



The American Association of Avian Pathologists
66th Annual Business Meeting
June 13, 2023
10:45AM to 12:00PM EST

Attendees: AAAP Members
Note Taker: Diana Kerr

Call to Order

Meeting called by: President Rocio Crespo.
Statement for Antitrust Compliance read.

AAAP President began meeting with a moment of silence to remember members who died this past year, Drs. Tirath Singh Sandhu, Richard Julian, Peter Woolcock, Nik Mohd Faiz Nik Mohd Azmi, William Andrew “Drew” Parker, Dr. Mahesh Kumar, and Dr. Stewart John Ritchie.

Minutes of the 65th Annual Business Meeting

Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the 65th Annual Business Meeting
Motion by: Ton Schat
Seconded by: Eric Jensen
Motion passed; minutes approved.

Report of the Officers

66th Annual Report and Board of Directors Meeting

Suzanne Dougherty, AAAP Executive Vice President reported.

The AAAP Inc. is a nonprofit organization. The organization is financially healthy. The financial report for AAAP has been sent to the accountant and the auditing committee for review. Our net assets have increased from 1.3 million to 1.5 million, which is an increase of 200K dollars. This is our first annual meeting separate from the AVMA and we will see some of the registration revenue come in before the fiscal year. The AAAP Sponsorship Committee did a wonderful job and raised 129K from 54 sponsors. Bookstore sales have also increased due to the new Hatchery Manual as well as the Poultry Course and AAAP webinars. The royalties for BioOne had a slight decrease but there was an increase in the subscriptions this fiscal year. AAAP will be moving to online publication of the journal in 2024. Our membership numbers have increased by 162 members, and we are still a constituent ally of the AVMA. Please remember to maintain your membership in AVMA. Next year the AAAP Annual Meeting will be held in St. Louis, and we will have a strategic meeting in the fall to update our mission/vision and goals.

Recognition of Service for Board of Directors

Recognition for the AAAP Board of Directors who have completed their terms. They are:

Michelle Kromm

Eliza Theis

Louise Dufour-Zavala

Election Announcements

David Frame reported.

The 2023 election was held electronically before our Annual Meeting. All directors are now at large with four-year terms. The Student Director is elected yearly by the student members of our association. This year there was an election for President Elect, two directors, a student director, and the Executive Vice President. The results of this year’s election are as follows.

Claudia Osorio	President Elect
Ivan Alvarado	Director
Jose Linares	Director

Josie Gamble Student Director
Suzanne Dougherty Executive Vice-President

Committee Reports

Auditing Committee Report

Travis Schaal reported.

The Auditing Committee received a preliminary draft of the financial report for both AAAP Inc. and the AAAP Foundation. Both the AAAP and the AAAP Foundation are financially sound. The committee also welcomed new member, Dr. John Schleiffer.

Action Item: Motion to approve the auditor's report.

Motion passed; report approved.

AAAP Foundation Report

Eric Gingerich reported.

The AAAP Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit 501c3 corporation and is financially healthy and growing. The AAAP Foundation Poultry Scholarship program gave \$76,500 in 2023. The AAAP Foundation Board, led by President Eric Gingerich, has been very successful in creating new scholarships and growing the Foundation's assets. This past fiscal year (2022/23) the AAAP Foundation funded 24 poultry scholarship recipients, 9 preceptorships, 2 Avian Biosciences Travel Scholarships for a total of \$91,200 in scholarships.

Report on Avian Diseases

Mo Saif reported.

There have been several changes in Avian Diseases due to the survey conducted in 2019. We now have a special section in Avian Diseases. The December issue will have a special section in Vaccinology. We also have a focus group on case reports that is being chaired by Bruce Stewart Brown. They depress the impact factor of but are important for the journal and readers. Dr. Saif acknowledged the people who have been helpful during his tenure as Editor of Avian Diseases: Avian Diseases authors, reviewers, the advisory board, and the AAAP office.

Scientific Program

Natalie Armour Manginsay reported.

This was our first independent meeting from AVMA. We have 698 registrants and received a 24% increase in submissions and a 20% increase in requests for oral presentations. The committee was very selective and raised the quality of the program. The committee would like to thank the 22 moderators for having done a great job.

Recognition of committee chairs that have completed their term. They are:

Joel Cline	Research Priorities Committee
Valerie Marcano	Diversity and Inclusion Committee
Hailey Quercia	Membership Committee
Marie Severyn	Animal Welfare Committee
Andrea Zedek	Women's Network
Geoffrey Lossie	Development Committee
Erica Spackman	Avian Biosciences Travel Scholarship

Top Performing Committee Recognition

Rocio Crespo presented the 2023 AAAP Top Performing Committee.

To acknowledge the outstanding work of our AAAP committees, the Board of Directors has asked the Committee Review Committee to select a Top Performing Committee each year. AAAP currently has 22 committees and over 300 of our members participate in committees. 18 committee chairs met individually with the Review Committee in April. We wish more members could be in on these calls because it is exciting to hear about the work these committees are doing and their plans. If you are not on a committee, think about joining one.

Selecting one top performing committee is not easy as we have many committees that do a fantastic job. These are the criteria used to make the decision:

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 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.

This year's Top Performing Committee award goes to the AAAP Program Advisory Committee.

The Program Advisory Committee is charged with organizing and presenting the AAAP Scientific Program at its annual meeting each year. They work closely with the AAAP office who has developed a standard operating procedure to assist the committee. Specific tasks include:

- A. Organizing a call for papers.
- B. Assembling the program. The committee meets in early December to review abstracts and organize the program. This year they reviewed over 300 abstracts submitted.
- C. Coordinating with the Board of Directors and the AAAP office on events and meetings that are included in the Scientific Program.
- D. Filling in vacancies in the Scientific Program.
- E. Reviewing the printed program.
- F. Monitoring the progress of the Scientific Program during the annual meeting and troubleshooting any issues that arise.

Congratulations to the AAAP Program Advisory Committee for a job well done!

New Business

AAAP Member Survey.

Rocio Crespo reported.

In 2019, the AAAP Board of Directors met in St. Augustine, Florida for a 2-day strategy session with a consultant and developed broad goals to accomplish the vision and mission of AAAP. This year the AAAP Board of Directors will meet to assess and update the strategy plan of our organization, so it remains relevant in our ever-changing environment. We are looking for feedback from all our members on what works and what could be improved. You can scan the QR code to complete the brief survey. The survey will also be emailed after the annual meeting.

Passing of the John Delaplaine Gavel

Rocio Crespo announced that Dr. Deirdre Johnson is the new president of the AAAP.

New President Remarks

Deirdre Johnson reported.

Thank you to all mentors, colleagues, and AAAP family. Please do not hesitate to contact the AAAP BOD if you have any questions.

Adjournment

There being no objection, Dr. Deirdre Johnson adjourned the meeting.