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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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The AAAP begins its second 50 years as vibrant professional organization poised to contribute significantly to the betterment of poultry health worldwide. I am personally indebted to the founding members who had the foresight and persistence to start the AAAP. My career would not have been the same without it. More than a few current and former AAAP members helped me: Drs. Joe Ostendorf, Roland Winterfield, Aly Fadly, Leon Thacker, Dan Wenger, Keith Honegger, Art Bickford, and Bill Carlton. Where would your career be today without the helping hand of a AAAP member? Or for that matter, without *Avian Diseases*, *Diseases of Poultry*, or the many valuable publications and educational materials produced voluntarily by our many capable members?

Consider also the generosity of our members. Because of the AAAP and the Dr. Ken Eskelund Preceptorship program, it's easier than ever to help mentor young people interested in poultry health. Pass on the favor and mentor a young colleague, even for just a day. That young person may be one of the retirees honored with a life membership at the 100th Anniversary of the AAAP.

The vibrancy of the AAAP has created growing pains that will command the attention of the Board of Directors in the coming year, and require the support and wisdom of the members. While the AAAP started as a good idea and small group of founding members, today we are overflowing with good ideas generated from a much bigger organization. We have reached the point where it is unlikely that a benevolent university can continue to host the AAAP office. Furthermore, we may no longer have the luxury of a university professor devoting a major portion of his or her career to manage the AAAP. We are a mature organization. Circumstances have changed, and so must we.

I've asked the AAAP Board to work as a committee-of-the-whole to address our office needs, and administrative/business structure. The AAAP office will be moving from the University of Georgia, but the location and the management structure have yet to be determined. That will be the work of the current Board. Because the American College of Poultry Veterinarians is facing similar circumstances, I asked Dr. Jean Sander, ACPV President, and Dr. Sherrill Davison, ACPV Secretary-Treasurer, to join the AAAP committee and look for possibilities where the two organizations can share office and staffing. This works well for other organizations and deserves study.

A process has started. No decisions have been made, except to embrace the changes on the near horizon. Now is the time to share your ideas with a AAAP Board member. I pledge my best effort to lead this process and look forward to hearing from you.

Fred Hoerr
President

Letter from the AAAP Secretary-Treasurer, Chuck Hofacre



Our organization had a very good year as you can see in my annual report, pages 13 and 14. We have continued to provide the strong scientific program at the annual meeting, supported the regional meetings and supported many students to learn more about poultry medicine through the Eskelund Preceptorship Award.

We have several new initiatives coming such as our new and improved website and a new edition of *Isolation and Identification of Avian Pathogens* manual. As we move into our second 50 years, we will continue to do the things we have always done and are going to be doing with the assistance of AVMA in keeping you informed of federal and state legislation. This is especially important in the animal welfare area.

We have many members who are volunteering their time on many AVMA committees and on committees and boards of other organizations representing you. Please take time to look over the list on page 12 of this newsletter and thank your colleagues.

Lastly, as Fred Hoerr stated in the President's Corner, the job of managing AAAP has become so large that I can no longer perform it well and do my job as a Professor at UGA. Therefore, the Board is soliciting advice and suggestions. You will find the information following this letter. Please fill in the questionnaire and send it back to us so the board has a better understanding of your wishes as a member as we move into our next 50 years.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck".

Chuck Hofacre
Secretary-Treasurer

Managing AAAP, Inc. into the Future

1. Report of Task Force

Don Waldrip gave the Board the report from the Task Force on the Future of AAAP. Their goal was to recommend a replacement for Chuck Hofacre, Secretary-Treasurer of AAAP who announced last year in Hawaii that we would step down within 5 years. Also, the Task Force was advised that Sherrill Davison, Secretary-Treasurer of ACPV, has asked to be replaced. The Task Force members were Don Waldrip, Chair, Fred Hoerr, John Glisson, John Smith, Calvin Anthony, and Chuck Hofacre. The Task Force recommended to the Board:

Creation of a new administrative structure that includes the following:

- A. Hiring of an Executive Director (professional, individual, etc.) with responsibility for day to day administration of the organization(s).
- B. A shift in the organization responsibilities to the President and Board for decisions and implementation of such.
- C. Manager is responsible to the Board of Directors.
- D. A long-term oversight in funding Secretary-Treasurer.
- E. Inclusive of ACPV or other compatible organizations
- F. Target date – Annual meeting July 2008

The recommendation of the Task Force was received by the Board of Directors.

2. Article VIII, section 4 of the AAAP By-laws state the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer to be:

The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as executive officer of the Association. He shall conduct business affairs of the organization, collect dues, issue receipts, draw vouchers and pays bills and expenses. He shall arrange for safe keeping of funds, shall keep records of all transactions and submit a yearly statement of financial affairs to the organization. He shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall perform the usual duties of a Secretary-Treasurer and such other duties as are assigned by the President.

3. Job Description of Secretary-Treasurer of AAAP, Inc. and AAAP Foundation, Inc. Written by Chuck Hofacre, June, 2007

The Secretary-Treasurer is the CEO and Business Manager of the American Association of Avian Pathologists, Inc. and the AAAP Foundation, Inc.

This is the executive position that requires the holder to not only maintain and oversee the daily operations of this 1000+ member organization but also project into the future the needs of the membership. The position is actually 3 jobs with oversight of the AAAP, Inc., the AAAP Foundation, Inc. and within AAAP, Inc. the business operations of 2 journals, *Avian Diseases* and *Avian Diseases Digest*.

The AAAP, Inc. in 2006 took in approximately \$350,000 income and had expenses of approximately \$375,000. This year resulted in a dues increase in the first time since 2001. Even though we had a negative balance at year end, we did not dip into our savings with our managing the cash flow. This exemplifies how this non-profit 501(c)3 organization must be closely managed on a daily basis.

A critical component is communication. The President, Past-President, President-Elect and the Board of Directors are the managing committee for the organization. The Secretary-Treasurer must determine which issues need to be brought to this group for information and for votes. The membership must then be informed either by e-mail to all members, on the AAAP website, or by mailings. We also have approximately 480 bookdealers and subscribers to the journal who must be regularly updated and assisted in obtaining the journal(s). Another group we must communicate to are the donors to the annual meeting; prior to the meeting requesting support, during the meeting advertising their support and after the meeting thanking them. This position is also responsible for obtaining and maintaining the advertisements in the journals.

The position must manage 2 full-time employees and part-time employee(s) as needed during peak work times, such as dues mailings, annual meeting preparation, etc. Below are some specific examples of the duties for this position.

Daily Member Associated duties:

- Approves all new members
- Oversees and directs the day-to-day operations of the office which includes 2 full-time employees plus occasionally additional assistance.
- Oversees the payment of all bills for the organization.
- Directs communications to the membership.
- Advises all AAAP committees and facilitates functions for each committee.
- Primary spokesman for the organization to other groups and media or directs media to the appropriate committee chair.
- Assists AAAP Annual Meeting Program Chair and Symposium Chair with decisions regarding program and prepares proceedings for Scientific Program and Symposium.
- Prepares program for AAAP Awards Luncheon/Banquet including printing of program and engraving of award plaques.
- Organizes through AVMA all meeting rooms and negotiates pricing on refreshments, etc. for annual meeting.
- Handles daily incoming written and electronic correspondence to AAAP.
- Manages the AAAP website – presently having new website designed.
- Prepares newsletters to all AAAP members.
- Prepares and mails membership dues renewal forms to members.

Board duties:

- Responsible for the carrying out the board's wishes for both the AAAP, Inc. and the AAAP Foundation, Inc. investments of all funds.
- Responsible for long range planning for the organization under the guidelines of the Board.
- Advise and assist in training the other officers in their duties as members of the Board of Directors.
- Prepares the agenda for the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.
- Assists the President in carrying out the annual board meeting and prepares the annual report for the annual meeting.
- Prepares and distributes minutes of the annual meeting and annual Board meeting.
- Implements changes voted by the Board of Directors.
- Conducts the yearly election of regional officers to the Board of Directors.
- Track AAAP committees developing new educational manuals until completion and presentation to BOD.
- Handles daily incoming written and electronic correspondence to AAAP.
- Serves as Secretary-Treasurer of AAAP Foundation, Inc.

Journals and Educational material Duties:

- Handles all decisions regarding journals, *Avian Diseases* and *Avian Diseases Digest*, regarding publication numbers, deadlines, and mailing lists for printing company. This includes online setup and also JSTOR.
- Solicits advertising for *Avian Diseases* and *Avian Diseases Digest* to offset cost of printing.
- Oversee the negotiations with companies (or individuals) wishing to copy or translate AAAP material in order to safeguard our copyrights.
- Negotiates contracts for printing new manuals (including obtaining ISBN numbers).
- Facilitates the committee chairs' work to produce the new publication every 5 years of *Isolation and Identification of Avian Pathogens*, *Avian Histopathology*, *Diseases of Poultry*, the *Avian Diseases Manual* and the slide study sets.
- Prepares and mails subscription renewals to subscribers and bookdealers.
- Track AAAP committees developing new educational manuals until completion and presentation to BOD.

AVMA and Other Organization Duties:

- Communications to and from all organization that AAAP is a member, such as, PAACO, NIAA, USAHA, CAST, etc.
- Serves as primary contact person with AVMA and all other allied organizations that AAAP holds a membership status.
- Serves as Secretary of the USA chapter of World Veterinary Poultry Association and represents AAAP at the WVPA bi-annual meetings.
- Prepares report for AVMA to maintain Allied Member status
- Authorizes payments of all expenses of members/preceptors traveling for AAAP.

4. AAAP Facilities and Services Requirements

Personnel

- Full time 2 clerical and bookkeeping services for AAAP and Avian Diseases Business Office
- Full time secretarial (Benefits)

Daily Office Requirements

- Office furniture to support personnel
- Office equipment to support personnel
- One Copy machine
- Office supplies to support business daily
- At least 3 office computers, 2 printers, 1 fax/scanner
- One leased postage meter
- Five horizontal filing cabinets
- One typewriter
- Various shelves for office

Space Requirements

- Office space for AAAP
(322 sq. ft. minimum) plus need to fill with shelves
- AAAP storage on or near site (875 sq. ft. minimum)

Telecommunications

- Telephone Service
 - Continual coverage from 8:00-5:00 EST 5 days/week
 - Phone voice mail for non-business times
 - Two lines for AAAP
- Fax Service
 - AAAP dedicated fax
- Internet Access

Mail Services

- Bulk and Regular Mail
- Express Mail (UPS/Federal Express)

Printing and Duplicating Services

- Annual meeting program
- Annual Awards program
- Bulk Printing
 - i.e. Letterhead, envelopes, labels, etc.

Banking

- Oconee State Bank presently with 1 credit card
 - Checking, savings
 - Certificates of Deposits
- Chase credit card
- Marin Financial Advisors, LLC
 - Tim Harrington – investments



AAAP has various options as suggested by the Board. Your responses will help the Board.

Option #1: Remain at a university as has been the tradition for 50 years, requires a member stepping forward with the following response.

After reviewing the above information, I would be interested in submitting a pre-proposal for the position of AAAP Secretary-Treasurer and will submit my pre-proposal by October 17th with a full proposal dossier submitted by December 14th.

Print Name _____

Option #2: Member of AAAP who wishes to manage AAAP as a part or full-time executive position (eg. AABP or AASV) with rented office space, AAAP purchased equipment, etc.

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Print Name _____

Option #3: Professional association management company (eg. FASS, who manages Poultry Science Association).

After reviewing the above information, I would suggest the following companies or individual to the board for their review.

