



FALL NEWSLETTER

November 2023

Call for Abstracts for 2024 AAAP Annual Meeting

The AAAP is calling for abstracts to be presented at the 2024 AAAP Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO on July 9-11. The **deadline to submit an abstract is February 1st, 2024**. You will be notified of your submission status on March 17th, 2024. If you have any questions please contact the AAAP business office at aaap@aaap.info or 904-425-5735.

- You must be a AAAP member to submit an abstract. [Join AAAP](#) if you are not already a member.
- This will be a hybrid meeting, meaning you have the option of presenting virtually. Virtual Presentations will be prerecorded and uploaded to AAAP's learning management system. Attendees of the meeting will be able to view (but not download) the presentation for a period of 25 days between July 1 and July 25. Oral presentations will not be recorded and will remain in-person only.
- Please read our [speaker agreement](#) carefully before submitting.
- Oral Presentations are 15 minutes, 12 minutes for presentation and 3 minutes for questions.
- Posters should be no bigger than 4' by 4'
- The AAAP provides travel support to speakers upon request. Travel support is given from a fixed pool of funds evenly to all speakers who request it. This means if you do not require travel support more is available for other speakers who do.
- Presenters have registration fees waived using a discount code that will be provided at a later date. Presenters must not share this code with any other parties.
- Any changes you would like to make to your submission must be submitted through our [change request form](#).

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Letter from the AAAP President, Dr. Deirdre Johnson



Dear AAAP Membership,

I want to thank you for the honor to serve as your AAAP president for the 2023-24 term. Already in my first months in this role, I've had to opportunity to form deeper, collegial relationships with many AAAP members. Also, a big thanks to Dr. Rocio Crespo for her leadership and mentorship as our previous AAAP president as well as her guidance during our transition.

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2023 AAAP Awards

EVENT

American Association of Avian Pathologists Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL, June 11 - June 14, 2023

AWARDS



L. Dwight Schwartz Travel Scholarship

Recipient: Miranda Painter

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Recipient: Emily Cason and Nicolas Gaide
Affiliation: University of Georgia
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Recipients: Ashley Hallowell and Roel
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Affiliation: University of Georgia Poultry
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Rimler Memorial Paper Scholarship Award

Recipient: Yuyang (Jerry) Tsai
Affiliation: University of Georgia



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Lasher-Bottorff Award

Recipient: Francene Van Sambeek

Affiliation: Elanco Animal Health



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Recipient: Maricarmen Garcia
Affiliation: University of Georgia



Phibro Animal Health Research Award

Recipient: Margie Lee
Affiliation: Virginia Maryland College of
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Special Service Award

Recipient: Eric Jensen
Affiliation: Jensen Consulting



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Recipient: Mike Petrik

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Recipient: Isa Ehr

Affiliation: Hendrix-ISA, LLC



AAAP Mentorship Award

Recipient: David French

Affiliation: University of Georgia



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Hall of Honor Inductees

Drs. Roy Curtiss III and Guillermo Zavala were inducted into the AAAP Hall of Honor.

The Hall of Honor recognizes a member of the AAAP who has 15 or more years of membership of the AAAP and has made significant contributions to the advancement of poultry health and contributions to the AAAP.

AAAP Website Features for Members

Please note that you must be logged in to an active AAAP profile to access these features.

- [Access to the Avian Diseases Journal](#): you have free access to the journal as a member benefit. Just click on one of the “View Avian Diseases” buttons under the Journal tab above.
- [Committee Forums](#): you can view and post on any committee forum. Just hover over a committee in the Committees dropdown above and select the forum.
- [Newsletters](#): you can view all past newsletters under the news tab. These are great historical documents for AAAP as well as for current information.
- [Membership Directory](#): use the directory search in the member services section to the right to find other AAAP members in your area or who share your interest/expertise.
- [Salary Survey](#): you can view the results of our latest salary survey. Useful if you are looking for a job or to employ.
- [Research Priorities](#): you have access to view the current research priorities created by our Research Priorities committee every other year.
- [Bookstore Discounts](#): while logged in you receive a 10% discount on books purchased through the website.
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- [Joining or Leaving Committees](#): joining a committee is easy! Just complete the form found by clicking on the “Join a Committee” button under the committee tab above.

