

# Annual Membership and Business Meeting

Saturday, September 16, 1995  
South Banquet Hall, Convention Center



A Continental Breakfast, sponsored in part by grants from **West Agro, Inc.** and **Purina Mills, Inc.** was enjoyed at 7:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Robert Smith, AABP President at 7:30 a. m. who welcomed AABP members and guests.

Dr. Roland Jeans gave the Invocation and a moment of silence was observed in memory of Dr. Elmer Woelffer and his wife Marian, who died in an automobile accident on May 8, 1995.

Dr. Roland Jeans, Treasurer, presented the 1995-

1996 proposed budget. Projected income for the fiscal year 1995-1996 is \$815,750, of which \$413,750 is projected income from membership dues. The fund balance as of July 1, 1994 was \$235,000 and the year-end balance as of June 30, 1995 was \$625,000. Dr. Jeans noted that net income for the 1994 annual meeting was \$14,000. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

On behalf of the AABP, Dr. Jarrett presented Dr. Jeans with an appreciation plaque for his service as the AABP Treasurer.

Dr. Jarrett reported that membership figures as of August 30, 1995 were as follows: 4,114 veterinarians, 612 students, and 167 Honor Roll members, for a total



*President Robert Smith passing the gavel to President-Elect Gatz Riddell.*



*AVMA President Sherbyn Ostrich*



*Dr. Delbert Miles, AABP Board Member, presenting Dr. Douglas Armstrong, accompanied by his wife, an Honorary Life Membership plaque.*



*Dr. Mac Cropsey receiving an Honorary Life Membership plaque from Dr. Jarrett.*

membership of 4,893. Attendance at this year's annual meeting totaled 1,706 registrants, of which 914 were veterinarians, 261 were accompany persons, 418 were exhibitors, 113 students, and 10 VIPs. Dr. Jarrett reiterated that he enjoys working on behalf of the AABP and appreciates the opportunity to do so.

Dr. Sherbyn Ostrich, AVMA President, addressed the members on matters including AVMA - AABP relationship and the rapidly developing area of food safety.

The results of two District Director elections were as follows:

- District 6: Dr. Mark Kirkpatrick
- District 9: Dr. Del Miles (re-elected to serve another 3-year term)

Dr. Smith presented an appreciation plaque to Dr. Andrew Overby (District 6) whose term on the Board has expired.

1995-1996 Officers elected were:

- President-Elect: Dr. Deborah Stark  
(Elected by acclamation).
- Vice President: Dr. James Sears  
(Elected by mail vote).

Dr. Mac Cropsey, Parliamentarian, presented the proposed amendments to the AABP bylaws. On motion made, seconded, and passed, the amendments were approved.

Dr. Smith presented honorary AABP memberships to Dr. Doug Armstrong, Dr. Mac Cropsey, and Dr. Roland Jeans.

The following awards were presented:

Hoffman LaRoche Award for Excellence:

Dr. Louis Perino.



*Dr. Jarrett presenting an Honorary Life Membership plaque to Dr. Roland Jeans with his wife, Deanna.*



*President Smith welcomes new AABP Treasurer, Dr. Roger Saltman.*

MSD AgVet AABP Award for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine:

Dairy Cattle: Dr. Connor Jameson  
 Beef Cattle: Dr. Terry DeGross

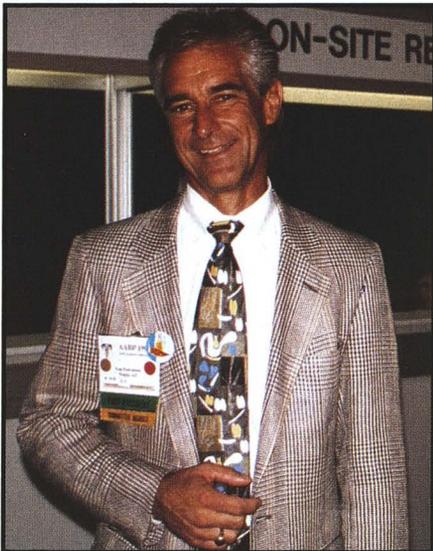
Fort Dodge Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award:

Dr. Alvin Edwards

During the Opening Ceremony on Wednesday, September 21, Dr. Tim Lesch was presented with the Distinguished Service Award.

