

# Annual Business and Awards Luncheon Meeting

Friday, September 4, 1992



*President Gordon Atkins*

AABP President Gordon Atkins presided over the Annual Business and Awards Luncheon Meeting at the Radisson Hotel on Friday, September 4. President-Elect Darrel Johnson gave the invocation.

Dr. Samuel Hutchins III, Exhibits Manager, conducted the exhibits giveaway awards of \$100 to five recipients (see p. xxiv).

Dr. James Hanson, Local Arrangements Coordinator, presided over the presentation of two prints donated by 3-M Animal Care Products. The winners were Dr. David Cupps, Cassville, MO and



*President Elect Darrel Johnson*

Mrs. Ruth Radostits, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Dr. Roland Jeans, Treasurer, presented the financial report stating that the ending balance as of June 30, 1992 was \$484,145. The 1992-93 budget includes \$740,200 in revenue of which \$226,000 will be from membership dues. Expenses are budgeted at \$740,200.

**Dr. Jeans stated that a membership dues increase will be necessary in the future, probably for the fiscal year 1993-94 because of the increased costs of maintaining a new permanent office.**



*New Honorary Members: Dr. John Noordsy, left, and Dr. Vernon Tharp*



*Dr. Robert Smith, elected Vice President*



*Dr. William Proxel, representing 3-M Animal Care Products, presenting Dr. David Cupps with "Watchful Eyes".*



*Dr. Otto Radostits, receiving "Daybreak" on behalf of his wife, from Dr. Proxel.*

Dr. Harold Amstutz, Executive Vice President, compared the preparations necessary for the joint AABP/WAB meeting to a painful, long and arduous pregnancy!

Dr. Amstutz added that attendance at the meeting had exceeded previous AABP meetings by 300 individuals, setting a new attendance record also for the World Buiatrics Congress. The figures were as follows:

Veterinarians	1261
Accompanying persons	341
Exhibitors	449
Students	44
Press	16
Guests	<u>13</u>
Total	2097

31 countries were represented.

Dr. Amstutz recognized Dr. Eric Williams' hard work and service to the AABP as editor. Due to illness, he was unable to attend the meeting but sent his best wishes for a successful and productive meeting. To celebrate Dr. and Mrs. Williams' 45th wedding anniversary, all present joined Dr. Amstutz in offering a "milk toast" to them.

Dr. Amstutz reported that a supplement to the AABP Directory was published in April, 1992.

Elections for District Directors were held in 6 districts, with the following results:

- District 3 - Dr. Gatz Riddell\*
- District 4 - Dr. N. Kent Ames
- District 6 - Dr. Andy Overby\*

- District 9 - Dr. Del Miles
  - District 11 - Dr. Mike Anderson
  - District 12 - Dr. Deb Stark\*
- \* re-elected.

Plaques were presented to retiring directors, Dr. Duane Rice (District 9) and Dr. Reilly Glore (District 11 - becomes President-Elect).

Dr. Everett Macomber, AVMA President, spoke about the AVMA legislative initiative to amend the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to allow extra-label drug use by veterinarians under specific conditions.

The AABP bylaws were amended as proposed by Dr. Mac Cropsey. (see p. 33)

Honorary membership of AABP was conferred on Dr. Vernon Tharp, Columbus, Ohio and Dr. John Noordsy, Manhattan, Kansas, both past-presidents of AABP.

The 1992-1993 officers include:

- President: Dr. Darrel Johnson, Weyauwega, WI
- President-Elect: Dr. Reilly Glore, Montesano, WA
- Vice President: Dr. Robert Smith, Stillwater, OK
- Executive V.P.: Dr. Harold Amstutz, W. Lafayette, IN

Dr. Robert Keith, Monroe, WI was re-elected AVMA Delegate.

Following the presentation of Awards, Dr. Gordon Atkins gave his Presidential Address:

"1992 is an historical year for AABP and it has been a real honor for me to serve as your President during this special time. It marks our 25th annual conference and in addition, the second occasion in which our organization has hosted a joint meeting with the World Association for Buiatrics. Throughout my year as President, I have come to more fully appreciate the outstanding work of so many members whose dedication, commitment and enthusiasm have earned this organization such respect in the Veterinary, Animal Agriculture, and Political Arenas.