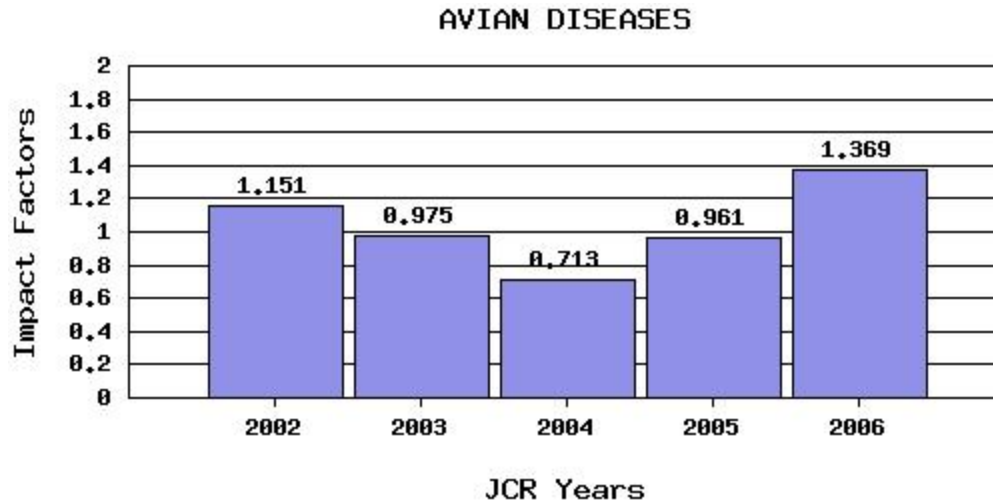
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AVIAN DISEASES AND AVIAN DISEASES DIGEST UPDATE

Jagdev M. Sharma, Editor

The Impact Factor (IF) for *Avian Diseases* is on the rise. The IF, often considered a measure of scientific quality of a journal, indicates the frequency with which the "average article" in a journal is cited in a particular year. The rising IF for our journal speaks to the quality of the articles that are accepted for publication. The score for 2006 was calculated from citations of the articles published in 2004 and 2005.



(The chart was copied from the latest Journal Citation Reports).

Authors publishing in *Avian Diseases* to have expanded rights to their articles.

Efforts are underway to implement the system in which publication of an article in *Avian Diseases* would transfer the following rights to the authors: reproduce the article by photocopying, reprint portions or the entire article in print or other media, display the article in public or in course packs and place the article in a digital repository or archive of their institution. Reprinting and reproduction of the article or parts of the article in any language must clearly display the reference to its original publication in *Avian Diseases*. The authors may also authorize others to exercise any of these rights.

View the latest issue of *Avian Diseases Digest*. You are invited to view the September 07 issue which should be available on-line within the next few days. This issue contains simplified, easy to read, summaries of scientific articles appearing in the companion issue of *Avian Diseases*. Please log on to the AAAP site (www.aaap.info), find the *Avian Diseases Digest* link and choose the article you want to read. You will be prompted to a log-in page where you enter your AAAP user ID and password. The access to *Avian Diseases Digest* articles is free for members of the AAAP.



2007 AAAP Award Winners

Devorah Marks, North Carolina State University

Hadi Yassine, The Ohio State University

Mohamed F. Abdul-Careem, Univ. of Guelph

Guillermo Zavala, The University of Georgia

Angela Romer-Oberdofer, Germany

Hashim Ghoria, Arkansas State Diag. Lab

Pedro Villegas, The University of Georgia

David Suarez, SEPRL-USDA-ARS, Athens, GA

Don Waldrip, Wayne Farms, Gainesville, GA

— L. Dwight Schwartz Travel Scholarship

— Richard B. Rimler Memorial Paper Scholarship

— Reed Rumsey Student Award

— Bayer-Snoeyenbos New Investigator

— P.P. Levine Award

— Lasher-Bottorff Award

— Phibro Animal Health Excellence in Poultry Award

— Calnek Applied Poultry Research Achievement Award

— Special Service Award

New Lifetime Members of AAAP

Stan Kleven



Richard Witter



AAAP Founding Members in Attendance—Washington, D.C. 2007





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**AAAP
Board of Directors
2006-2007
At
AVMA Washington, D.C.
Office**



Front row (L to R): Ching Ching Wu, Hector Cervantes, Chuck Hofacre, Pat Wakenell
Back row: Stew Ritchie, Bob Owen, Sue Clanton, Patty Dunn, Mick Fulton, and Travis Cigainero



Front row (L to R): Mick Fulton, Sue Clanton, Pat Wakenell, Ching Ching Wu, and Patty Dunn.
Back row: Stew Ritchie, Chuck Hofacre, Hector Cervantes, Travis Cigainero, Fred, Hoerr, and Bob Owen.





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AAAP Representatives to AVMA

NAME	COMMITTEE
Y. M. Saif	AVMA House of Delegates
Gregg Cutler	AVMA House of Delegates (Alternate) & AVMA Legislative Advisory Committee (Alternate) (2010)
Chuck Hofacre	AVMA Legislative Advisory Committee (2009)
Eric Gingerich	AVMA Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee (until July 14, 2007)
Robert Evans	AVMA Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee (after July 14, 2007 to July 31, 2010)
Jose Linares	AVMA Animal Welfare Committee (2010)
David French	AVMA Clinical Practitioners Advisory Committee (2009)
Danny Magee	AVMA Clinical Practitioners Advisory Committee Alternate (2009)
Robin Gilbert	AVMA Committee on Environmental Issues (2008) – probably can be reappointed
JoAnna Quinn	AVMA Committee for Disaster and Emergency Issues (2010)
Ching Ching Wu	AVMA Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents (2011)
Gregorio Rosales	AVMA Convention Management and Program Committee (2010)
Rich Chin	AVMA Convention Management and Program Committee (Alternate until August 2009)
Marty Ewing	AVMA Food Safety Advisory Committee & (2009)
Suzanne Young Stamey	AVMA Representative on the International HACCP Alliance Board of Directors AVMA Food Safety Advisory Committee (Alternate) (2009)

THANKS TO EVERYONE !





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AAAP Representatives to Affiliated Organizations

NAME	COMMITTEE
Nathaniel Tablante	Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) (2006-2009)
Bob Owen	Food Supply Veterinary Medical Coalition
Andrea Miles	National Institute of Animal Agriculture (NIAA)
Kellye Pfalzgraf	NIAA Animal Transportation Issues Committee
Chip Garritty	NIAA Euthanasia Committee
Eric Gingerich	Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO)
Dave Hermes	Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO)
James Barton	Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO) (appointed to a second term)
John Smith	U.S. Animal Health Association Chair, Transmissible Diseases of Poultry Committee
Steve Collett	USAHA Liaison Committee

THANKS TO EVERYONE !





50th Annual Report American Association of Avian Pathologists For the year ending April 30, 2007

AAAP is 50 years old and is still growing. We are moving more rapidly into policy making, politics and public influencing areas. This past year, we wrote and published position statements on Avian Influenza, Antiviral Drug Use, Stunning of Poultry, and Welfare of Poultry and responded to the foam euthanasia, Food Animal Residue Avoidance Databank (FARAD), A.I. facts for AVMA publication, and USDA_28 hr for Animal Transport issues. The restructuring of our committees has been very successful allowing our organization to more rapidly respond to issues with letters and statements. A perfect example, AAAP was asked by the Professional Animal Auditors and Certification Organization (PAACO) to more clearly define 6 areas needed in a welfare audit. AAAP will be setting the standards for the poultry industry in these areas. We expect these standards to be completed by the fall of 2007.

We began to require this year membership in AAAP to be first author to present a paper or poster at the annual meeting. This appears to have been successful primarily in new student members (>100% increase). It is our job as established members to welcome them and give them reasons to remain active members of AAAP after they graduate. These student members are our future leaders! Our domestic and international members are slightly less (11 total). The total number of members has increased over 2006 by 4%. We also exceeded our level of members that are veterinarians who are also AVMA members. AVMA requires 85% and we had 95%.

We had a 28% increase in our annual dues and subscriptions beginning January 2007. This high increase was necessary because we had not revised the fee schedule in 5 years. Additionally, our members are requesting greater services from their organization. It was approved at the 2006 board meeting in Hawaii to increase our dues at a small percentage each year to keep up with inflation rather than waiting until we are in a red cash flow and have to increase dues a large amount. We will be requesting the board approve a dues and subscription increase of 5% this year.

For fiscal year 2006-2007, the AAAP business transactions were compiled by the accounting firm of G. Michael Smith and Associates, Bogart, Georgia. The following items were noteworthy:

The increased rate for dues and subscriptions, page charges and the higher contribution level (50th anniversary) resulted in AAAP, Inc. enjoying a \$16,400 increase in our net assets for FY 2007, where in FY 2006 we experienced a \$23,409 reduction in our net assets. The organization has worked hard this past year to provide members with a new website, a new journal, media training, a new edition of the popular Avian Diseases Manual and made a \$10,000 downpayment for the 50th Anniversary Celebration and \$18,776 for the 50th Anniversary History book. The level of donations to AAAP have been outstanding by the industry and allied industry to nearly offset the cost of the banquet.

An additional bright spot is our cash flow has allowed us to build a savings for immediate needs and keep our certificate of deposit growing from \$310,926 (FY 2006) to \$317,659 (FY 2007). The original \$300,000 was placed into the CD in FY 2004.

We look forward to keeping AAAP and our members as the place that not only the industry goes to for help but also regulators, policy makers and the public when they have questions about the poultry industry. This was a great year and Sue and I look forward to a great 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Hofacre
Secretary-Treasurer
American Association of Avian Pathologists



18th Annual Report
American Association of Avian Pathologists Foundation, Inc.
For the Year Ending April 30, 2007

The 2006/2007 financial compilation of the AAAP Foundation, Inc. by G. Michael Smith and Associates, Bogart, Georgia has been sent to the audit committee and is included in the agenda material for all board members.

The Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship committee reviewed 5 applications this year. Four applicants were funded and 1 was not, but only 2 have been paid from the 2006/2007 fiscal year.

The decision was made at the 2004 Foundation Board meeting to invest \$300,000 of the foundation's assets with Marin Financial Advisors into a diversified portfolio of Charles Schwab. The investment has done well for the foundation this past year having increased from \$314,000 on April 30, 2006 to a value of \$338,873 on April 30, 2007. If we compare this growth to the \$300,000 AAAP, Inc. placed in a CD at the same time, the CD is now valued at \$317,659. The downside to this investment is to not have sufficient cash on hand to pay the awards and it was agreed by the AAAP, Inc. Board in July 2006 to cover this shortfall which was \$14,989.

In order to account for any gain/loss by each award fund, now that nearly all the money was in one account rather than individual CD's, each fund is given a percentage of the total amount. The percentages used are Ken Eskelund Preceptorship (23%), Reed Rumsey Student Award (14%), Lasher-Bottorff (21%), Bayer-Snoeyenbos (13%), Richard B. Rimler (7%), L. Dwight Schwartz (9%), and Calnek Applied Research (13%).

The interest and donations this past year resulted in the following balances for each fund: Ken Eskelund Preceptorship \$98,242, Reed Rumsey \$53,355, Lasher-Bottorff \$73,836, Bayer-Snoeyenbos \$47,266, Richard B. Rimler \$32,990, L. Dwight Schwartz \$50,280, and Calnek Applied Research \$46,022. It should also be noted that \$14,843 of the value of the Richard B. Rimler fund is also in a stock fund with Walnut Street Securities Group (Southern Company) as this stock was donated to the foundation by Lucy Rimler.

We must also thank a long list of members and families of members who made generous donations to the Foundation this past year in the amount of \$21,814.

The Foundation made contributions of educational material to veterinary schools or students in Georgia, 7 regions of Indonesia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, and Zimbabwe.

This annual report is respectfully submitted to the AAAP Foundation, Inc. Board July 14, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Hofacre
Secretary-Treasurer
AAAP Foundation, Inc.



American Association of Avian Pathologists 50th Annual Business Meeting Tuesday, July 16, 2007—Washington, D.C.

The 50th annual business meeting of the American Association of Avian Pathologists was called to order by Dr. Pat Wakenell, President at 10:45 AM. The meeting was attended by approximately 150 members.

Dr. Wakenell asked the membership to pause for a moment of silence to remember our members who passed away this year, Drs. Joseph W. Dunsing, Jack T. Tumlin, David C. Kradel, Barry G. Harmon, and Norman G. Olson.

A motion was carried to approve the minutes of the forty-ninth annual meeting as published in the newsletter.

Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Dr. Wakenell recognized three members leaving the Board this year, Dr. Bob Owen, Past President, Dr. Ching Ching Wu, Central Region Director, and Dr. Mike Fulton, Director-at-Large.

Central Region Election

Dr. Kenton Kreager has been elected to serve as the Central Region Director for the next four years.

