



The American Association of Avian Pathologists  
60th Annual Business Meeting  
July 23, 2017  
10:45 am to 12:00 pm  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called By: President Hector Cervantes

Note Taker: Janece Bevans-Kerr

#### Call to Order and Welcome Remarks

President Hector Cervantes called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence as members remembered Harold Easterbrooks and Pablo Rayment who died the past year. He reminded members of some of the issues he focused on as president and thanked members for the opportunity to serve them.

#### Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting—Fred Hoerr**

**Second: Eva Wallner-Pendleton**

**Motion passed.**

#### 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Report

Suzanne Dougherty, AAAP Executive Vice President reported.

2016-2017 was Suzanne's first full year as Executive Vice President. Some changes were made to the Annual Meeting schedule based on feedback from the members. AAAP is a 501(c)6 organization whose mission is to promote scientific knowledge to enhance the health, well-being, and productivity of poultry to provide safe and abundant food for the world. Total assets for the fiscal year ending April 30<sup>th</sup> were \$723,015. Avian Diseases subscription revenue was down slightly, but income from BioOne from which Avian Diseases royalties continues to be a good source of income from the journal. The AAAP bookstore end of year results showed a loss, but this is because of expenses to publish four educational books in the fiscal year. AAAP expects a long-range profit from publishing the books. Dr. Dougherty pointed out that AAAP is an organization of volunteers and thanked the many members who give their time for the organization. She especially thanked Pedro Villegas for his work on the Avian Disease Manual Spanish version, Bob Owen for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the Practical Guide for Managing Risk in Poultry Production, Tahseen Aziz for Avian Histopathology 4<sup>th</sup> Edition and Susan Williams for the Isolation, Identification and Characterization of Avian Pathogens 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. She thanked all the members and companies who support the Annual Meeting and the AAAP Sponsorship Committee—Scott Gustin, Kabel Robbins and Eric Gingerich for raising \$154,750 for the Annual Meeting from 77 sponsors. Suzanne reported that dues income for AAAP is up and reminded members to pay their dues by January 1<sup>st</sup>. AAAP currently has 778 members. She encouraged AAAP

members who are U.S. veterinarians to be members of the AVMA. She thanked Hector Cervantes for his work as President and the AAAP business office.

#### Auditing Committee Report

Karen Grogan, Auditing Committee chair, reported.

The Auditing Committee reviewed and approved the AAAP Inc. and AAAP Foundation financial reports as compiled by the KWS CPA firm. They congratulated the Foundation for increasing the number of scholarships to 21 in 2017, many of which were corporate sponsored. Both organizations are in good financial standing.

**Action Item: Motion to accept the auditor's report—Ton Schat**

**Second: Bret Rings**

**Motion passed**

#### Report on the AAAP Board of Directors meetings

Suzanne Dougherty reported.

The Board of Directors met all day Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> and a half day on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. All AAAP Board of Directors meetings are open meetings and Suzanne invited members to come. The BOD reviewed the results of a survey of the membership conducted in the Spring of 2017. 195 members responded to the survey. Work life balance was identified as the main concern members have and the BOD is working on some ideas to respond. Consumer trust is another issue identified and a task force will be formed to develop strategies to address it. AAAP is going to investigate producing webinars and a new Digital Communications committee is being formed to work on them as well as other projects. AAAP is trying to get more exposure and is working with Joe Feeks of PR Works who has offered his services pro bono. Zoetis has also donated to allow AAAP to use their platform.

#### Recognition of retiring board members and committee chairs

Hector Cervantes recognized the following AAAP Directors and committee chairs who completed their terms of office:

Robert Porter, Past President

Eva Wallner-Pendleton, Eastern Director

Martine Boulianne, Director at Large

Travis Schaal, Membership Committee chair

Nancy Reimers, Animal Welfare Committee chair

#### Top Performing Committee

President Hector Cervantes announced the top performing committee for 2017. This is a new award for AAAP. AAAP has 16 committees and approximately 200 AAAP members serve on committees. The criteria used to select the top performing committee is as follows:

1. The committee defines specific goals on a regular basis and actions to achieve them.
2. The committee work is shared among the committee members.
3. The committee produces products and/or services that benefit the AAAP and/or the wider community.
4. The committee submits reports to the AAAP Board of Directors.