Our organization has been called upon to provide input in many important public issues, including food safety, residue avoidance, and animal welfare. Representation on groups such as the Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee, FDA's Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee, AVMA Drug Advisory Committee, and AVMA Food Safety Symposium has placed our members in prestigious positions providing policy makers with pertinent information and advice.

**Throughout our history as an organization our strength has been to adjust to change and remain proactive. We must not depart from these principles even though it becomes an even greater challenge in the midst of the more complex drug use, drug residue, and food safety issues, the increasing awareness for animal welfare, and the decreasing supply of food animal veterinarians. However, we will face our greatest challenge in about one year's time with the retirement of our Executive Vice-President, Harold Amstutz.**

Harold has indicated that he will be stepping down after the Albuquerque meeting and therefore, this coming year we will be presented with the task of trying to find someone to fill Harold's shoes. These indeed will be large shoes to fill as Harold has guided this organization, with precision, since its birth in 1965. We are deeply indebted to Harold for his unequalled dedication, integrity, and wisdom in directing AABP to the position it now enjoys. He has truly provided the foundation for the future of this organization and as we move on in history, we must always uphold the ideals he has brought to this organization and acknowledge the influence he has had in the growth of so many of our members.

During this past year, a great amount of effort has been devoted toward preparations for the St. Paul Conference. The organization of a joint international conference such as this is a much more complex undertaking than our regular conference. The added numbers of registrants, the organization of four language translations, and the preparation of special local arrangements activities has placed a heavy burden on our Executive Vice-President, Harold Amstutz, Program Chairman, Darrel Johnson, and Local Arrangements Committees headed by Andy Overby and Jim Hanson. To these hardworking dedicated individuals, we say thank you for a job well done!

Drug related issues again received priority attention during this past year. 1992 saw the implementation of the AVMA / NMPF Milk and Dairy Beef Quality Assurance Program. Revisions were made to the PMO and AABP is again deeply indebted to Dr. Tom Fuhrmann for his work as AABP liaison to the national conference on interstate milk shipments. Tom has not only represented the interests of AABP members but also has prepared a revision to the Practitioner's Guide to Drug Labelling and Storage on Dairy Farms reflecting the changes in the PMO. This document has been mailed to all AABP members and is a testimonial to the high priority this organization gives to quality assurance.

The other major drug issue which AABP became heavily involved with was the AVMA Extra-Label Drug Use Legislative Initiative. While AABP supported the need for amendment to the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, we raised concerns with regard to the amount of support and involvement by other allied and commodity groups as well as the wording of the amendment

relating to drug tolerance levels. These concerns were voiced by AABP representatives at the AVMA Food Safety Symposium and the Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee Meeting. Through the efforts of Dr. David McClary and Dr. Arnold Hentschl and his committee on pharmaceutical and biologic issues, AABP was able to address these concerns. By unanimous vote, the Board of Governors then endorsed the AVMA Legislative Initiative and pledged their support in an effort to bring this legislation into being. The bill was introduced into the Senate on May, 1992 and into the House of Representatives on May 28, 1992.

The AVMA Washington News printed the following statement; "This legislative initiative is the most important effort that AVMA will undertake over the next few years. In order for the Veterinary Medical Profession to succeed in this effort, every AVMA member, state, allied, and specialty veterinary medical organization must participate."

**The future of extra-label drug use is at stake here - please do your part.**

In an attempt to clarify the veterinarian-client-patient relationship, a joint project between AVMA, AABP, and AASP was initiated this year. The project is to prepare a video to depict the true meaning of such a relationship. This has proven to be a challenging endeavor, however, scripting is now almost complete. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Darrel Johnson and his committee as well as Tracy Raef from AVMA for bringing this project to fruition.

AABP's commitment to attracting more veterinary students to careers in bovine practice has continued this past year. Our district directors have made follow-up contact with the Deans of all North American Veterinary Schools to communicate our concerns and initiate good communication in an attempt to give priority attention to this issue. The support from the veterinary schools has generally been very good, however, our Board of Governors has come to the realization that the responsibility is not just with the veterinary colleges but that each one of us must do our part to elevate the image of the Bovine Practitioner and encourage the young people of our communities to consider a career in bovine veterinary medicine.