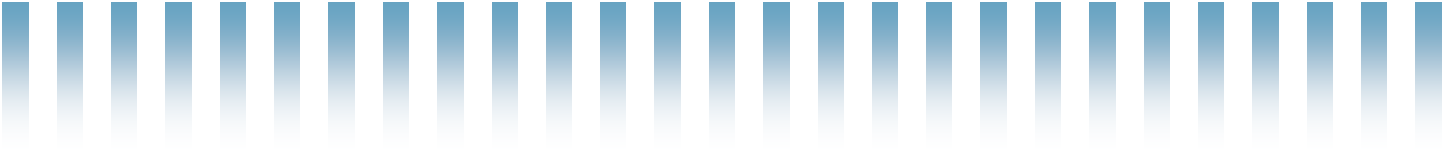
Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee report given by Dr. Rich Chin placed into nomination Dr. Fred Hoerr for President, Dr. Bruce Stewart-Brown for President-elect, Dr. Charles Hofacre for Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. Bruce Charlton for Director-at-large.

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was carried to accept the Nominating Committee Report as presented. The membership then had an affirmative voice vote to accept the nominees to become the officers of AAAP for 2007-2008.

Audit Committee Report

Dr. Fred Hoerr reported that the compiled financial statement prepared by G. Michael Smith & Associates for AAAP, Inc. and AAAP Foundation, Inc. were examined and both financial statements and practices were found to be in good order. A motion was carried to accept the report as presented.



50th Annual Report

Dr. Hofacre began his report stating that the American Association of Avian Pathologists committees have been busy with position statements and issues. These committees are the life blood of AAAP.

The Board voted last year to require membership in AAAP to the first author to be on the scientific program of AAAP. This brought in new students with an increase of 100% in the student membership category. It is now the responsibility of the older members to show these students the value of AAAP so they maintain their membership.

AAAP will continue their allied status with AVMA since AAAP had 95% of their members who are veterinarians maintain their AVMA membership.

There was a significant increase in AAAP membership dues and subscriptions last year and the Board voted not to do major increases again.

For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the organization had an income of ~\$16,000 over the budget. This means that AAAP probably did not need to use any of the CD that the organization has built over the years. AAAP is in good financial shape.

A motion was made and approved to accept the 50th annual report as read.

Highlights of the AAAP Board Meeting

The AAAP Board met on Friday and Saturday and will meet again on Wednesday morning. Dr. Hofacre gave the following report from the Board.

The Board visited the AVMA Washington office and met with Dr. Mark Lutschaunig, Director of the Governmental Relations Division of AVMA. He explained their operation and invited the members back to spend several days with them. AVMA works hard in Washington for not just veterinary medicine but also for the poultry industry.

The Board approved an increase of 5% in the dues and subscriptions rates. The AAAP membership increased by 40 members last year.

AAAP, Inc. last year approved assisting the Foundation by paying for the awards from the AAAP funds and will continue this next year in order to give the Foundation funds a chance to grow.

Within the next month, AAAP will have their new website working which will be more interactive for the members. There will be a members only section containing the directory and other features that members have expressed an interest to have. We would welcome your feedback.

The board has developed a rotation schedule for the educational material to be revised. The new Diseases of Poultry and Isolation and Identification of Avian Pathogens manual will be published in 2008. This will help the income to AAAP to have new educational material published on a regular schedule.

From the survey done in 2005, the Board appointed a Task Force, with John Smith as Chair, to look at a name change for AAAP. The Task Force did a report to give a better understanding of the name "American Association of Avian Pathologists" and recommended no name change for AAAP.

Beginning with the 2008 annual meeting, the Wednesday sessions of the AAAP scientific program will be held at the AAAP Headquarters hotel with assistance from AVMA to handle the room procurement for these sessions. This will help AVMA to hold down on the cost of the annual meetings.

Please be sure to thank all of the sponsors for the AAAP meeting and events.

There was a motion made and seconded to accept this report as presented by Dr. Hofacre. The motion was approved.



AAAP Foundation Report

Dr. Wakenell reported the AAAP Foundation Board met on Saturday afternoon with the following members attending: Drs. Bob Owen, Bob O'Connor, Pat Wakenell, Charles Hofacre, Hector Cervantes, Patty Dunn, Mick Fulton, Stewart Ritchie, and Bruce Calnek. Dr. Wakenell announced that the Foundation is solvent.

The Foundation invested \$300,000 in 2004 and the fund is now worth \$338,000 while AAAP has a CD with an initial \$300,000 in it and the value is at \$317,000.

There were 4 preceptorships funded this past year and AAAP needs to encourage more students to see preceptorships.

AVMA Delegate Report

Dr. Mo Saif reported that he and Dr. Gregg Cutler are the AAAP representatives to the AVMA House of Delegates. He and Dr. Cutler thanked AAAP for allowing them to represent the organization. The House of Delegates is the legislative arm of the AVMA and has the final statements that everyone must live with. There were animal welfare issues again this year and will continue to happen each year.

The issue of Foie Gras was again presented but the resolution was defeated. There was another resolution on the issue from the Connecticut delegates that the issue be closed and not presented again but this was also defeated.

There is a new Animal Welfare Division at AVMA. Dr. Saif thinks we should watch for a new College of Welfare and be sure that AAAP is a part of this.

He stressed that AAAP members should also be members of AVMA.

Dr. Saif applauded all members who are part of the AVMA Liaison.

He feels that AAAP's relationship with AVMA is improving.

Diseases of Poultry

Dr. Mo Saif reported he has received notification from Blackwell Publishing Company that the 12th edition of Diseases of Poultry will be published around May 2008. He thanked all of the Section Editors and authors for their contributions. He will retire as Editor and David Swayne will become the new Editor.

Scientific Program Committee Report

Gregorio Rosales reported that the scientific program is going very well. There were 108 oral presentations and 92 poster presentations. There were 3 last minute cancellations but thanks to Pat Wakenell, Andres Montoya, and Carlos Estevez, the program did not have any breaks in the presentations. We really appreciate these members for their willingness to step in at the last minute.

The next meeting will be in New Orleans and the Convention Center has been completely remodeled and is very clean. The AVMA staff and the Convention Center have been very helpful and supportive. Thanks to Rich Chin for his assistance with the program.



Report of the Editor

Dr. Sharma reported that there were 182 papers submitted in 2006 and 115 papers published in *Avian Diseases*. The impact factor has increased to 1.37 and the articles in our journal have a half life greater than 10 years. The Board has voted to give more rights to authors such as using pictures and other information in their thesis, etc. The new journal, *Avian Diseases Digest*, became available beginning in December 2006. We need to work to increase subscriptions to this journal. He will work on getting an email alert when the new issue is posted on the website. Jeanne Engelmann is the translating editor for *Avian Diseases Digest* and Jean Baldwin is the Managing Editor at Allen Press. They have both been very helpful in getting this journal started. He thanked Dr. Sylvia Sharma who is the *Avian Diseases* Office Manager and also all of the reviewers for *Avian Diseases*.

Awards Committee

Dr. T. J. Myers, Chair of the Awards Committee, thanked all of the members for the nominations for awards this year. There were 23 nominations received. The awards will be presented at the AAAP 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet on Tuesday evening, July 17, 2007.

There were some questions received from members as to when the Bayer-Snoeyenbos criteria started for the 7 years limit. He will present this to the Board for clarification. He expressed thanks to his committee of Drs. Darrell Kapczynski, Cheryl Gustafson, Calvin Keeler, Kenton Kreager, Deoki Tripathy, Ching Ching Wu, Robin Gilbert, and Ken Opengart for all of their hard work. Dr. Myers will rotate off the committee this year and Dr. Kapczynski will become chair. Dr. Tripathy will also rotate off and a replacement will be named.

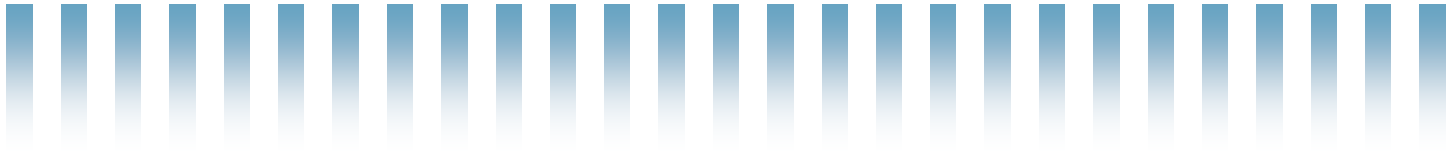
Animal Welfare Committee

Dr. Robert Williams, Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee gave the committee report. The committee held their first meeting of the year at the IPE meeting in Atlanta in January. There were 37 members present. The committee has been asked to develop training standards for the PAACO animal auditors training sessions. There are 9 subcommittees and they would like to add another one for turkeys.

1. Foot Pat Subcommittee Chair – Phil Stayer
2. Gait Scoring & Lameness Decision Tree Subcommittee Chair – Tim Cummings
3. Litter Conditions Subcommittee Chair – Randy Chick
4. Pre-16 Wk Broiler Breeder Pullet Welfare Subcommittee Chair – Michael Martin
5. Pre-16 Wk Layer Pullet Welfare Subcommittee Chair – Simon Shane
6. Broiler Breeder Welfare (Nose Bone) Subcommittee Chair – Steve McCarter
7. Layer Welfare Subcommittee Chair – Eric Gingerich
8. Wing Breakage Subcommittee Chair – Marty Ewing
9. What Constitutes a Stunned Bird? Subcommittee Chair – James Barton
10. Turkeys

The committees hope to have by January 1st their position statements, videos or pictures which they will coordinate with PAACO. The AAAP Animal Welfare committee will create a vocabulary list giving the proper terms to be used with the help of Hugo Medina.

Dr. Williams advised the membership that Dr. Jose Linares has been appointed to the new AVMA Animal Welfare Committee. He thanked Gregg Cutler for all his years of service.



Eskelund Preceptorship Committee

Dr. Steve Roney gave the Eskelund Preceptorship report: There were 5 applicants for preceptorships this year and AAAP funded 4 applicants. He also had received a letter from Dr. Ken Eskelund expressing concern on the low number of applicants and asked the committee to encourage the members to solicit more applicants for preceptorships. He thanked Sue Clanton for help in getting the information out to the veterinary schools. He also thanked Chuck Hofacre for the funding of the preceptorships from AAAP, Inc. and the committee members for their work.

Epidemiology Committee Report

Dr. Nathaniel Tablante gave the report from the Epidemiology Committee which only had 4 people in attendance. They had submitted a proposal for a symposium in 2007 but will not submit a new proposal for 2008. The committee might be interested in submitting a new proposal for 2009.

Respiratory Diseases Committee Report

Dr. John El-Attrache said in his report that there were 30 members at the Respiratory Disease Committee meeting this year. They have added 2 new core members to the committee, Ching Ching Wu and Maricarmen Garcia. Under their new business, there is a new disease on the front page, ILT. They will try to add this to their proposal for a symposium in 2008 co-sponsored by ACPV. They will try to get a USDA representative as well as NPIP and NVSL on the program.

History Committee Report

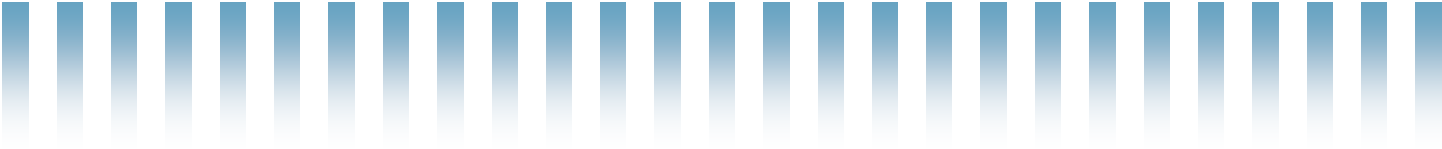
Dr. Richard Witter informed the members that the history committee had accomplished a lot this year. They have established a digital photo database after Dr. Bruce Calnek sent out the request for member photos. Thanks to Dr. Calnek for all his work on this project.

Old Business

None

New Business

Pat Wakenell will have a meeting with the new members at the Convention Center following the Session A of the scientific program on Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 PM. She invited and encouraged all interested members to be there.



50th Celebration Update

Dr. Bob Owen announced that we are honored to have some of AAAP's founding members in attendance and a lot of great sponsors. Please remember to thank all of them. Also, please thank Intervet, Inc. for sponsoring the Welcome Reception on Saturday night again this year. There will be great entertainment following the Awards Presentations with a 90-minute show by The Fabulous HubCaps that have been generously sponsored by Cobb-Vantress and Merial Select donating the money for this show.

Pat Wakenell asked all members to thank Bob Owen and his family who did all the preparations for this memorable event.