In Remembrance: Dr. Stewart John Ritchie, Dr. Art Bickford, and Dr. Yaz Ghazikhanian



Stewart John Ritchie passed away early May 2nd at home with his much loved family and dog at his side. Stew or Dad or Papa was the heartbeat of our family and at only 64 years of age he was taken from us far too soon, he just had so much more to do!

Stew was born in Vancouver to Bill and Maud and spent his early years with his 3 siblings in Burnaby before moving to Abbotsford in the 60s. Stew was a curious and spirited kid who developed a deep respect and love for animals at a young age.

When he moved to the countryside Stew was promised a dog of his own, he has been a proud dog daddy ever since. While living in rural Abbotsford and under the influence of his father, a hands on leader in animal feed industry, Stew tried his own hand at raising every kind of farm animal that his parents allowed. Stew delved into the welfare and nutrition aspect of animal husbandry in his teens raising beef cattle, pigs, sheep and chickens. This of course set the stage for a career path that he would follow for the rest of his life. Stew was born in Vancouver to Bill and Maud and spent his early years with his 3 siblings in Burnaby before moving to Abbotsford in the 60s. Stew was a curious and spirited kid who developed a deep respect and love for animals at a young age. When he moved to the countryside Stew was promised a dog of his own, he has been a proud dog daddy ever since. While living in rural Abbotsford and under the influence of his father, a hands on leader in animal feed industry, Stew tried his own hand at raising every kind of farm animal that his parents allowed. Stew delved into the welfare and nutrition aspect of animal husbandry in his teens raising beef cattle, pigs, sheep and chickens. This of course set the stage for a career path that he would follow for the rest of his life.

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Science at UBC ('80) and Master's Degree in Animal Science at the University of Arkansas ('82) and Doctor of

Veterinary Medicine ('87) at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon.

After a year of travel with Sandra throughout Europe, India, Nepal, SouthEast Asia, China and Australia, Stew returned to his hometown of Abbotsford to join his mentor Dr. Doug McCausland in his veterinary practice focusing on poultry and swine. Stew eventually bought Doug's practice and founded Canadian Poultry Consultants Ltd. Over the next 30 plus years Stew became a leader in his field establishing a poultry veterinary consultant practice, followed by a research farm with a focus on improving broiler health and performance. He was passionate about collaboration with his wide network of esteemed peers and created platforms for other experts in the fields of poultry diseases to meet and share their research expertise. Stew travelled the world as a consultant in poultry disease management/ prevention and served as an adjunct professor at the University of Georgia and the University of Arkansas. Stew also served as a board member and President of the American Association of Avian Pathologists. In recent years Stew has focused on farming sustainability in broiler production and conveying the essentials of broiler farming to existing and new farmers with his Platinum Brooding Program. Stew was absolutely committed and passionate about keeping poultry welfare and efficient poultry farm management at the highest possible standard in BC, no excuses. The industry has lost a leader.

Throughout the busy career years Stew was also a dedicated family man, Dad to Samantha(George), Amelia (AJ), Tyler and Liam and Papa to Bradley, Wren, Eldon and Oliver. Stew shared with his kids his passion for travel, fishing, home grown food, the Canucks and boating on Mara Lake. The dinner table brought family and friends together with good food, fine wine and lively conversation (and chirping of course) Throughout their lives Sam, Amelia, Ty and Liam accompanied their dad on his international business travels but the favourite trip of all was to Ireland where Stew's parents first met.

Stew was legend for his humour, wit, intelligence and generosity. In addition to his aforementioned family

Stew will be greatly missed by his siblings Laurina Ritchie and Scott (Tracey) Ritchie, brothers-in-laws Brian (Sheryl) Loughlin, Barry (Benita) Loughlin, Sister-in-law Susan Loughlin, nieces and nephews Cameron, Brittany, Justin, Alex, Matthew, Dean, Ryan, Brock, Jamie, Spencer, Camilla and Carlene. Stew was predeceased by his mother Maud, father Bill, and brother Gord.

provided both Stew and his family with such wonderful care during such difficult times. We are forever grateful for your support.

Stew, you are at home, please rest...until we meet again.

A celebration of life for Stewart will be held Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre, 36035 N Parallel Road, Abbotsford, British Columbia V3G 2C6.