**Dr. Smith announced the presentation of a new AABP award which was established by Dr. Jake Hines, Wisconsin in memory of his wife. The award, as established by Dr. Hines, is the "Best-Dressed Practitioner." Dr. Tom Fuhrmann was presented with the award, a \$100 bill. Ms. Leigh-Ann Hunt, AABP Administrative Assistant, presented the award.**

President Robert Smith introduced his family to the AABP membership, and presented the following remarks:



*Dr. Tom Fuhrmann, Best Dressed Practitioner Award recipient.*

What's it like to serve as President of AABP for a year? It was a year of joy and challenges, a year of positive spirit and fellowship, and a year of challenging opportunities. It was a year to work to provide the AABP membership the best of continuing education in bovine medicine and surgery. Thanks for this successful conference goes to Dr. Riddell, Dr. Stark, the Program Committee and to Dr. Jarrett and his staff.

It was a year to meet the challenges of food safety, drug availability issues, animal welfare, disease issues and to continue to move forward in the information management age. Our committees helped the AABP meet these challenges head-on.

It was a year to continue looking for new ideas for enhanced organizational efficiency, to continue the expansion of membership services and to complete the transition from our old headquarters to our new offices in Rome. It was a year to meet the challenges of financial management, and as Rollie Jeans reported, the AABP finances are sound.

It was a year of hard work, sacrifices and fond memories. Thank you for allowing me to be your President in 1994 and 1995, it is an opportunity for which I will forever be grateful.

**Finally, nothing is accomplished alone. No matter what you have accomplished, someone has helped you. Thank you very much!**

President Smith passed the presidential gavel to President-Elect M. Gatz Riddell.

Newly-installed President Riddell presented Dr. Smith with the Presidential Award.

With no further business, President Riddell adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.



*AABP First Family: President Smith and his wife, Jeri, daughter-in-law, Cristi and son, Dr. Barry Smith.*

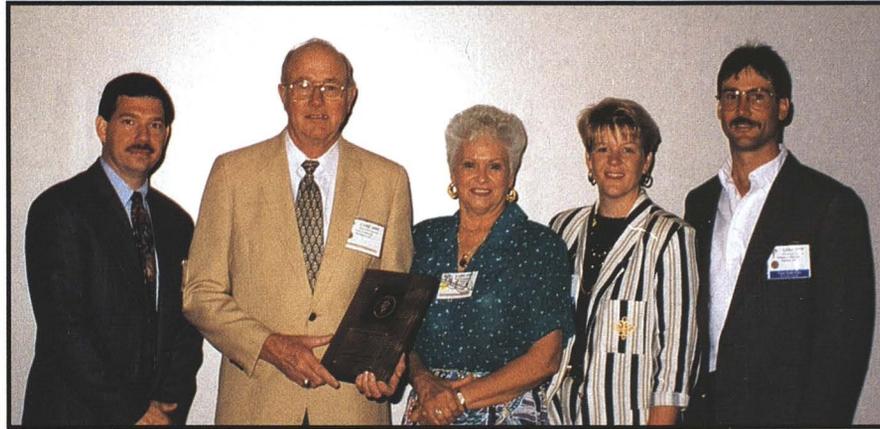


*President Smith greets President-Elect, Dr. Deborah Stark.*



*President Riddell presenting Past President Smith the President's Award.*

# 1995 Bovine Practitioner of the Year



*Dr. Steve Connell, Fort Dodge Laboratories presenting the Award to Dr. Alvin Edwards, supported by his wife Carma V., son Dr. Tom Edwards and his wife, Debbie.*

## **Dr. Alvin Edwards, Manhattan, Kansas is the 1995 AABP Fort Dodge - Bovine Practitioner of the Year.**

*The Award was initiated by Diamond Laboratories in 1979. The recipient is selected for professional reputation, quality and competence of practice, activities in organized veterinary medicine, contributions to the livestock industry and to continuing education within the profession.*

Dr. Edwards is a native of South Dakota. He attended the University of South Dakota from 1950 to 1952 when he entered the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1954 he enrolled at Kansas State University Veterinary College, receiving a B.S. degree in 1956 and the D.V.M. degree in 1959. He was the Charles Pfizer Award recipient during his senior year.