ACPV

Jean Sander, new President of ACPV, presented the new pin that ACPV will be using and offered them to the AAAP members.

Silent Auction Report

Pat Wakenell reported that the Silent Auction went well this year. The antique books were the top items.

Pat passed the Delaplaine gavel to the new President, Fred Hoerr, who in turn presented Pat Wakenell with the outgoing President plaque. He thanked Pat for her service this past year.

Fred Hoerr stated that it is a privilege to look forward to the next 50 years of AAAP which is a cutting edge organization.

He encouraged each member to mentor one person and work to increase the organization. There are changes for AAAP coming. The Board of Director's agenda is to look at the administration of AAAP and continue the strong programs now in place. He knows that AAAP accepts this challenge.

There being on further business, the meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Clanton
Assistant Business Manager
August 2, 2007
2007 AAAP Business Meeting Minutes



Report of the Task Force on Renaming the American Association of Avian Pathologists

John Smith, Chair

“What’s in a name?

That which we call a rose

By any other name would smell as sweet.”

William Shakespeare, *Romeo and Juliet* (II, ii, 1-2)

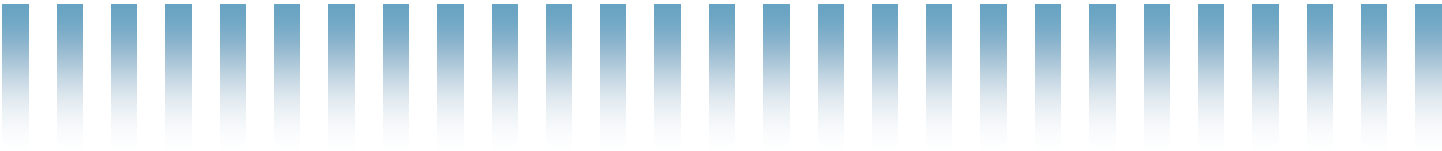
During his presidency of the American Association of Avian Pathologists (AAAP), Dr. Robert Owen commissioned a membership satisfaction survey. Some respondents suggested that the current name does not reflect who we are and what we do, and that a change is indicated. Dr. Owen requested that Dr. John Smith chair a task force to consider the question of changing the name of the organization.

Dr. Smith invited the following members to participate in the task force, all of whom accepted: Dr. Patty Dunn, Dr. John R. Glisson, Dr. Eric Gonder, Dr. Erica Spackman, and Dr. Richard Witter. The task force reviewed the results of the survey, including the specific comments regarding the name, as well as comments regarding the membership structure, inclusiveness, the role and position of non-DVM professionals in the organization, international members, and the varied and changing roles of our members in the industry and society. These issues were considered by the task force because, while they are out of the purview of the task force, they have critical bearing on the name of the organization.

The objections to the current name are straightforward. “American” may be too restrictive in view of our considerable international membership, following, and influence. Conversely, “Avian” may be too broad, as our focus is clearly on domestic poultry. Finally, “Pathologists” raises concerns because, while many members are boarded veterinary pathologists, many are not and are therefore not entitled to use that designation. Additionally, our membership and constituency includes a wide variety of specialists and disciplines beyond pathology, including many who are not veterinarians, and the concerns of our members are now extending far beyond disease alone.

Dr. Witter submitted some background on the history of the name, which is attached. Dr. Witter indicates that use of the words “Avian” and “Pathologists” was discussed at the very outset, and was resolved to the satisfaction of the founding members at that time. However, some now feel that the name clearly fails to accurately reflect who we are and what we do.

There are also good arguments for retaining the current name. It was difficult to gauge from the survey responses how much concern actually exists among the membership at large about the name, but our perception is that it is not overwhelming. There should be a clear consensus that a change is needed and desired before undertaking such a major alteration. Tradition should also be acknowledged; the current name has served well for 50 years, and changing it creates a permanent disconnect in the history of the organization. Dr. Gonder observed that the name is just now becoming established in federal governmental and other venues, and the specificity of the name is probably less important than name recognition, creating a disinclination to change it now. There would be significant logistical issues to deal with, and resources will be consumed, especially if the acronym and logo were changed. If the new name were fairly soon deemed to be less suitable, changing it again in a short time frame would be difficult and would surely create confusion. While this eventuality seems unlikely, it has bearing on our final conclusion presented below, considering the current discussions around membership structure and mission. A new name for an organization should be considered a truly long-term commitment. With this in mind, it may be difficult to link the name too closely with the mission, because missions may change with time. The benefits of a name change may be difficult to quantify. It is arguable whether the current name is actually off-putting to potential members, and whether a name change would attract more membership or interest. Ours is a highly specialized group. Those who would have an interest in membership or participation will encounter the organization via mentors and association with the industry, and while the name might initially seem a bit curious to some, these mentors and business contacts will explain the nature of the organization and encourage participation. Finally, as Dr. Witter observed, the importance of a name is probably overrated. AT&T has moved far beyond the telegraph, but the name sticks and everyone knows who they are and what they do, and in fact the sense of tradition and permanence gives the name an added aura. Most of us think of our organization as “Triple-A-P”, and know immediately what that connotes, with little or no thought to the actual words.



In the survey responses, there is obviously concern among the membership about issues of inclusiveness, including both international and associate members, the two-tiered membership structure (which is at least partially tied to the membership requirements for remaining a constituent organization of AVMA), the missions of the organization (beyond being a forum for the study of the diseases of poultry), and the increasingly varied jobs, skills, disciplines, specialties, and needs of the members. These issues have been brewing for some time, and seem to be coming to the forefront. We understand that there is to be a meeting of a task force on the future of the AAAP at the meeting in Washington, DC.

It was the clear consensus of this task force that these membership and identity issues need to be resolved before any further consideration is given to changing the name of the organization. If action is contemplated on changing the membership structure and developing a more far-reaching mission statement, it seems wise to await the resolution of these issues before an appropriate name can be selected that truly reflects the characteristics of the new organization. The task force therefore recommends no change in the name at the present time, and further recommends that the issue be revisited at a future date when membership structure and mission issues are resolved.

Historical perspective on the issue of NAME, submitted by Dr. Richard Witter

- The name, American Association of Avian Pathologists, has been discussed from the very beginning.
 - Invented by Grumbles and Delaplane at Texas A&M during the fall of 1956.
 - Used in the original drafts of the constitution and by-laws in 1957.
 - Confirmed by acceptance of first constitution in 1958. It is notable that the name was not changed during the 18 months between circulation of the original drafts and final acceptance.
 - Immediately reexamined by a membership survey 1958-59 and again reaffirmed by voice vote of membership in 1959. (This implies that there must have been some at the time who questioned whether the name was appropriate.)
 - Bob Eckroade has knowledge of an early letter apparently from ACVP to AVMA, objecting to our use of the word “pathologist” in our name. There is no record that this actually reached AAAP or received any official attention by AAAP.

At the time the Association of Avian Veterinarians was formed, about 1981, their first choice for a name was “American Association of Avian Practitioners.” When Charlie Hall noticed an official announcement to this effect, he immediately complained and the name was changed to prevent confusion with our acronym.

Historical perspective on “pathologist” as applied to poultry diseases. I know of no document to describe this, but I do have a clear recollection based on discussions from the 1950s and 1960s about the meaning of the term “poultry pathologist.” It was described to me that a poultry pathologist was a veterinarian who was concerned with the diseases of poultry and employed all the available tools to understand the diseases and contribute to the health of flocks. This was unlike the situation with other food animals, where there would be specialists in pathology, microbiology and other disciplines working together. The poultry pathologist was a jack-of-all-trades, a problem solver who was not linked to a specific discipline. Thus, there never seemed to be a difficulty in considering myself a poultry pathologist. In fact, this appellation seemed to be used with a degree of pride, celebrating that poultry pathologists were something special and operated differently than others.

The use of the term avian, instead of poultry, entered the literature early without fanfare. I remember no discussions on this point. In fact, both names seemed to carry much the same information, with avian being somewhat more inclusive. The article by Bill Hinshaw from 1955 uses the term “Avian Pathology” in the title, although he refers to the earliest workers in the field as “practitioners” or as “scientists.” Let us not forget that a major journal in our field is called “Avian Pathology.” This journal presents a wide range of research topics to the industry, only slightly different in content than our own “Avian Diseases.”

AAAP's 50th Anniversary

Silent Auction in Washington, D.C.

The Silent Auction was a huge success and netted \$882.00 which will be added to the Eskelund Preceptorship Fund.

The old editions of *Diseases of Poultry* were the most popular items available.

Raffle in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Hofacre donated the clock below that was handmade by Dr. Bruce Calnek to AAAP and it was raffled off at the meeting.

Dr. Mariano Salem was the lucky winner.

The \$1935.00 proceeds from the raffle went to the AAAP Foundation Unrestricted.



AAAP's 2007 Committee Reports

Animal Welfare Committee Meeting – AVMA

7/15/07 3:15pm

Constitution Room, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC

* Core Committee notes

- Robin Gilbert rotating off and need a broiler Representative to replace her.
- James Barton was nominated and seconded – name will be submitted to AAAP for a 6 year term
- Kristi Scott will be Chairman beginning after next year's meeting for a two year term.
- The following 3 names were voted on for the academia/government representative position that was left vacant when Jose Linares left to go to AVMA. Eric Gingerich was elected for submission to AAAP.
- Terms of each person were e-mailed to everyone

* Symposium

- Our goal is to have one in Seattle; James Barton is elected to be in charge of getting the information together.
- James Barton is in charge of a search committee to get everything together for the next meeting in New Orleans so we can submit for the next symposium.
- Need for this meeting includes:
 - o Evolving disconnect
 - o Information void
 - o Clarification of common practices
 - o Definitions and Consensus

* PAACO subcommittees

- * Nine PAACO Sub committees presented work on their sub-committees
- * All are progressing to a goal of having material for training auditors by next January
- * Some may present position papers, some may have training films and pictures, some will have descriptions and new scoring recommendations.
- * Eventual goal is to have a CD made.
- * A turkey specialist needs to be added to the subcommittee like the layer and broiler-breeder. Steven Clark, Becky Tilley, and Dave Hermes will work on this.

Adjourned after all PAACO sub committee members had presented.

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Report of the AAAP Awards Committee

July 18, 2007

T.J. Myers, Chair

Summary of awards nominations (excluding Poster & Levine awards):

Award	Nominations by Year								Ave
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
Schwartz Travel Scholarship	NA	NA	4	3	1	1	3	4	2.7
Rimler Memorial Paper	NA	NA	3	2	1	3	6	3	3.0
Reed Rumsey Student	11	6	7	6	4	1	5	2	5.3
Bayer-Snoeyenbos New Investigator	3	3	1	2	2	6	3	4	3.0
Phibro Excellence in Research	1	2	NA	2	2	1	0	2	1.4
Lasher-Bottorff	5	5	3	3	4	4	3	2	3.6
Calnek Applied Research	NA	NA	NA	NA	4	2	1	1	2.0
Special Service	1	1	2	3	3	1	3	3	2.1
Life Membership	2	3	0	2	0	2	2	2	1.6
Totals	23	20	20	23	21	21	26	23	22.1

Status of awards:

1. Schwartz Travel Scholarship – Interest and nominations for this award remains strong. Mrs. Schwartz continues to maintain a keen interest in this award, which is greatly appreciated by the Committee.
2. Rosenwald Student Poster – The change instituted in 2005 of considering all student posters in the judging, rather than only those indicating an interest to be judged on the call-for-papers form, continues to have a positive effect on the number of posters available for consideration; 21 student poster presenters competed this year and 26 competed in 2006.
3. Rimler Memorial Paper – Interest and nominations for this award remains strong.
4. Reed Rumsey Student Award – Two nominations for this award were received this year. Last year the Board approved this Committee's recommendation to revise the Reed Rumsey Award criteria by (a) eliminating the time limit between receiving the DVM degree and being nominated for the Rumsey Award and (b) adding a statement that "Preferential consideration will be given to nominees who express a commitment to devoting their career to avian medicine." This change has been effective; no nominees were disqualified this year. Under last year's criteria, both of this year's nominees would have been disqualified for receiving their DVM degree greater than 7 years ago.

Report of the AAAP Awards Committee (con'd.)