Dr. Arthur Alton Bickford of Turlock, CA, passed away Saturday, July 29th, leaving his family, friends, and community to cherish the memories of his long and productive life.

Art was born and raised in northern Vermont. He was the youngest male of ten children. Growing up on the family dairy farm, he learned all the valuable lessons that come with that type of life.



The family had maple trees on their land, and Art observed some of the finer points of “sugaring” from his dad. Art loved maple syrup, and he shared that love with friends and family his whole life. Of course, there were incentives to staying on the family farm, but he had a passion for learning, and when he graduated from high school, he set his sights on the rigorous path of higher education.

He attended the University of Vermont and the University of Pennsylvania where he received his VMD in 1960. He pursued graduate study in veterinary pathology at the University of Vermont, Colorado State University and Purdue University where he received M.S and PhD degrees in 1964 and 1966 respectively. It was around this time when Art met Peg, his wife of more than sixty one years. Their family quickly grew to five, with the addition of three beloved daughters, Carolyn, Patty and Andrea. Art was a loving father and husband, and with Peg, they set the foundations for a close knit, happy, healthy and successful family. Everything was in place for the next phase of his career.

Art served in faculty positions at Purdue University, the University of Missouri, Columbia, and the University of California, Davis. Prior to his retirement in 2001, he served as Chief

Throughout his time at the lab, Art was always thoughtful of those who were coming up in the field, and welcomed the opportunity to mentor those building their own careers. But even then, he continued to work on his own contributions, joining editorial boards for avian and poultry journals, staying active in professional organizations like the American Veterinary Medical Association, The Western Poultry Disease Conference (President 1979), the American Association of Avian Pathologists (President 1983), the Western Veterinary Conference (President 2000), and the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (Secretary/Treasurer 1997-2001). Art was appropriately recognized throughout his 50 plus year career with accolades like the CA Bottorff Award from the AAAP in 1995 and the E.P.Pope Award from the AAVLD in 2001.

Art's impact on the veterinary world was significant, but he still found time to nurture a life outside his work. Art served his community through the good works of organizations like the Optimists, Kiwanis, and Rotary. After experiencing some health issues, he built a lasting camaraderie and friendship with his fellow cardiac rehabilitation patients. They eventually turned their rehab activities into ongoing breakfast get togethers. His caring and concern for animals turned to outright love when it came to the family pets, which included both canine and feline persuasions. And as the family grew, Art and Peg travelled to see them. Art could be found joining pretend tea parties, wearing silly hats, sharing his favorite desserts, and generally connecting with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in the most meaningful ways. His wit, his humor, and his kindness were indelibly felt by all of them. One of the most memorable trips was an Alaskan cruise where Art and Peg's 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated. He often talked about how happy he was that his whole family was able to join.

Art recently got word that the future UC Davis, California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory Turlock Branch would be dedicated and named "Arthur A. Bickford-Bruce R. Charlton Turlock Branch Laboratory". He was able to attend a site ceremony and spoke briefly to those in attendance. The family could think of no better way to honor not just an exemplary career, but the extraordinary man who forged it. Not long after that occasion, Art's last day with us found him at home, comfortable, with his daughter Andrea beside him.

Art was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Lee and Evangeline Tyler Bickford. Also preceded by his brothers Robert, Glendon, Dan, Merlin, and sister June. And last, preceded by his wife Margaret (Peggy) Nash Bickford, and his oldest daughter, Carolyn Frances Bickford Bellanca. Art is survived by his brother Elwood Bickford, and sisters

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grandchildren Alexandra Jones, Matthew Bellanca, Daniel Bellanca, and Kathryn Dothage; and great grandchildren Isabella Bellanca and Jameson Bellanca.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Arthur A. Bickford Endowed Avian Residency Program fund, Dr. Gregg Cutler established the fund in 2018 to provide support in perpetuity for avian residency students. Information on the avian residency endowment fund can be found at <https://give.ucdavis.edu/VRVN/123505>

Memorial service will be held at Allen Mortuary on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 1:00p.m.



Yan Ghazikhanian, a notable figure in veterinary medicine and an anchor of warmth and hospitality, peacefully passed away in his home in Sonoma, CA on July 29, 2023, at the age of 86. He left an indelible mark on both the professional community, and more importantly, the lives of those who knew him.