Dr. Edwards returned to his native state after graduation to join Dr. Harold Seveson in general practice at Winner, South Dakota and became a partner in 1960.

In 1962 he purchased a general practice at Ainsworth in the sandhills of Nebraska, and soon began making his ranch calls via his Super-Cub airplane. His wife Carma, was the office manager and bookkeeper and the couple were very busy with the school and community activities of their five children. They were very active in 4-H and also the four daughters and one son all competed in quarter horse shows and high school rodeos.

**The range practice grew and a second veterinarian was added. In 1969 they built a modern veterinary clinic, a horse training facility and a bull testing facility. Dr. Edwards became known as the "flying veterinarian" of the sandhills and had his hanger and runway adjacent to the clinic for his own use as well as the flying ranchers of the area.**

Dr. Edwards began working with scientists from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, on the problem of calf scours in range calves and initiated a fluid therapy program for dehydrated calves. In 1971 a special room was

added to the clinic to house up to 25 baby calves that were undergoing fluid therapy treatments.

During 1970, Dr. Edwards also began working with feedlots in the area by providing a preventive health program and health records.

In 1974 Dr. Edwards returned to Kansas State University and joined the College of Veterinary Medicine clinical faculty. He also began a degree program and received a Ph.D. degree in Pathology in 1979. He was promoted to Professor in the Department of Surgery and Medicine in 1988. As a clinician Dr. Edwards coordinated courses in feedlot diseases and preventive medicine and was active in the student AVMA and student AABP.

**Dr. Edwards conducted research for antibiotic clearance, vaccine evaluations, implant retention, immune modulators and developed the procedure of re-vaccinating feedlot cattle at seven days with modified-live viral vaccines.**

Dr. Edwards' publications include a book chapter on Feedlot Health Management, over 24 refereed articles and numerous non-refereed articles pertaining to feedlot health programs, vaccinations, cattle handling and employee training. He is also responsible for developing a number of educational and training videos.

Dr. Edwards has presented papers and lectures at numerous local, state, national and international veterinary meetings.

In 1990 Dr. Edwards retired from the University faculty, and has since been active in feedlot consulting throughout the Midwest. He is a member of several professional groups including the AVMA, AABP, and is past president of the Academy of Veterinary Consultants.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwards' children are: Linda Holmbeck, teacher, Wymore, NE; Marci Butterfield, nurse, Omaha, NE; Janice Powell, teacher, Lenexa, KS; Dr. Tom Edwards, veterinarian, Oakland, NE; and Genelle Thompson, nurse, Olathe, KS. They have nine grandchildren.

# AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine are sponsored each year by MSD-AGVET division of Merck and Co., Inc. in two categories, namely, beef and dairy practice. The awards recognize member practitioners who have developed outstanding programs for their clients in these areas. Each award consists of a \$1500 general scholarship contribution to be made in the name of the recipient to the veterinary college of his choice, and a specially designed bronze plaque.

## Beef Award



*Dr. DeGross receiving the award from Dr. Jay Brown, MSD-AGVET representative and President Smith.*

**Dr. Terry DeGross, Burwell, Nebraska is the 1995 recipient of the MSD-AgVet Award for Excellence in Beef Preventive Medicine.**

Dr. DeGross received his DVM degree from Colorado State University in 1976. Through his association with the Burwell Veterinary Hospital and his independent consulting firm, Management Information Systems, Dr. DeGross is a national leader in using cow-calf records systems for herd level management decisions. His consultation practice supports extended information management systems and in-depth ranch management services.

Dr. DeGross is a member of the Nebraska IRM Initiative Team, and is an instructor, on call, at the University of Nebraska Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center. He is a member of the Beef Cattle Practice Committee of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners and has been active in the Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association, being a past member of the Public Relations Committee. He was the cow/calf split session chair for the 1995 AABP Conference.

## Dairy Award



*Dr. Brown presenting the award to Dr. Connor Jameson and his wife, Judy.*

**Dr. Connor Jameson, Tulare, California is the 1995 recipient of the MSD-AgVet Award for Excellence in Dairy Preventive Medicine.**

Dr. Connor Jameson received the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of California at Davis in 1968 and has been a partner of Valley Veterinarians, Inc., since its establishment in 1972. His practice is 100% dairy cattle and he has been active in the development and use of innovative record keeping systems for his clients.