5. Bayer-Snoeyenbos New Investigator Award – Interest in this award remains strong and the Committee typically receives excellent candidates for review. While 4 candidates were eligible to compete for this award this year, one additional nominee was disqualified because it had been greater than 7 years since receiving his/her PhD degree. The Committee has received concerns expressed by nominators that (a) under current practices, some individuals consider a "career as an independent investigator" to begin after an individual completes their post-doe, rather than after completing their PhD and (b) the awards criteria do not communicate to the membership the Committee's practice of beginning the 7 year "clock" at the end of a candidate's PhD program. The original documents establishing this award do not provide a definition of "independent investigator." The Committee has discussed these concerns, reviewed the awards criteria, and makes the following recommendation to the Board:

- **Action item 1:** The Committee recommends that the Board approve the underlined text below as an addition to the Qualification Criteria for the Bayer-Snoeyenbos Award:

"Nominations for the Bayer-Snoeyenbos New Investigator Award will be accepted from any member of the AAAP. The nominee must be a AAAP member or associate member whose career as an independent investigator in poultry medicine began less than seven years ago and who during this time has made meritorious research contributions to the avian field. This award will be given for special accomplishment in a particular area of investigation or for overall accomplishments during the specified time. This seven year period typically begins after the individual completes a PhD degree and may include time spent as a postdoctoral researcher if those postdoctoral studies are in the field of poultry medicine. This award shall not be made more than once to any one recipient."

Board action: The Board approved this addition at their meeting July 18, 2007.

6. P.P Levine Award – Last year the Board approved the following addition to step 2 of the Levine Award evaluation process, once the Committee identifies the papers they would like to evaluate for the award: "The Editor of Avian Diseases submits to the Committee a summary of any comments he or she received from peer reviewers during the publication of these papers that could hear on the evaluation of the papers within the four suggested assessment criteria for this award." This change has greatly assisted the Committee in making the final determination of the award winner.

Report of the AAAP Awards Committee (con'd.)

7. Phibro Excellence in Research Award – The Committee received two nominations for this award this year. This award is not endowed, and depends on the annual financial support of Phibro. Due to the inherent risk of losing this funding without notice, the previous Awards Committee Chair advised the Board of the need to consider establishing an endowment for this award. At the July 19, 2006, Board meeting, the current Chair reminded the Board of this concern, and the Board referred the issue to the AAAP Foundation for consideration.

Action item 2: The Committee simply reminds the Board of the status of this **concern**.

8. Lasher-Bottorff Award – This is a solidly popular award; however, unlike past years, there were only 2 nominations received this year.
9. Calnek Applied Research Award – This is the fourth year for this award. As was the case last year, only 1 nomination was received this year.
10. Special Service Award – Three nominations were received this year. The number of nominations is consistent with past years.
11. Life Membership – Two nominations were received by the Awards Committee: Dr. Stan Kleven and Dr. Dick Witter. This number of nominations is consistent with past years and the rate of retirements.

Action item 3: The Committee unanimously recommends that the Board approve both nominees for Life Membership.

Board action: Both nominees were approved by the Board at their meeting on July 14, 2007.

AAAP's 2007 Committee Reports

Biologics Committee Meeting minutes

Saturday 14 July 2007, AAAP, Washington DC

Attendees:

John Smith, Mariano Salem, Hiram Lasher, Becky Tilley, H. Ken Rudd, Alejandro Banda, Gregg Cutler, Mick Fulton, Cheryl Gustafson

Report from Mick Fulton – AAAP board representative

Informed us of:

Dues increase; new publications (Diseases of Poultry, Histology, Isolation and Identification) available in 2008; welfare committee putting standards together to direct PAACO

Natural and organic bird presentation from Gregg Cutler

Gregg presented his field experiences with natural and organic birds. Certifying agencies may differ from state to state. The National Standards are minimum standards from which each state may write their own. Practices and products being used to control disease and some that are not allowed were discussed. Of particular interest to the committee is the use of vaccines, which in general are allowed. GMO products and feed are not allowed when growing organic birds. The chair will follow-up the question of GMO vaccines as there were differing opinions from committee members following the meeting than what was brought up during the meeting. Supporting documents on organic growing can be obtained from the chair.

Antibiotic-free issue pertaining to gentamicin used in vaccine production:

The amount used is too small to be of significant consequence. It is added under USDA guidelines for sterility of the vaccines.

ILT issues:

Last year the concern brought up was vaccine availability and its sporadic use. John Smith gave an overview of the NCC meeting held last May where new diagnostics were discussed that are able to distinguish vaccine from field strains. Concerns now are of the reporting of ILT and possible export restrictions from Russia. Supply issues were said to be an economic issue and not one for this committee. There is still a need for a more efficient way to administer ILT vaccine.

Sterility testing of antigen prior to inactivation:

At the meeting this was thought to be a mute point. Communication with a member not in attendance believes otherwise. The chair will follow-up.

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Drug and Therapeutic Committee Meeting Minutes

7/15/07

Old Business

- o Develop a Mission statement on the use of antibiotics
- Letter has been sent to FARAD
- Dr. Cummings has edited a chapter on drug use
 - o Co-authored with some Europeans
- Codex Task Force of Drug Resistance
 - o Assessment of drug analysis
 - o Meeting in Asia in the fall of 2007
 - o Also a meeting held in DC on 7/18/07

New Business

- Tim Cummings rotates off as committee chair
- Bret Rings rotates on as the new committee chair
- Develop a mission statement for the committee
 - o Contact Dr. Hofacre on AAAP mission statement guideline
 - o Discuss the issue with Dr. Wages
 - This is a priority for the committee
- Discuss the development for supporting a future AAAP Symposium
 - o Follow AAAP guideline
 - o Develop a program
 - o Dr. Barton and Dr. Williams are currently involved in developing one for Welfare
 - o Always a couple of years out when planning

AAAP's 2007 Committee Reports

2007 AAAP- Enteric Disease Committee Report

Washington D.C. – Grand Hyatt

July 15, 2007

Chair – Holly S. Sellers

Vice Chair – Eric Jensen

Core Committee Members and Term Expiration:

Holly S. Sellers, Chair	2008
Eric Jensen, Vice-Chair	2010
Charlie Broussard	2009
Roy Curtiss III	2009
Steve Davis	2008
Dan Karunakaran	2007
Robert Norton	2007
H.L. Shivaprasad	2008
Becky Tilley	2007
Hector Cervantes	Board Representative

Attendance:

22 AAAP members attended the annual committee meeting.

New Core Committee nominations – Dr. Michael Day to replace one of the expiring term members. Two positions still open for nominations. Email will be sent to committee via email to solicit two new core member nominations.

Presentations were given by Drs. Holly Sellers, Michael Day and Fred Hoerr on Updates/Observations on avian viral enteric diseases.

Summary

1. Holly Sellers reported research on Runting and Stunting in broilers at PDRC has focused on the roles of enteric reoviruses and astroviruses in this multifactorial disease. Diagnostic tools have been developed for detection and characterization of these viruses and include: RT-PCR/genotyping of reoviruses and astroviruses and *in situ* staining using labeled probes specific for astroviruses. Both agents cause enteritis and significant body weight suppression in challenge studies with commercial broilers. However, the full blown disease is not reproduced by either agent alone or in combination.
2. Michael Day reported on research at the Southeast Poultry Disease Laboratory , focusing on Turkey reoviruses isolated from clinical cases of Poult Enteritis and Mortality Syndrome. While these viruses do not reproduce PEMS they are responsible for body weight and immune suppression. Pathogenicities of reovirus isolates vary. Molecular characterization of turkey reoviruses using sequence obtained from the sigma C protein reveals distinct grouping by species.
3. Fred Hoerr reported histopathological findings in tissues examined from experimental and clinical cases of RSS. Histopathological evidence exists for a protozoal involvement and will be pursued by Dr. Hoerr and collaborator. In addition, cystic enteropathy may not be the only histopathological determinant for RSS. Dr. Hoerr's histopathological examination of intestinal tissues from RSS flocks consistently reveals an increased villus to crypt ratio.

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Minutes of the AAAP Epidemiology Committee Meeting

July 15, 2007

3:00-4:00PM

Washington Boardroom

Grand Hyatt Washington

Washington, D.C.

Present: Nathaniel Tablante (Chair), Travis Ciganeiro (AAAP Board Representative), David Castellan, David Zellner

After brief introductions, the following items were discussed:

The committee decided not to resubmit the proposal for a symposium on “Emergency Preparedness and Response Strategies”. This proposal was originally presented to the Board for approval in Honolulu, HI in 2006 for the 2007 symposium in Washington DC, but was rejected in favor of the Biotechnology symposium. The committee plans to submit a broader proposal on “Global Experiences on Avian Influenza Control” in 2008 for the 2009 meeting in Seattle. Topics like H5N1 response strategies in Asia, how to use vaccines, and how to quantitatively assess biosecurity measures were suggested. Further discussion is necessary.

A proposal to create a “Quick Reference Guide” on sampling procedures and data analysis to help AAAP members with research, diagnosis, and surveillance was presented by N. Tablante and unanimously approved. Committee members agreed to exchange ideas by email.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

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ESKELUND PRECEPTORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT WASHINGTON, DC JULY 16, 2007

The K. Eskelund Preceptorship Committee met Monday July 16, 2007 in the Arlington Room of the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC. Only one member was present. Since the member was new to the committee, we discussed the program and the process of committee and chair rotation.

There were 5 applicants for the Eskelund Preceptorship for 2007. Four of these students were funded. They are:

Rivkah Bradsky- Senior vet student-Missouri
Deidre Johnson—Junior vet student-Virginia
Denise Brinson- Freshman vet student-Georgia
Marie-Christine Martin-Morin- Sophomore vet student-Montreal

The committee continues to do a good job of responding back when faced with the task of evaluating the applicants for the positions each year and the chair offers his appreciation.

We continue to solicit all our colleagues associated with veterinary schools to make this program known so that we will have more applicants each year. The future of our profession depends on exposing these young people for possible careers in our field.

Steve Roney, Chair
Submitted Aug. 7, 2007

AAAP's 2007 Committee Reports

History Committee Report: Minutes of 2007 Meeting. Washington, DC. 7-15-07.

The meeting was called to order at 3:15PM by chair, Dr. Francene Van Sambeek. Also in attendance were Drs. Dick Witter, Patty Dunn, John Dunn, Hiram Lasher and Art Bickford.

A review of the committee membership was requested by Dr. Dunn and yielded the following: Post –chair (2006-2008): Witter, Chair (2006-2008): Van Sambeek, Chair-elect (2006-2008): John Dunn. The remainder of the committee is on a six year core assignment.

The History Committee accomplishments for 2006-2007 were discussed as follows:

- At the 2007 50-year celebration banquet of AAAP founding, six of the charter members will be present (Rosenwald, Hiram Lasher, Sal Nature, Julius Fabricant, Charlie Hall, and Steven Hitchner.
- Anniversary Book, edited by John Dunn with help from several others. This will be the commemorative gift at the AAAP banquet on July 17, 2007. Congratulations to John on a job done quickly and well. Books will be on the tables at the banquet. Sponsors were offered the opportunity to stamp the books as well.
- Master Photo File, 300 photos cataloged and identified. Created by Bruce Calnek with contributions from Bob Eckroade and a number of other members. Photos of several hundred past and present AAAP members are in this collection. Discussion around who should be the curator of this image system. Dr. Calnek will be approached to continue and has agreed to do so.
- Historical Moments – 48 pages of input from various individuals on recollections, anecdotes, etc submitted to Witter in preparation for his Lasher Lecture on July 16, 2007. This data will be archived at Iowa State University.
- Biographies – about 30 biographies have been put into final format for web access. Hard copies have been retained by Witter for future transfer to the archives. Several other biographies are in progress. Completion of an extensive biography of Hiram Lasher is perhaps a highlight of this activity. Dr. Witter has requested help in continuing to prepare biographies. Art Bickford will try to do West Coasters. Bruce Calnek has been working on several bios: Bruce Calnek almost done.
- Annual Meeting Programs – Witter has solicited a nearly complete collection of annual meeting programs going back to 1950. These were provided by the AVMA office and represent a valuable collection for the archives.
- History Lecture – Witter has prepared a lecture and PowerPoint presentation covering the 50 year history of the AAAP.
- Ten-Year History – the Ten Year History, written in 1967 by a committee chaired by Cliff Barber, has been located and studied. It has also been scanned and is now available in digital format. It was used by Grumbles and Hall in the 30 Year History, but has been generally unavailable to AAAP membership. It is the only direct documentation of association activities during the first 10 years, as all other materials have been lost.
- Cover Photos – The committee has prepared photos and short bio statements for use on the cover of Avian Diseases, on the following persons: Dr. Jerry Beach and Dr. Hsiang-Pih Hu. Materials on Dr. Henry Van Roekel are nearly completed. Robert Gordon's information is also ready to go. A list of further names has been approved and photos will be submitted to Dr. Sharma as needed.
- Archive access – Dr. Dunn's request from the Board is a need for Sop's in submitting articles for archival. Witter will formulate list of articles after consulting with Kim Sprout, but will likely include: AAAP annual reports, minutes of the annual AAAP meetings. AAAP Board minutes, newsletters, membership directories, program copies. Witter has successfully retrieved several specific pieces of information from the archives via email requests to Melissa Gottwald. The 50th year book and its CD form will be sent to the archives. A small amount of AAAP funding, held at Iowa State University, is able to defray the cost of such retrievals, at least for the moment. Witter/Bickford have offered to go through the archives before the summer of 2008 to flesh out the finding guide to get a better idea of what is in the archives. If additional funding is needed to defray costs, the request will be submitted to Dr. Chuck Hofacre / Mrs. Sue Clanton at the AAAP office. Witter noted that the first 13 years of the association records are missing from the archives.