Born on April 21, 1937, in Andimeshk, Iran, Yan's drive for academic excellence took him from a small town to the University of Tehran, where he earned his DVM at the top of his class. His academic achievements didn't stop there; a scholarship brought him to the United States, where he pursued his MS and PhD in Microbiology and Comparative Pathology at the University of California, Davis.

Professionally, Yan's dedication was evident in his work. In 1972, he took up the responsibility of directing a mobile laboratory in Riverside, CA. Under the auspices of the USDA this lab was responsible for eradicating Velogenic Viscerotropic Newcastle Disease (VVND) from the Southern California poultry industry. He joined Nicholas Turkey Breeding Farms in Sonoma, CA in 1974 as a staff veterinarian, where he spent 33 years and officially retired as Vice President of Veterinary Medicine in 2007. It was during this collaboration that he solidified his reputation in the poultry industry.

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American Association of Avian Pathologists over the past twelve months. We value your contributions. AAAP memberships make up the lifeblood of our organization. Your involvement is important and very much appreciated.

We hope that you will take the time to renew your membership and remain part of our community. It couldn't be easier! Click the button below to renew your membership!

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Join / Renew Your AVMA Membership

We need your help in ensuring that AAAP continues to be recognized as an allied veterinary association of the AVMA!

The AAAP's status as a constituent member of the **American Veterinary Medical Association** is dependent on AAAP demonstrating that we have achieved the required threshold of members who are also AVMA members. Thus, it is **vital that members get involved so AAAP can achieve the required number to maintain our constituent member status with AVMA.**

As a constituent member of the AVMA, the AAAP receives benefits that impact the veterinary profession and poultry industry. As a recognized voice with AVMA, AAAP:

- Has two representatives representing the poultry sector within the AVMA House of Delegates.
- Gets access to the AVMA Governmental Relations Division, which influences Congress on legislation like the Farm Bill.
- Provides representatives on AVMA committees which influence AVMA's positions on topics such as antimicrobial usage, animal welfare, and telemedicine.

Essentially, the AVMA is AAAP's vehicle to influencing policy decisions for the veterinary profession and advocating for the poultry industry, which is why it is so important that AAAP members join the AVMA.

As a veterinarian and member of AVMA, you also receive tangible benefits including:

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- Access to professional publications, insurance (PLIT) and retirement benefits
- Access to professional well-being programs, crisis management resources and career services

Click the button below to join or renew your AVMA membership!

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AVMA Positions

Deadline to Submit: January 12, 2024

The AAAP is looking for volunteers to serve on the AVMA Clinical Practitioners Advisory Committee, the Food Safety Advisory Committee, the Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee, and the Committee on Antimicrobials.

The **Clinical Practitioners Advisory Committee** advises the AVMA Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents to ensure wide species-based, veterinary practitioner input on issues of biologic and therapeutic agents including but not limited to drug availability, distribution, use and residue control, and on quality assurance for products of food animal origin.

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The **Food Safety Advisory Committee** advises the AVMA Board of Directors on food protection (food safety, food defense, and food security) issues.

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The **Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee** is charged with identifying present and future issues of mutual concern to the veterinary profession and the producers of food products derived from animals; strengthening relationships between AVMA and organizations related to animal agriculture; improving communications and the flow of information among

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agriculture for the AVMA, and serve as a primary resource for matters associated with animal agriculture and advising on and develop animal agriculture policy and recommendations for submission to the AVMA Board of Directors.

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The **Committee on Antimicrobials** advises the AVMA Board of Directors on the topic of antimicrobials. The committee reviews and supports the AVMA's overarching strategy to allow the veterinary profession to effectively share robust and comprehensive recommendations for policy and its implementation with legislators, regulators, the marketplace, and other stakeholders. The committee has the authority to convene virtual working groups with clear objectives. Further, the committee serves as the lead AVMA entity in the Association's collaboration with similarly focused stakeholders as well as human medical entities (e.g., U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) in a One Health approach to the overarching issue of antimicrobial resistance.