5. The committee submits rosters to the AAAP Board of Directors.
  6. The committee leadership rotates.
  7. The committee invites new members.
- The top performing committee for 2017 was History of Avian Diseases Committee. Some of the projects completed by this committee in 2016 included:
1. Identifying and arranging for invited history articles for the Avian Diseases journal.
  2. Identifying and supplying photos and biographical sketches for covers for the Avian Diseases journal.
  3. Collecting and identifying photos of members for a AAAP Member Photo Collection.
  4. Proposing and arranging for the annual history lecture.
  5. Preparing a deposit of historical documents for the AAAP archives held at Iowa State University.
  6. Writing a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet, as a sequel to our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary book to commemorate AAAP's anniversary this year.
  7. Writing and producing the video, "Celebrating 60 Years," for AAAP's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### Eastern region election

President Hector Cervantes announced the winner of the Eastern region election. Ton Schat was elected to replace Eva Wallner-Pendleton and he will serve as Eastern Director for the next four years.

#### Election of Officers

The Nominations Committee presented the following slate of officers:

Nathaniel Tablante	President Elect
Suzanne Dougherty	Executive Vice President
Maritza Tamayo	Director at Large

**Action Item: Travis Schaal made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee.**

**Second: Eric Jensen**

**Motion passed.**

Nathaniel Tablante was elected as AAAP President Elect, Suzanne Dougherty was elected as Executive Vice President, and Maritza Tamayo was elected as Director at Large.

#### AAAP Foundation Report

Fred Hoerr, AAAP Foundation President reported.

The AAAP Foundation approved a mission statement in 2017 and elected Eric Gingerich as President-Elect. The AAAP Foundation finances are in good shape. The Foundation has four standing committees: The Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship Committee, the Awards Committee, the Scholarship Committee and the Development Committee. Dr. Hoerr thanked all the members who serve on committees and invited members to join the Development Committee. Seven years ago, the Foundation gave no scholarships and in 2017, it gave twenty-one. Two scholarships are fully endowed thanks to donations by AAAP members. It takes \$40,000 to fully fund a scholarship. Last Spring the Foundation conducted a survey and the results indicated that members wanted the Foundation to stay on track with student recruitments. The AAAP

Foundation board decided to focus on students in research tracks. Dr. Hoerr asked for member input as to products.

#### AVMA Delegate Report

Gregg Cutler, AAAP delegate to the AVMA House of Delegates reported. Gregg Cutler is the delegate and Kate Barger is the alternate. The HOD discussed license portability. There is a probably that there will be some relaxation of the regulations for people practicing in multiple states. There is a huge number of openings for federal veterinarians to work in inspection. The government might use non-vets as inspectors. The HOD discussed tele-medicine--that is to have the opportunity to consult with clients over the phone. If the veterinarian has an existing vet/client relationship, he/she can talk to clients over the phone and not be afraid to be getting into VCPR problems. AAAP values its relationship with the AVMA and feels it benefits from the relationship.

#### Avian Diseases Journal

Mo Saif, Editor of Avian Diseases Journal, reported. The journal is in good shape financially and journalistically. Dr. Saif thanked the Editorial Board, the Advisory Board and the AD office. The acceptance rate for manuscripts submitted for publication has been steady for the last several years. In 2017 it was 55%.

#### AAAP Scientific Program

Danny Magee, Chair of the Program Committee, reported. There were 225 submissions for oral and poster presentations. This is a bit lower than previous years. The rooms were larger than normal this year and so a classroom set-up for the rooms was chosen. There has been some last-minute cancellations and the committee has worked hard to fill those.

#### Report on the 14<sup>th</sup> Edition of Diseases of Poultry

David Swayne, Diseases of Poultry Editor, reported. The 14<sup>th</sup> edition of Diseases of Poultry is scheduled to be published in July 2018. Dr. Swayne thanked the associate editors. At this time about 50% of the chapters have been submitted to the associate editors. This year Animal Influenza came out. AAAP members get a discount on that book.

#### Passing of the John Delaplaine Gavel

Hector Cervantes formally passed the AAAP presidency to Dr. John Smith by presenting him with the John Delaplaine gavel. Dr. Smith thanked Dr. Cervantes for his service as President and all his work for AAAP over the years. In his opening remarks, Dr. Smith stated that AAAP is a 501c6 association is here for the mutual benefit of all of us, most importantly through collegiality, networking, the meeting, and educational materials. The leadership will be working on providing members with ease of access to these things. Another initiative is public outreach. As a professional organization, AAAP needs to get its message out there. AAAP needs to work on public trust because in

general, there is a loss of trust in science from the public. AAAP also needs to respond to pressure from buyers and provide information on food safety.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.