. Submissions are down slightly. He thanked the Editorial Board for their hard work in reviewing the articles submitted.

Report on the 14<sup>th</sup> Edition of Diseases of Poultry David Swayne reported.

The fourteenth edition is scheduled to be published in 2018. Sales are down for the 2013 edition. There are plans to survey the membership for the 14<sup>th</sup> edition.

### **Announcements**

Andrea Zedek of the Membership Committee announced that member photographs will be taken in the hallway during breaks of the Scientific Program.

Pat Wakenell announced that the Silent Auction would end on Monday at noon.

### **Passing of the John Delaplaine Gavel/Presentation of Presidents Plaque/New President's Remarks**

Francene Van Sambeek passed the gavel to the new AAAP President, Robert Porter. Dr. Porter then presented Dr. Van Sambeek with a plaque and thanked her for her service as the AAAP President. He also thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve as president and stated that he intends to focus on bringing in new members as 50% of AAAP's current membership is 50 years or older. He will also concentrate on funding initiatives for the AAAP Foundation.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.