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AAAP Foundation News

AAAP Foundation Guilds

The AAAP Foundation Guild Program recognizes members who make valuable contributions to the Scholarship, Award, and Preceptorship Funds. Membership into the AAAP Foundation Guild is earned through cumulative donations to the AAAP Foundation. Donations can be made in small increments and are counted over the lifetime of the donor. Since its inception in 2018, over 100 AAAP members have joined the ranks of the Foundation Guilds, by making donations at the following levels:

Donor Guild- \$1000

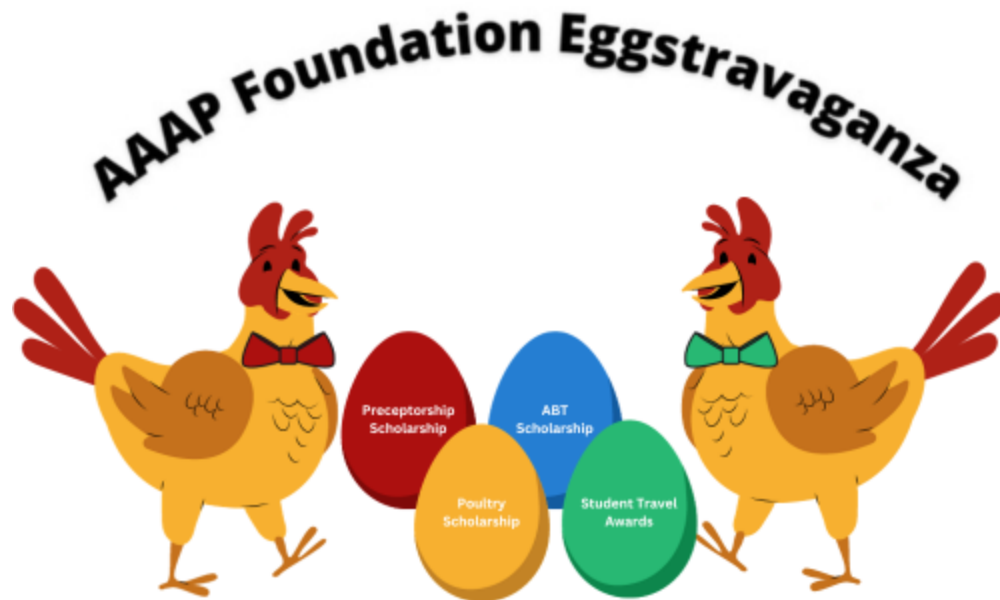
Gold Feather Guild- \$5000

Platinum guild- \$10,000

For more information on current AAAP Foundation Guild Members:

<https://aaap.memberclicks.net/aaap-foundation-guilds>

AAAP Foundation Giving Eggstravaganza



The 2023 AAAP Foundation Giving Eggstravaganza was a huge success, with **\$15,705** raised during the week. THANK YOU to all of the AAAP members who contributed to these efforts—you are greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to **Dr. Andres Montoya** for winning the free AAAP membership, as well as the mug winners. We hope everyone enjoyed the AAAP Foundation Giving Eggstravaganza and we look forward to doing it again next year!

AAAP Travel Awards

The AAAP is excited to announce the creation of the Student Travel Awards! These awards were established to help support DVM and undergraduate students with funding to attend and participate in the AAAP annual meeting. The awards will be competitive and will reimburse students in the amount of

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Unlike other AAAP awards and scholarships, we are not seeking a \$40,000 endowment to fund this award yearly. Rather, the AAAP will give the awards out based on the amount of money in the award fund. So, the more money that is donated into this fund means that more money can be given to students each year! This award will provide opportunities to foster the career development of students, as well as help them establish long-term collaborative relationships within the poultry industry.

The deadline for applications for this award will be April 1st of each year. PhD and MS students are welcome to apply for the Avian Biosciences Travel Scholarship.

To donate to the new AAAP Student Travel Awards, click the button below!

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ACPV News

Letter from the ACPV President, Francene Van Sambeek

A nip in the air, dry leaves rustling while walking through our woods, and an extra blanket on the bed...it must be Fall! I hope you took some time to stop to smell the late summer roses and enjoy all that you have been blessed with in life.