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Ongoing projects include the following:

- Location of lost historic documents – a request has been submitted to the Executive Board for guidance. Their answer is that Dr. Hofacre and Sue Clanton will recheck at Georgia for the documents. Dr. Witter will approach Dr. Sherrill Davison to recheck at U. of Penn if documents are still there.
- Policy on manuscript publication – Discussion on a proposal from Dr. Sharma is under discussion
- Web posting of biographies – Francene has initiated contact with the business office, but postings will be delayed until the new website is completed. Witter asked if there would be a way to get electric citation of the website biographies and manuscripts.
- Manuscript solicitation – little progress in the past year, due to uncertainties on the publication policy. Dr. Lasher asked for a co-author on an IBV history.
- Document availability – Discussions will be held on how best to make three new documents available to the membership. These documents are: the ten year history, the Calnek Lecture (2006) and the Witter Lecture (2007). The possibility that the two lectures could be expanded and reformatted prior to distribution will also be discussed. These 3 documents, paired with the 30 Year History and the Eckroade History, both contained in the Anniversary Book, will provide a good resource of historical material on the AAAP.
- 2008 Lasher Lecture: Possible topic: Avian Influenza: History up to 1987.
- Avian Diseases author guidelines: An extensive discussion was held regarding new policies on history manuscripts and their future publication in "Avian Diseases." The current recommendations are a suggested limit of 6500 words (~5 pages of text) excluding references and tables and suggests only one manuscript per year. The manuscripts will be invited by our committee and reviewed by the editorial board of Avian Diseases. Committee decided to give provisional approval of the proposed guidelines, but retain the right to petition the board if the guidelines prove to be overly restrictive.

Histopathology Interest Group Report:

The Histopathology Interest Group held a case review session at the AAAP/AVMA Annual Meeting on Saturday July 14, 2007 meeting from 2:30PM until 5:00PM in the Conference Theater of the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Ten cases were presented and discussed by the 15 participants.

The group thanks Dr. Shivaprasad for organizing the meeting and Dr. Nathaniel Tablante for providing a laptop computer and projector.

Plans are to hold another case review session on the Saturday afternoon preceding the annual meeting in 2008 in New Orleans.

submitted by Oscar Fletcher

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2007 AAAP Membership Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting convened Saturday, July 14, 2007 in the AAAP Booth, Vendor Hall, Washington Convention Center at 2:05 PM. Portia Cortes, Susan Williams (Past-Chair) and Randy Chick (Chair) were present.

Old Business addressed the approval of Minutes from AAAP Meeting 2006(Hawaii) and the Minutes of the Meeting at IPE (Atlanta) in January 2007. Susan Williams made motion to approve, seconded by Portia Cortes. The Minutes of both meetings were approved by all present.

New items of Business included:

Proposal to refurbish the present display for use at the IPE in Atlanta each year. The present display materials are stored in two large, heavy containers that are currently housed at the University of Georgia and are best transported by automobile locally. Erection of the present display is cumbersome and hazardous for people of slight stature. The display is comprised of 10 graphics panels; four of these panels have long been in need of attention. The AAAP "Objectives" can be corrected and contemporarily restated as a "Mission Statement". The "Careers" panel information could be expanded to better describe current fields of endeavor. The "Educational Opportunities" and "Publications" panels both need revision to reflect current offerings. It was agreed by all present to refurbish the present display as soon as possible after funding is allocated.

Concerning purchase of a more "portable display" for use at AAAP Meetings and other industry meetings; the proposal was recently amended to acquire an active display (use of LED projector). A six foot wide / four foot high tabletop panel assembly weighing approximately 25 pounds can be purchased for about \$350. A header panel and two bolster panels would be designed to surround a central projection surface. A LCD projector is needed to project a Powerpoint or video program. This proposed display design would likely cost little more than a static tabletop panel display. Advantages include easy updating of the information that is displayed, ability to more fully showcase publications and events, diminished need to staff a booth for a meeting, and much reduced expense to ship the display to meeting venues. Security issues are reduced to locking a LCD projector to a table in the morning and retrieving in the evening. All three Committee members at this meeting voted to endorse the amended proposal.

Discussion ensued concerning development of a Powerpoint presentation for an active display. Selections from AAAP Study Slide sets and other photos would be used. Text would be developed from present graphics panels and updated sources of information. Audio may be added if determined appropriate. Susan Williams agreed to chair a subcommittee to develop such a presentation.

Membership classifications and new data were covered briefly. Five categories of membership exist presently, divided into "Domestic" and "International".

"Members" (Vets) category has been around 440 people for 2005/06/07. "Associate" membership has ranged around 205 for the past three years. "Student" membership doubled from 2006 to 2007 (34 -> 71). Overall, AAAP membership rose about 4% for 2007 to a total of 812 (net of 34 new members, most all were Students). The meeting in Hawaii in 2006 may have had the greatest impact on attracting new members. Membership in AAAP has been as high as 1100+ members.

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2007 AAAP Membership Committee Meeting Minutes cont'd.

Ideas for attracting new members was the next agenda item to be considered. "Are We Missing Anyone?" feature in the AAAP newsletter has reportedly had little impact. Question arose concerning functionality of the College Liaison Committee; no Chair presides over the group, so activity has been hard to gauge. However, this past year we enjoyed an influx of new students joining AAAP. Our future growth may be quite dependent on that category and their continuance as Members or Associates. The committee directed Randy Chick to investigate ways to enhance Membership Committee contact with student liaison groups.

Incentives to pay dues was discussed. Cessation of access to Avian Diseases was proposed two years back as a way to facilitate past-due members to pay dues in a timely fashion. Removal of the member's name from the AAAP Rolls was to follow if dues were not paid by the closing date for renewal. These measures apparently have helped to get renewals returned in a more expedient fashion. Other considerations that may improve renewal rates:

- Where funding is requested from AAAP by regional associations or specialty groups for associated meetings, make it mandatory for proof of AAAP membership (provide number) by registrants to get a specified reduction in that group's registration fees.

- On AAAP renewal forms, designate a section for listing of an individual's other memberships in industry or professional organizations.

- AVMA (CVMA, etc.) is listed as mandatory for "Member" veterinarians to renew AAAP affiliations.

- However, "Associate Member" status can be granted for those veterinarians who desire to ignore membership in AVMA. This loophole should be closed to bolster the number of full Members in AAAP and improve our status with AVMA.

- Make further attempts to establish an economic tie with affiliated groups to offer incentives to belong to all associations.

Final item of business was a report on the proceeds from the International Poultry Exposition Booth in Atlanta, January 2007. Three membership applications were collected (one Associate and two Student). Sales of memberships and publications totaled \$1,031. Expenses associated with booth rental were \$127.44. Net proceeds to AAAP were \$903.96. Volunteers staffed the booth during the show and Dr. Susan Williams provided transportation and set-up/take-down services.

The Membership Committee members present advocated continuance of participation in this event.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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2007 AAAP – Respiratory Committee Preliminary Report **Washington D.C. – Grand Hyatt Constitution Room A – 315-515** **July 16, 2007**

Chair – John El-Attrache

Vice Chair – Darrell Kapczynski

- I. Attendance – 30 AAAP members representing government, academia, industry and diagnostic laboratories
- II. New Core Committee nominations – Ching Ching Wu and Maricarmen Garcia, Mark Burleson
- III. Existing Core Committee – Peter Woolcock, Mark Jackwood, Eric Gonder and Fidelis Hegngi, David Suarez
- IV. 2006 Minutes review
- V. New Business
 - a. Regional Reports
 - i. Southeast
 - 1. Fred Hoerr (AL) – Reviewed ILT breaks in AL from 1998-2007. Vector Pox did not hold under intense pressure in AL breaks. CEO utilized in large zone vaccination. Stopped vaccination June 30.
 - 2. Discussions from this report from J. Giambrone/M. Garcia included heating up house not always effective. Nipple drinker slime confirmed PCR positive for nucleic acid. No virus isolation confirmed from these nipple drinker slime
 - 3. Mark Jackwood (GA) – Credited H. Sellers and H. Moscoso for diagnostics with IBV. Majority of IBV isolates are ARK DPI but did report a nephropathogenic strain of IBV “slicking of the floor” observed. Has 87% similarity to an Australia strain. No information shared about GA and ILT.
 - 4. Dan Bautista (DE) – Vaccinal ILT problems reported for January to April a total of 150 cases. Are seeing a correlation with a real time Ct value of 26 and confirmation by histopathology. CEO vaccine utilized and limited vector vaccine utilized. Ark most prevalent virus detected.
 - 5. P. Woolcock (CA) – ILT breaks in southern part of broiler production in CA. Have an IBV isolate similar to a Korean strain repeatedly coming up called CAL1737
 - b. Fidel Hegngi – Update on NPIP and LBMS programs. Steve Rooney will take the lead on NPIP and Fidel and Pat Cline will remain associated with LBMS.
 - c. Dennis Senne – Provided update on migratory AI surveillance. No H7 detected in primarily hunter killed birds. 80 H5N2 provided the majority of subtypes. H1-H6 and H9-H11 are subtypes detected. A total of 3 non reportable NAI incidents. In other words Ab+ and PCR/VI -. Incident in turkeys H7N9 still resulted in embargo from Japan. One reportable NAI which was H5N2 in turkeys reported to OIE.
 - d. 2008 AAAP symposium proposal finalized with core members and other committee members.

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Annual Minutes of the AAAP Toxic, Infectious, Miscellaneous & Emerging Disease (TIME) Committee

Meeting: Sunday July 15, 2007, 4PM, Washington Boardroom in Grand Hyatt Hotel

Present: Scott Fitzgerald (Chair), Mary Pantin-Jackwood (Vice-Chair), Peter Gazdzinski (core), Chris Hayhow (core), Cheryl Gustafson, Joan Schrader, John Barnes, Richard Mick Fulton (AAAP Board rep.)

Topics:

Dr. John Barnes several new emerging disease syndromes from the North Carolina region. First was a Hypocalcemia and Myopathy syndrome in young broilers, characterized by weakness and hypocalcemic tetany. Second was a Spinal Column Abscess syndrome occurring at the articulating thoracolumbar vertebrae, seen predominantly in male broilers from 8-10 weeks of age, a 2-10% incidence in affected flocks, characterized by lameness. To date they have isolated gram positive bacteria, predominantly *Enterococcus cecorum*.

Dr. Mick Fulton gave an overview of AAAP Board activities. These included regular small annual dues increases on the order of \$10 annually to prevent major jumps after several years. The name AAAP will not be changed after review. New publications due soon include the next edition of the Isolation & Identification Manual in 2008, Avian Histopathology manual, and the Diseases of Poultry in 2008 which has been proposed to have new editions every 5 years. Students will receive a 10% discount on all items. Several possible symposia have been proposed, including a Poultry Respiratory Disease Symposium for 2008, and a Poultry Welfare/PAWCO Symposium for 2009.

Dr. Mo Saif has suggested the TIME Committee sponsor a Symposium on Infectious Bursal Disease, for which he will be drafting a preliminary agenda, more on this topic will follow in future emails.

Finally, the upper levels of the AAAP have indicated that we must develop staggered terms of appointment to the standing committee core members. Below is listed the current core committee personal, as well as the year in which each will cycle off the core to be replaced.

