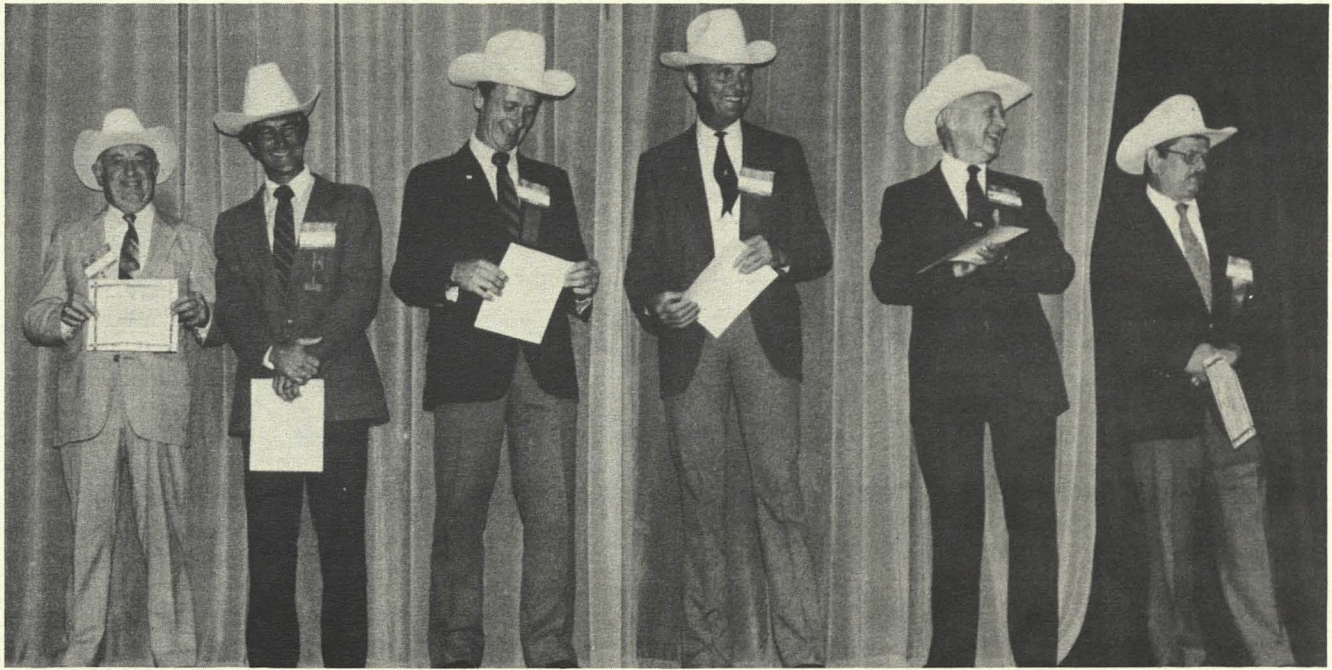


Opening Ceremony



Officers of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners presented with white hats and certificates. Dr. Eric Williams (left, editor), Dr. Thomas Fuhrmann (vice president), Dr. Keith Sterner (president-elect), Dr. Donald Hudson (president), Dr. Harold Amstutz (executive secretary), and Dr. George Washington (immediate past president).

The 21st Annual Meeting was launched in style with a Calgary Welcome Round-Up on Wednesday evening, September 28. It was a marvellous occasion to review old friendships and make new ones while enjoying an informal hot buffet, live western music, cash bar and Calgary hospitality.

The opening ceremony followed at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Gordon Atkins, Calgary and District 13 Director presided and presented the following opening remarks:

Ladies and gentlemen, this is Calgary — Welcome!

My name is Gordon Atkins and I'm delighted to serve as your local arrangements coordinator for this, the 21st Annual AABP Conference. Your response to this year's program has fulfilled our dreams and I feel honored and proud to first of all, be a part of this great organization and secondly, to be a Canadian, a Calgarian, and to have the opportunity to host such an event.

We hope we can make your stay enjoyable and that as you participate in the various convention functions, you have an opportunity to become more familiar with western Canada, to enjoy the scenic beauty of our country and to make new friendships as we strive to achieve our meeting theme of Preparing and Selling Yourself in a Time of Changing Bovine Practice.

It has been a real inspiration for me to work with such a dedicated group of individuals as we have our program committee and to have a program mailed out

ahead of schedule for a conference almost two months earlier than usual.

For our program chairman, Keith Sterner, our seminar coordinator Tom Fuhrmann, and the ever reliable conference manager, Harold Amstutz, I cannot say enough about their efficiency and expediency in bringing this program to reality.

As District XIII Director, it is very gratifying to see the great attendance from our local district and I would like to acknowledge several practitioners who have served on the local arrangements committee and have helped to share the load — Terry Hunt, Rod Sydenham, Larry Frischke, John Jacobson, Dave Chalack, Merv Wetstein, and Dr. Peter DeNooy.

I have left the introduction of the most important member of this committee until last and that is my organizer, my advisor, my secretary and I'm proud to say my wife — Jo Anne.

Ladies and Gentlemen, this convention provides us with a great challenge to expand our knowledge in all areas of bovine practice. In preparing ourselves, let us remember the words of Vince Lombardi when he said, "The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence regardless of their chosen field of endeavour." May God bless this conference and instill in us a renewed enthusiasm and pride in the practice of bovine veteri-



Alderman and Mrs. Don Hardman, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Atkins and Dr. Bruce Grabn.

nary medicine.

Welcoming addresses were also given by Dr. Donald Hudson, AABP President and Dr. Bruce Grahm, President, Alberta VMA.

Dr. George Washington, Past President, presented the AABP's first research assistantship award to Dr. Terry Bowersock, a former dairy practitioner in Wisconsin.

Calgary Alderman Don Hardman provided the crowning touch to the opening ceremony by performing the traditional White Hat Ceremony. He presented white hats to the officers and the editor.



Dr. and Mrs. Hudson and daughter Marta.

The final 'round-up', after a mock gun fight, was an evening of laughter provided by the keynote speaker, Dr. James Blakely, famous humorist from Wharton, Texas. His humor, wit and down-to-earth intellect set the mood for a great convention with his theme "you should take your job seriously, but not yourself." He advocated creative thinking, teamwork, adaptability, "going the extra mile" and a sense of humor.

AABP Research Assistantship Award

At the opening ceremonies on Wednesday evening, September 28, Dr. George Washington, Past President presented the first AABP Research Assistantship Award to Dr. Terry Lynn Bowersock, a former Wisconsin bovine practitioner.

Approximately three years ago, the AABP Board of Governors approved a Research Assistantship of \$10,000 to be awarded annually to one candidate or a portion thereof to a number of candidates. Dr. Neil Anderson, a Past President, Ontario, Canada was chairman of the committee which prepared the award guidelines.

The Research and Scholarship Committee received twenty eight applications for the 1988 award.

On July 18, at the AVMA meeting in Portland, Oregon the AABP Board of Directors approved the amount of \$9750.00 and the selection of Dr. Bowersock, University of Tennessee for his research proposal.

"Production of antibodies to specific antigens of *Pasteurella haemolytica* and evaluation of their ability to enhance phagocytosis by bovine macrophages and prevent leukocyte death when exposed to *P. haemolytica*".

Dr. Bowersock received the DVM degree from the Ohio State University in 1981 and was engaged in mixed practice in Elmwood, Wisconsin until October, 1984. In January, 1985, he began a Ph.D. program at the University of Tennessee in comparative and experimental medicine which was completed in June, 1988.



Past President George Washington presenting the Research Assistantship Award to Dr. Bowersock and his family