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2024 ACPV Workshop Registration is Now Open!
"Salmonella Outbreaks: Different Perspectives on Foodborne Pathogen Outbreaks"

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Salmonella Outbreaks: Different Perspectives on Foodborne Pathogen Outbreaks

Registration Fees:

ACPV member: \$150.00

Non-member: \$225.00

Student: \$50.00

Register for the 2024 Workshop

Book your hotel room by **March 15, 2024** to receive the group rate. Rates are \$199 a night.

Salt Lake City Marriott City Center
220 South State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Make Your Reservation

We hope you will consider supporting the 2024 ACPV Workshop. Sponsors will receive exposure in messaging before the workshop, at the live portion of the workshop and on the ACPV learning management site.

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AN ACPV WORKSHOP

SALMONELLA OUTBREAKS:



DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES ON FOODBORNE PATHOGEN OUTBREAKS

APRIL 14, 2024 | SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

AGENDA

REGULATIONS AND FOODBORNE OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION PERSPECTIVES

- Dr. Emilio Esteban, FSIS
- Dr. Heather Carleton, CDC

HOW DO WE IMPROVE HUMAN HEALTH OUTCOMES

- Dr. Randy Singer, University of Minnesota
- Dr. Tim Johnson, University of Minnesota

OUTBREAK COMMUNICATION

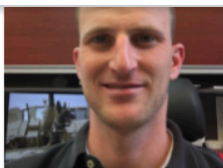
- Dr. Mat Wise, CDC
- Mr. Michael Grabell, ProPublica
- Dr. Bob O'Connor, Retired from Foster Farms

ROLE OF LITIGATION

- Mr. William Marler, Marler Clark
- Ms. Alyssa L. Rebensdorf, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP



Welcome Our New ACPV Diplomates

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1st Row Left: Cameron Ellington, Christopher Magee, Daniel Maekawa, Gigi Lin

2nd Row Left: Gunnar Dunnam, Hailey Quercia, Kay Russo, Lisa Tenny

3rd Row Left: Maggie Thompson, Maral Rahmani, Maria Dashek, Shayne Ramsubeik

We are happy to announce that 12 new diplomates have been admitted to the American College of Poultry Veterinarians. These new diplomates have successfully passed the ACPV examination and have been found qualified and competent in aspects of veterinary medicine appropriate to breeders, broilers, commercial egg, and turkey production, and their ancillary disciplines. The class of 2023 will receive their official diplomas at the 2024 ACPV Business Meeting in St. Louis, MO.

Renew Your ACPV Membership

This is a reminder to pay your ACPV 2024 dues and submit 2023 CE. Please note the following link to pay dues will take you to the AAAP website: [Membership Renewal](#). AAAP members will use their AAAP login information to pay their ACPV dues. Please review the ACPV policy for dues payments and CE submissions listed below. Contact us at **support@acpv.info** if you have any questions.

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- Dues payments and CE submissions are due on January 1 of each year.
 - After January 30th, a late fee of \$75 will be added to the dues payment.
 - If CE is not submitted by April 1, the Diplomate must claim that year as an exempt year.
 - A member who fails to pay dues or assessments for six months after the due date for payment thereof shall be designated as not a member in good standing and shall not be eligible to vote or hold office or otherwise be deemed to good standing until all arrearages (including any which are less than six months past due) are paid in full.
 - Members whose dues or assessments are in arrears for two full years will have their membership revoked after due notice has been given.
- Members who are deprived of membership through non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon approval of the Board after payment of all arrearages as well as dues and assessments for the ensuing year.

New Ad Hoc Committee - Outreach Committee

Early in 2023, during Dr. Sharon Heins Miller's presidential tenure, a new committee was formed as allowed by bylaws. The current President is allowed to form an ad hoc committee.

The members of the committee are: Drs. Sharon Heins Miller (Chair), James Barton, Chad Malinak, Charlie Broussard, Marie Severyn, Cori Robinson, Sara Reichelt, Marilynn Finklin, and Luke Baldwin.

The committee set a goal: to promote ACPV as the first resource for professional poultry needs. One agenda item is to draft white papers to attach to the ACPV website so that veterinary practitioners or others would find the ACPV when looking for more information on poultry.

Some topics for white papers are: biosecurity, avian influenza, illegal drug use in poultry, Mareks disease with biosecurity and avian influenza being the most pressing at this time. This notice acts as a request for assistance from the ACPV membership. If you would like to assist with the white papers please reach out to any member on the committee.

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