Scott Fitzgerald (remain in core while serving as officer)
Mary Pantin-Jackwood (remain in core while serving as officer)
Richard Mick Fulton (AAAP Board appointee; cycle off in 2007)
Peter Gazdzinski (cycle off core in 2013)
Patrice Klein (cycle off core in 2013)
Andre Ziegler (cycle off core in 2013)
Chris Hayhow (cycle off core in 2010)
Mo Saif (cycle off core in 2010)
Bill Hewatt (cycle off core in 2010)
Mariano Salem (cycle off core in 2008)
Gabriel Senties-Cue (cycle off core in 2008)
Andrew Yersin (cycle off core in 2008)

The AAAP President made the 6 year appointments, I selected the 4 and 2 year appointments based primarily on how regularly that individual attends our annual committee meeting. Please contact me if you have any concerns regarding your appointment cycle.

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Pictures from Washington 2007



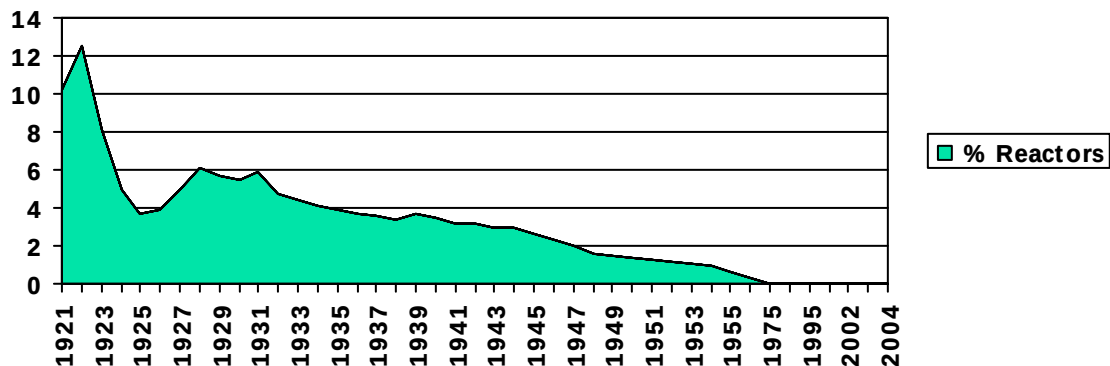
THE HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Submitted by:
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The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is a voluntary disease control program for the poultry industry in the United States. The objective of the NPIP is to provide a cooperative Industry-State-Federal program through which new diagnostic technology can be effectively applied to the improvement of poultry and poultry products throughout the country. In the early days of the organized poultry industry, a disease known as Bacillary White Diarrhea was a severe limiting factor to the growth of the industry. This disease, caused by *Salmonella pullorum* and known as pullorum disease, was rampant in poultry and could cause upwards of 80 percent mortality in baby poultry. The disease was basically unmanageable until a diagnostic blood test was developed by Dr. F. S. Jones in 1913. This test allowed for the surveillance of breeder flocks and the elimination of reactors thus allowing flocks to eventually be identified as free of disease.

During the 1920's, some of the early poultrymen started to exert an effort to improve genetics of their breeding stock. This led to an overall improvement in genetic stock and aided in improving production potential.

Due to these efforts, it was recognized that a national program for the improvement of poultry could be extremely beneficial for the industry. On July 1, 1935 the National Poultry Improvement Plan became operational and was subsequently adopted by 47 states. The National Turkey Improvement Plan was activated on September 25, 1943. On December 3, 1971, the two plans were combined under one title "the NPIP" with separate provisions applicable to the different types of poultry. The 48 member states became responsible for various disease control programs of over 3 billion breeding chickens and 250 million breeding turkeys during the 72 years since the founding of the NPIP. During this time, pullorum has been virtually eliminated from the US poultry industry. The following graph describes the decline in percent pullorum disease reactors found in breeding flocks:



In the late 1940's, the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, better known as the A&P Grocery Company, suggested that poultry breeders concentrate on meat yield rather than pure breed characteristics in chickens. This development may have been the first step in the eventual elimination of the breeding component of the NPIP. It triggered the establishment of the "Chicken of Tomorrow Contest," which was established to develop a higher yielding meat-type chicken. The 1951 Chicken of Tomorrow Contest was won by Charles Vantress with a Hybrid Cross: Cornish X New Hampshire. Breeders such as Cobb and Arbor Acres made advances with a similar cross with white feathered birds. This was the beginning of the modern broiler industry. The commercial industry went in a different direction in terms of genetics, thus the NPIP breeding programs fell from favor.



The next modification point in the history of the NPIP was the establishment of the Meat and Poultry Inspection Act in 1957. The condemnations at the processing plant due to airsacculitis were extreme in some cases. The losses were due in part to Chronic Respiratory Disease in chickens and plueropneumonialike organism (PPLO) in turkeys. *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* (MG) was determined to be the causative organism in both of these conditions. MG was found to be egg-transmitted like pullorum disease and was added to the NPIP as a plan disease for turkeys in 1965 and for chickens in 1966.

Since *Mycoplasma synoviae* (MS), which can cause Infectious Synovitis in turkeys and chickens, was found to be egg-transmitted, it was added to the NPIP as a Plan disease in 1974. In 1983, *Mycoplasma meleagridis* (MM) was added to the NPIP as a plan disease for turkey breeding flocks.

The next modification point in the history of the NPIP was in the late 1980's when *Salmonella enteritidis* (SE) surfaced as a human health problem particularly in the Northeastern quadrant of the United States. Research indicated that this serotype of *Salmonella* was egg-transmitted like pullorum disease. It too was a natural for the NPIP and thus the establishment in 1989 of the current SE programs for egg-and meat-type breeding chickens in the NPIP.

The next modification point in the history of the NPIP was in the early 1990's with the development of the global marketplace. The poultry industry began to export large quantities of poultry genetic stock and poultry meat. The major trading partners wanted assurances that the poultry and poultry products originated from breeding flocks free of avian influenza. Thus, the establishment of the "U.S. Avian Influenza Clean" program for breeding chickens in 1998.

The latest modification point in the history of the NPIP took place in July, 2004, in San Francisco, California with the addition of commercial production poultry (table-egg layers, broilers, and meat-turkeys) as a new part of the NPIP. The delegates of the 37th biennial conference of the NPIP approved a new H5/H7 Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) Monitored classification for table-egg layers, broilers, and meat-turkeys. This marked the first time of the addition of a non-hatchery transmitted disease to the program.

In the beginning, the NPIP was federally funded under the Agricultural Research Service. In 1978, the delegates to the National Plan conference voted to transfer the administration of the NPIP to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Conditions of this transfer were that the plan would continue to be operated on a voluntary basis, that it would be state administered, that the General Conference Committee would be maintained and that USDA personnel familiar with the NPIP would be retained as coordinator of the Plan. It was further pointed out that the Plan would be considered as representing the poultry industry and the memoranda of understanding between the States and USDA would remain intact. This transfer to APHIS became effective in 1982.

The provisions of the Plan are changed from time to time to conform with the development of the industry and utilize new information as it becomes available. These changes are based upon recommendations made at the National Plan Conferences by official delegates representing participating flockowners, breeders, and hatchery owners from all cooperating states in accordance with Chapter 1, Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 147, Subpart E.

The NPIP has active control programs for *Salmonella pullorum*, *Salmonella gallinarum*, *Salmonella enteritidis*, *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, *Mycoplasma synoviae* and *Mycoplasma meleagridis* in addition to Avian Influenza programs for both breeders and commercial poultry.

The NPIP's General Conference Committee (GCC) assists USDA in planning, organizing and conducting the biennial NPIP conference. The committee recommends whether new proposals should be considered by delegates to the Conference and –during the interim between Plan conferences–represents the cooperating States in advising USDA with respect to administrative procedures and interpretations of the NPIP provisions in the CFR.

GCC committee members also help USDA evaluate comments received from interested persons concerning proposed amendments to the NPIP provisions. The Committee recommends to the Secretary of Agriculture any changes in the provisions of the Plan necessitated by unforeseen conditions when postponement until the next NPIP Conference would seriously impair the operation of the program. Finally, the General Conference Committee serves as a forum for the study of problems relating to poultry health and makes specific recommendations to the secretary concerning ways in which USDA may assist the industry in solving these problems.



The NPIP is the largest and most successful disease control cooperative program ever put in place in agriculture. One of the reasons for this has been the work and commitment of the senior coordinators throughout the history of the Plan. The Senior Coordinator's duties include: 1) executive secretary of the General Conference Committee, 2) Chairperson of the Plan Conference, 3) to plan, organize and conduct the plan conference, 4) review the NPIP authorized laboratories, 5) coordinate the state administration of the NPIP, 6) direct the administrative rulemaking of the proposed changes 7) direct the production of official NPIP publications, 8) develop an annual budget and 9) overall administration of the NPIP.

In the 72 year history of the NPIP, there have only been five Senior Coordinators. The current Senior Coordinator, Mr. Andrew Rhorer, has held that position since 1991. The tasks of the Senior Coordinator are many but the commitment by this person is vital to the success of the Program. Mr. Rhorer's energy and commitment is evidenced by the continued success of the program and the respect that it has throughout the global poultry industry.

In order to keep all segments of the commercial poultry industry abreast of the latest poultry health science information, workshops, poultry health science meeting and seminars, videos, brochures and posters are arranged and produced by the NPIP office. The mycoplasma and avian influenza workshops have been extremely successful and most classes fill early.

State administration and industry input are the backbone of the NPIP. The NPIP office in Conyers, Georgia plays an advisory role but the everyday actions for plan administration come from state participation through the Official State Agencies (OSAs). The OSAs act on behalf of the input from the industry in their state to place programs beneficial for them on the local level. This cooperative program is unique among government programs and is one reason for the recognized strength of the program worldwide. With our ever narrowing global concept of poultry diseases and new and emerging infectious agents of public health concern, let's hope that the NPIP will be here to assist the US Poultry Industry for many years to come.

A Chronological List of Events which have helped to shape the NPIP

1873- American Poultry Association founded: American Standard of Perfection for purebred poultry.
1884- Bureau of Animal Industry established as a agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. 1899 - Dr. Leo Rettger of Yale University isolated an organism which caused the disease known as BWD. 1904- First official egg laying contest in the United States was held in Kansas. 1913- The tube agglutination test for the detection of chickens infected with BWD was developed by Dr. F.S. Jones of Cornell University.
1914- First organized efforts to control BWD began in Connecticut.
1915- IBCA was formed.
1918- U.S. Postal Service accepted first baby chicks to be shipped by parcel post.
1925- The name of the organism causing BWD, *Bacterium pullorum* was changed to *Salmonella pullorum*.
1926- U.S. Egg Society, which evolved into the Institute of American Poultry Industries and was the forerunner of the Poultry and Egg Institute, was formed.
1927- Rapid serum test antigen for pullorum disease was reported by Runnells, Coon, Farley, and Thorpe.
1931 Stained antigen for the rapid whole blood test for pullorum disease was reported by Schaffer, MacDonald, Hall, and Bunyea.
1934 Hatchery men, breeders, university, and government representatives approved uniform procedures and terminology for breeding practices and pullorum disease control during the IBCA Convention. These rules would govern participation in the NPIP.
1935 NPIP was established by act of Congress.
1938 Infectious sinusitis in turkeys was described by Dickinson and Hinshaw.
1943 NPIP came into existence under USDA.
Chronic Respiratory disease (CRD) was described by Delaplane and Stuart.
1948 The first National Chicken-of-Tomorrow contest was held.
1949 The first U.S. Random Sample Egg Production Test was conducted in California.
1954 The National Broiler Council (now named the National Chicken Council) was organized.
The NPIP recognized flocks which are free of *S. gallinarum* (fowl typhoid), based on a test conducted at the same time as pullorum disease test.
Preparation of antigen for the rapid serum test for MG was described by Adler, Yamamoto, and others.
1957 Poultry Products Inspection Act requires all dressed poultry to be inspected for wholesomeness.
1958 *Mycoplasma meleagridis* was reported by Adler and others as causing airsacculitis in turkey poults.
1959 The dipping of eggs in antibiotic solutions for the control of MG was described by Chalquest and Fabricant.