Dr. Jameson's main accomplishment is the development and worldwide distribution of the dairy management software, Dairy Comp-305. This program has increased the efficiency of individual dairies and allowed veterinarians across the country to have greater access to cow data collected on those dairies. With 1100 licensed programs in the field, there are over 1 million cows enrolled on this record keeping system worldwide. He has been active in state and local veterinary associations and in cooperative research trials leading to several practical and valuable publications pertaining to the reproductive tract of dairy cows.

# AABP Distinguished Service Award



*Dr. Lesch receiving the award from Dr. Britt.*

**Dr. Timothy Lesch, Belleville, Illinois is the recipient of the 1995 AABP Distinguished Service Award.**

*The award was established in 1989 to recognize outstanding individuals whose long and continued service to AABP have promoted the goals of the organization and whose accomplishments have served as a model for service to bovine agriculture. Selection criteria include a career of self-commitment to excellence in bovine*

*medicine, keeping abreast of the times, and peer recognition as an effective spokesperson for bovine practitioners.*

The award, which consists of a commemorative plaque and a certificate of appreciation, was presented by Dr. Jenks Britt, a Past President of AABP.

Dr. Lesch received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State University in 1972. Through the development of the use of the TI-59 programmable calculator for programming rations, Dr. Lesch brought the AABP and many of its members into the field of dairy nutrition. It was his tireless efforts that made possible the performance of lengthy nutritional calculations for dairy rations. Most practicing veterinarians today who have worked in the field of dairy nutrition for more than 10 years got their start with the TI-59. Dr. Lesch has been active in AABP pre-convention seminars and regional continuing educational programs relative to dairy nutrition. Dr. Lesch has been involved in international nutritional consulting through the American Feed Grains Council.

Dr. Lesch and his wife, Dr. Marilyn Lesch, practice in Belleville. Together, they own the Hoof and Paw Veterinary Clinic which provides service to all species.

# AABP Award of Excellence



*Dr. Roger Saltman, Hoffman LaRoche, presenting the award to Dr. Perino.*

**The 1995 recipient of the AABP Award of Excellence, co-sponsored by Hoffman LaRoche, is Dr. Louis Perino, Clay Center, Nebraska. The award consists of a ring and a commemorative plaque.**

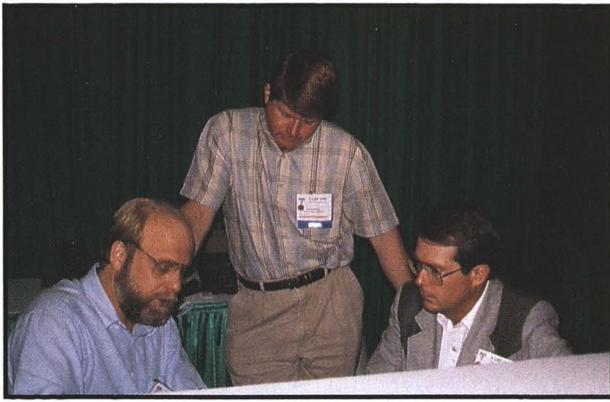
*The award was established in 1988 for individuals who, through their efforts in teaching, research, industry and/or government, have promoted the goals of the AABP. The recipient's professional activities must have had a consistent and direct influence on the daily activities of veterinarians in bovine practice.*

Dr. Perino is an instructor at the University of Nebraska Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center and serves as mentor and primary instructor of the Beef Cattle Production Management Series. He has published over 80 papers in scientific and industry publications and proceedings. Dr. Perino has developed a computerized system to aid students in studying for the National Board Examination, and designed protocols for electronic transfer of teaching materials. He is heavily involved in the satellite delivery of course material.

He currently chairs the AABP's Animal Welfare Committee. An active member of the National Cattlemen's Association, Dr. Perino has served on the Beef Safety Assurance Task Force of the NCA and the subcommittees on Animal Care, Disease Research, and Animal Drugs, Biologics and Feed Additives.



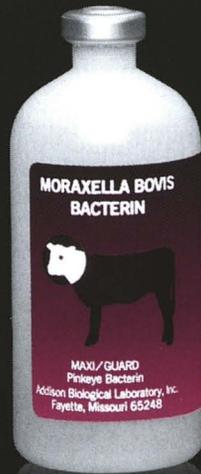




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