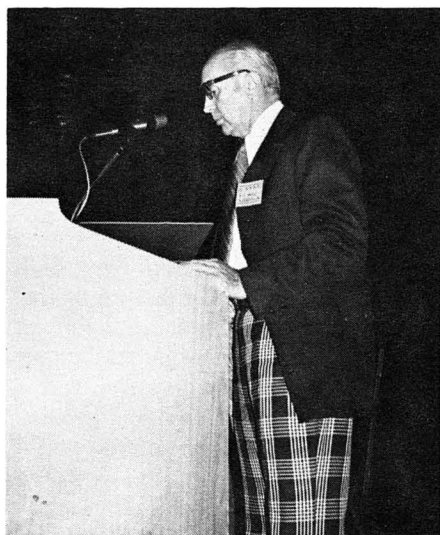


Annual General Meeting

Friday, December 12, 1976
10:45 a.m.



The annual general meeting was held on Friday morning, December 12, 1976. Dr. Vernon L. Tharp, president of the AABP, called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

The minutes of the last meeting on December 10, 1974, were read by the executive secretary and a motion to approve was passed.

Dr. Harold E. Amstutz, executive secretary-treasurer, reported that 2,200 veterinary members and 1,010 student members were carried on the rolls during the year. He stated that a monthly newsletter had been published during 1975.

The following district election results were announced:

District I - Dr. Sam Hutchins, South Barre, Vermont (re-elected).

District IV - Dr. Glen Hoffsis, Columbus, Ohio (re-elected).

District VI - Dr. Harold Miller, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

District X - Dr. Robert Dickson, Bakersfield, California (re-elected).

Dr. Eric Williams gave the editor's report. He thanked Dr. Leland Allenstein for a successful advertising effort. Over 1000 copies of the 1975 *Bovine Practitioner* had been bulk mailed to student members. Expenses for the 1975 journal were \$17,707.45 and estimated gross income from advertising was \$9,625. The editor requested the membership to send him practice tips and papers for the 1976 journal.

Dr. Sam Hutchins III announced that 61 booths had been sold for this meeting at a gross price of approximately \$20,000.

The president thanked the local arrangement co-chairmen, Dr. James Jarrett and Dr. Morton Siberman, and their committee members for their excellent work.

Dr. Robert Harris, chairman of the continuing education committee, announced that the AABP will co-sponsor a 1½-day meeting at the AVMA annual convention in Cincinnati on July 21 and 22, 1976. The theme will be immunology.

He said that the 1976 AABP annual convention will be held at the San Francisco Hilton, San Francisco, California, on December 8-11.

The following officers were elected for 1976: president: Dr. Leland C. Allenstein, Whitewater, Wisconsin; president-elect: Dr. Robert J. Harris, Turlock, California; vice-president: Dr. James A. Jarrett, Rome, Georgia; and executive secretary-treasurer: Dr. Harold E. Amstutz, W. Lafayette, Indiana.

Retiring President Tharp thanked the officers and members for their support. He reported that the AABP is a strong, healthy, growing organization and urged everyone to continue the good work. He mentioned government anti-trust actions against the professions, drug residues in meat and milk, and brucellosis as major challenges.

Dr. Tharp installed Dr. L. C. Allenstein as president for 1976.

Dr. Allenstein thanked the members for the great honor bestowed upon him and Dr. Tharp for his excellent leadership. Dr. Allenstein continued:

I find it a little hard to follow you to this podium. I have seen this organization grow since its inception to the place where it is today. It surely hasn't been by accident. Many men have put forth much time and effort, and to you, Dr. Tharp, we are indeed indebted. I didn't know how big a man you really were until one night I took you to a German restaurant in Milwaukee, and, believe me, you devoured the biggest pork hock and the most sauerkraut that I've ever seen! But his guidance in the Columbus conference and through this past year has truly been great. I've had the privilege to serve and work in this organization for several years. I know few men realize how much we owe to certain other men that have done so much. I would like to recognize two or three and they are not the only ones by any means. Dr. Harold Amstutz, I believe, is Mr. AABP and he's been this from the beginning. We owe much to Harold. And then there is a man with whom I have worked for four years, the editor of our journal, Dr. Eric Williams. Here again, few people in this audience realize the hours that these two men have put forth, and I'm mighty proud of their work. I'm mighty proud of our executive secretary, especially for the newsletter he put out this past year, and also I can say that our Journal and our Proceedings are recognized throughout the world and have become a constant item in every library. Then I must thank also Dr. Sam Hutchins III, who does so much work in procuring exhibits. I also at this time should thank Dr. Jim Jerret and Dr. Mort Silberman for the work that they have done in this convention. Also to my subcommittee chairmen, Dr. Jenks Britt and Dr. Herb Lloyd. I think AABP has provided the much needed bridge of education by which the bovine practitioner has been able to obtain some additional knowledge and keep it before them and keep us abreast of new developments. There was a necessary tool that has helped us immensely and I'm sure that most people in this audience feel the same. By doing this we have found a fraternity of men, and I really mean this, the like of which will never be found. Education has abounded. My only regret is that I've only retained a small part of every bit I've heard at these meetings and I'm sure the rest have done the same. But I do know that AABP is responsible for this exposure.

Where are we going? I do hope that AABP will continue to provide that necessary education. In this day and age of consumer-oriented society, we must be

Dr. Allenstein presented the retiring president with a suitable plaque in appreciation of his year of office.

positive in our continuing education programs, so positive that we could demonstrate that they are of value in renewing our education and are also available to every member. If this was ever necessary, it is at this time. It may be possible that this may be a requirement for relicensing and I'm sure that we have taken the initial step that is necessary. This coming year, I do hope that maybe we can take a look at self-assessment. Do not be scared of this. This is not a test, by no means. You are not graded or evaluated or compared to your fellow practitioner, it is only a self-evaluation. Think about it. District seminars have become more and more frequent. We recently had one in Chicago. Dr. Bob Keith did a tremendous job in getting it formed. I'll never forget the first one that I attended that Dr. Bob Miller and Dr. Bill McCulloch down in Columbia, Missouri, formulated. It was a really great one. Since then they have been more frequent and definitely well attended. Should AABP set standards for specialization? Here again these guidelines for self-evaluation are necessary and I think a possible factor we could employ in our continuing education. I definitely feel that these standards should be well received by the membership. We will be working on them much more. As I look through the proposed agenda of the AABP that Dr. Amstutz sent to us, I didn't realize how involved we are really getting from the local levels to as high as the federal government. We are providing this bridge that I think was evidently necessary and was missing before. Let us not fail in our calling. It is indeed with many reservations that I accept this position and the challenges of being the president of this organization. I feel a little bit unqualified for this position. My only prayer is that I can always serve you veterinarians and this bovine practice, and I hope we can continue to serve in the next 200 years coming in this United States and make it a better place due to our work in disease control, prevention and treatment. May God direct my talents and yours to this goal. And to this end we do thank God for his guidance in making this organization a successful one. Thank you.



Amendments to the Bylaws

The following three bylaw amendments were proposed and approved:

Amendment 1 adds a lifetime membership category.

(a) Life members shall be those members who have reached the age of 65 and have been continuous members for five years.

Amendment 2 adds a student membership category.

(b) Student members shall be professional veterinary students at United States and Canadian colleges of veterinary medicine. Students may form affiliated student chapters with the same relationship to the American Association of Bovine Practitioners that student chapters of the American Veterinary Medical Association have to that organization. Student chapters are requested to adopt a con-

stitution or bylaws modeled after the one approved for the Ohio Chapter by the American Association of Bovine Practitioners Executive Board July 22, 1974. If a student chapter is not formed at a particular school, students attending that school can join the AABP as individuals. Dues for student members shall be \$5.00 per year payable in advance to the treasurer of the AABP. Student Chapters may charge additional dues for local use if they so desire.

Amendment 3 divides Canada into two districts, making a total of 13 AABP districts.

(c) District 12 will include the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. District 13 will include the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