1962 Preparation of MS antigen for agglutination test was described by Olson and others.

1965 MG testing program was added to the NTIP

1966 MG testing program was added to the NPIP

1967 The first year in which products handled by all chicken hatcheries in the NPIP were 100 percent "U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean."

1970 The NPIP and the NTIP were combined into one program.

1974 MS testing program was added to the NPIP

The first year in which no MG positive turkey breeding flocks were reported to the NPIP.

USDA made available the "U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean State" status for States meeting the requirements

1980 USDA made available the "U.S. MG Clean State, Turkeys" status for States meeting the requirements.

1983 MM testing program for turkeys was added to the NPIP.

1989 SE testing program for egg-type chickens was added to the NPIP

1994 SE testing program for meat-type chickens was added to the NPIP

1996 Ratites was added as subpart F to the NPIP

1998 Avian Influenza testing program for egg-and meat-type chickens was added to the NPIP.

2004 A new part for commercial table-egg layers, broilers, and turkeys was added to the NPIP

A new H5/H7 LPAI monitoring program for commercial table-egg layers, broilers and turkeys was added to the NPIP

*This manuscript was prepared using material from publications and websites of the NPIP. A large majority of the information was originally gathered by Mr. Andrew Rhorer.



An Overview of Responses to Two Index Cases of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza Breaks in Commercial Poultry and Subsequent Surveillance Activity.

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Abstract: Avian influenza (AI) is of significant economic concern to the poultry industry in the United States. Because of public concern related to the pandemic potential of AI viruses and due to the potential for significant morbidity in commercial poultry, the H5 and H7 subtypes receive special attention. Pathotype designation of low or high is based on 1) gene sequencing results from virus isolates or virus fragments in clinical samples, or 2) the clinical response of chickens inoculated with virus isolates. Export markets are particularly sensitive to these subtypes and quickly impose trade restrictions when they are identified in commercial poultry. Disruption of trade necessitates a vigorous and urgent response and has been recognized as such by the United States Department of Agriculture resulting in remediation costs being included in an indemnity program. The rapidity of the response to an index case (i.e., quarantine, surveillance, epidemiological investigation, flock disposition, etc.) can determine the duration and extent of spread of the virus to other premises. This report reviews the responses, from an operations perspective, during the 2004 Delmarva and 2007 Shenandoah Valley incidences.

History:

Delmarva 2004. The poultry industry is made up primarily of four broiler companies in the middle and southern portions of the Delmarva Peninsula, some pullet farms and a few layers in the northern portions with a scattering of independent farms, growing for the New York live markets, and numerous backyard flocks mingled across the entire peninsula. The four broiler companies, in conjunction with the trade association Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc., had previously developed a procedure manual for emergency poultry disease outbreaks which included specific company and vendor responses under three potential scenarios: Part I Minimal Program where No Known EPD Exists or is Distinctly Remote, Part II Preventive Program if EPD Break(s) Occurs in a Nearby Area Posing a Threat to Delmarva or Part III Plan of Action if an EPD is Suspected on Delmarva. In addition, memoranda of understanding (MOU) were prepared between the poultry companies and state offices for specific services and monetary considerations. The four companies committed to provide monetary compensation for the initial response and were met by commitments from two states to provide additional funds enabling a decision process absent financial negotiations.

Avian Influenza was diagnosed on an independent grower's two-house farm by the local laboratory and the Emergency Poultry Disease Task Force (EPDTF) members were notified. This flock was depopulated via CO₂ gas within 48 hours of the local laboratory results using supplies purchased and delivered per existing MOUs. Laboratory samples were submitted to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa for confirmatory and pathotype testing indicating a low path H7N2. Each commercial company selected individuals to participate on the depopulation team, limiting the total from any one company that would be exposed to the infected premises. The Secretary of Agriculture, at the request of the State Veterinarian, ordered State Police security of the site during the depopulation procedures to ensure biosecurity and facilitate traffic flow. Birds were composted on-site under the direction of the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Service.



Enhanced surveillance was conducted throughout the Delmarva region coordinated by an industry selected allied health veterinarian and supported by state, federal and integrator employees. Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) coordinates were available for commercial farms but the data had not received rigorous verification and could not be used for route planning using existing Global Information Services (GIS) mapping. Two- and six-mile surveillance zones were established using traditional mapping equipment and routes were developed from visual assessment. Multiple two-person teams were assigned to the two- and six-mile zones and were made up of federal and state veterinary service employees. Integrator employees were responsible for collecting samples from farms outside the surveillance zones during the initial testing and were joined by government employees following completion of each round of testing within the six-mile zone.

Each integrator identified a single person to communicate surveillance and pre-slaughter needs and all collection requests were channeled through the response coordinator for team assignments. Tracheal swabs were collected and submitted initially to one of two laboratories based on geographic proximity but work was later consolidated to a single laboratory for efficiency. In addition, overload samples were submitted to NVSL. The USDA-APHIS Area Veterinarian in Charge (AVIC) provided support in securing supplies from the National Veterinary Stock Pile, ensuring adequate reagent availability, facilitating NVSL submissions and providing GIS expert advice. All public communication was directed through the trade association office and key individuals from industry met daily with the AI response coordinator for situation reports and scheduling adjustments.

Shenandoah Valley 2007: The poultry industry is made up of three broiler and two turkey operations, a turkey breeder and a broiler breeder. In addition, layers for human vaccine production, numerous backyard and small layer flocks are present. Slaughter facilities are primarily located in VA, however, the complexes place birds in VA and WV and pre-slaughter testing is done in VA. The commercial companies, in conjunction with the trade association Virginia Poultry Federation, Inc., have developed guidelines for AI breaks in VA, "Prevention and Rapid Response for Avian Influenza (H5 and H7) in Virginia" and a separate document is in place in WV, "West Virginia Avian Influenza Prevention and Response Protocol." These plans give specific and detailed instructions for communication, response and surveillance following identification of an AI suspect. Each company is responsible for updating the GPS coordinates for their farms and the data is robustly verified.

Routine pre-slaughter serology of a commercial turkey tom flock indicated exposure to the avian influenza virus in six finisher barns. Notification was made to the company veterinarian and tracheal swab samples were collected for PCR analysis resulting in evidence of an H5 AI exposure. Serology samples submitted to NVSL confirmed exposure to an H5 subtype. Notification to industry and governmental representatives was made and the state veterinarian ordered depopulation. A public statement was released indicating that the isolate appeared to be of low pathogenicity and that all of the birds on the farm would be depopulated and composted on-site.

Prior interaction with an emergency services contractor had occurred involving federal and state agencies, the poultry federation and all commercial poultry operations in the area. The contractor indicated an interest in developing expertise in AI response management and suggested existing expertise in depopulation, biosecurity, cleaning and disinfection and having some familiarity with composting but suggested additional consultation.

The state veterinarian initiated the Incident Command Structure involving various state and federal officials and naming the company veterinarian as the operations chief. A decision was taken to pursue federal indemnification requiring appraisal of the birds prior to initiation of depopulation. The owner of the birds, in conjunction with members of the federation, requested the consideration of the emergency services contractor to the AVIC and agreed to cover the initial travel expenses should later discussions or contractual terms negate their involvement.



Discussion:

The following comments are given from the perspective of operations activity. However, it is important to note that this perspective may be influenced by the fact that the author changed jobs between the two outbreaks. In the Delmarva '04 outbreak he served as an interested but non-vested party, while in the Shenandoah '07 outbreak he served as a substantially vested responsible party. Any bias infused is unavoidable but will indicate the difficulty in maintaining objectivity during the stress of dealing with a depopulation process.

During the Delmarva outbreak, decisions were made efficiently during the morning meetings and the pressure of needing continual financial assessment was absent. The unique uniformity of bird types in Delmarva provided a similar prioritization basis among the integrators and the economic implications had a balanced impact. The decision to depopulate and indemnify the independent grower was determined to be of utmost importance to the integrated poultry industry. The original concept of the indemnity monies put forth by the companies and augmented by the states did not include independent growers but the needs of the industry as a whole made it prudent to include them and thus facilitate a rapid response. Ultimately two additional farms were identified with AI and were depopulated but the quick response was likely beneficial in stopping the spread of the virus. Coordinating the response through a single non-vested source proved insightful on the part of the EPDTF as daily activities could be scheduled without the weight of liability or preference. The AVIC functioned in the role of facilitator and provided guidance in communicating daily operations with concerned governmental organizations. The AVIC secured supplies from the National Veterinary Stockpile and held them at a central site under the control of the quartermaster. Daily inventories enabled the teams to always have adequate supplies and minimized waste.

The strong role of the two state's Department of Agriculture, with the secretaries of Agriculture often involved in the daily morning meetings, facilitated a cohesive response and created avenues of cooperation among various unrelated departments such as forestry, state police, environmental services and animal agriculture. Cross-state cooperation in laboratory testing and personnel use created a fluid exchange of results, optimized manpower use and substantially reduced redundancies. Failure to validate the GPS coordinates proved costly in time spent detailing surveillance routing and required substantial time investment to rectify. Use of a courier service to deliver samples to NVSL at times proved frustrating and time sensitive testing should be done locally whenever possible.

The response in the Shenandoah Valley highlighted some unique nuances and challenges of dealing with a mixed poultry population and activation of the USDA indemnity plan. The accuracy of GPS data and access to GIS mapping promoted rapid data dissemination to all parties involved. The availability of farm concentration and bird population maps allowed each company to assign resources and plan surveillance activities in very quick order and aided in visualizing the potential threat to neighboring farms. Recruitment of an outside contractor allowed personnel from the owning integrator to be utilized in highly productive surveillance capacity limiting the number of company personnel entering the index facility. However, the contracting company was not trained in handling live birds and required the services of trained integrator personnel to complete the depopulation process.

Resources could not be pooled for surveillance activities between poultry types necessitating some redundant travel and loss of efficiency. Financial negotiations and equipment malfunction delayed the depopulation response and lack of readily available carbon resources further hampered the ability to proceed. Early release of public information indicating a specific response reduced available options and created limits when essential resources were not readily available. A simplified budget structure would have benefited the decision flow as conflicting priorities among the various parties resulted in a stop-go-stop operational mode and frustrated on-site activities. Solutions promulgated at the farm were often countermanded then later reinitiated creating a sense of discontinuity. The AVIC was placed in a fiduciary role in contract negotiations and could not exercise flexibility in a support role as was possible in the Delmarva experience.



Highlights and opportunities:

Delmarva 2004.

1. Pre-incident MOUs with monetary commitment substantially facilitated rapid depopulation in the absence of financial negotiations, insured activation of vendor action plans and promoted a strong cooperative effort.
2. Minimal detail in public statements protected multiple response actions.
3. Surveillance activities coordinated through a single point enhanced information flow.
4. Using a non-vested operations coordinator avoided conflict of interest in the decision making process.
5. Lack of quality control for GPS data hampered utilization of GIS.
Samples lost in transit to NVSL created logistic hurdles.

Shenandoah Valley 2007

1. AI response plan provided specific protocol for surveillance
2. Outside contractor minimized company personnel on-site
3. High quality GPS data facilitated mapping operations
4. Delay in valuation and contract negotiations slowed depopulation
5. Budgetary negotiations interrupted work flow
6. Public statements negated some options.

Suggestions based on these experiences:

1. Use of an outside contractor for depopulation, disposal, cleaning and disinfection is a valuable asset for integrator human resource allocation
2. Carefully worded public statements are valuable in maintaining the widest options
3. High quality GPS data can greatly facilitate response planning
4. A simplified budgeting system would expedite the process
 - a. A value for poultry based on bird type, age and current dock prices that requires only verification of head count
 - b. Depopulation expenses should include the option of controlled marketing vs mass euthanasia
 - c. A value for depopulation based on square footage
 - d. A value for disposal based on protein weight, may be adjusted for composting, land fill, burial or in the case of controlled marketing added expense for live haul risk reduction
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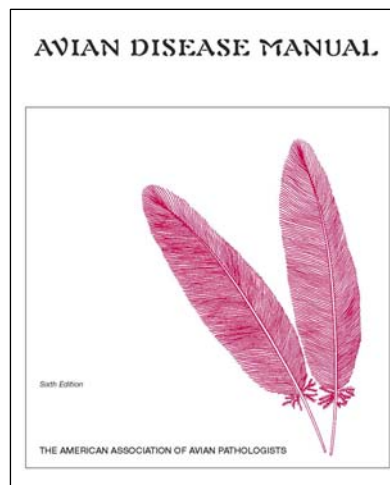
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