Thanks to our information management committee, AABP now has a computer bulletin board and is accumulating a software library. We are confident that this will complement the extensive software demonstration and sharing program which has become such a significant part of our annual conference.

In response to increasing public concern, the AABP Animal Welfare Committee has developed a statement of principles. During the past year the committee has been called upon on several occasions to respond to animal welfare concerns and make recommendations to the Board of Governors.

Another major task which was accomplished this year was the revision of our Association's by-laws. As we have already seen, considerable changes were necessary since the last update was approved in 1988. I would like to express my personal appreciation to Dr. Mac Cropsey for all his hard work and advice in bringing this revision into reality. In an attempt to have our association records in order, I am in the process of updating our policy book and it is our hope that this will assist the new Executive Vice-President in becoming familiar with AABP protocol.

**With the 1993 pending retirement of Harold Amstutz, our chief executive officer for 27 years, it was imperative that our association begin making plans for the selection of a new Executive Vice-President. To that end the Board of Governors, on a recommendation from the forward planning committee, commissioned a transition committee, chaired by Dr. Neil Anderson, to bring forth recommendations with regard to the job description, office location, and timetable for selection. The transition committee's work has been completed and their report accepted by the Board of Governors.**

Many changes will be necessary, including the securing of a new permanent AABP office. Substantial increase in cost will be encountered; possibly requiring a future dues increase. A search committee has now been commissioned to begin the process of identifying candidates for this position.

While it is inevitable that change will and must take place, I am not looking forward to Harold's departure from this position. However, I appreciate that after so many years of outstanding service to veterinary medicine and to this Association, no one deserves the freedom of true retirement more than Harold. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work as a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board with the leadership which he has provided.

**Harold, may I truly say thank you for all your advice, all your guidance and all the motivation you have given me over the past year and for making this year a highlight of my career.**

I would like also to thank a number of other individuals for their support over the past year. As a Canadian I have appreciated gaining an international perspective on many issues and strengthening the professional relationships between our two great countries. The uniqueness of being Canadian and serving as AABP President has required cooperation from my American colleagues to provide appropriate AABP representation on political and regulatory issues. I have leaned on people like David McClary, Darrel Johnson, Arnie Hentschl, and Keith Sterner and I thank them for their support and for helping make this truly international organization function so effectively.

To our entire program committee headed by Darrel Johnson, our exhibits chairman Sam Hutchins, our treasurer Rollie Jeans, our AVMA delegate Bob Keith, and our advertising manager Lee Allenstein, may I say thank you for an outstanding job.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to Eric Williams, our editor, who had the monumental task of getting the Proceedings out before this meeting. As usual, Eric completed his job to perfection even through the adversity of being hospitalized on several occasions. I regret that Eric was unable to join us this year, however on behalf of AABP I would like to send our very best wishes for a speedy recovery and we look forward to having him back with us in Albuquerque next year.

Serving as President of AABP has been a dream come true and I thank all of you and particularly the members of District XIII for giving me that opportunity. The standards of leadership set by David McClary, Tom Fuhrmann, and Keith Sterner before me and Darrel Johnson and Reilly Glore behind me have truly been an inspiration.

**The past three years have provided me with an opportunity for learning, for growth, for building friendships, and for serving an organization which has meant so much to me. However, I must admit that my commitment to this position has resulted in sacrifice to my practice and to my family. For the tolerance and support of my partners and my family, I say thank you. And finally I would like to acknowledge the person who made this all possible for me. The person who was my secretary, my advisor, and my never ending source of support and enthusiasm - my wife, Jo Anne.**

And now it gives me great pleasure to pass the gavel on to the 26th President of AABP - Dr. Darrel Johnson".

President Atkins passed the gavel to incoming President Darrel Johnson who addressed the meeting, stating:

"Thank you Dr. Atkins. I have mixed emotions in accepting this symbol of high office in our organization. Those mixed feelings have little to do with the honor of assuming the Presidency. Rather it is the putting to pasture of this International Conference - that gives me pause.

It seems life will be emptier - like the last child off to college - it will seem like - just Harold Amstutz and me again (our wives notwithstanding) - and Harold says he is leaving soon also. Dr. Amstutz has put up with the likes of Dr. Atkins and me for a great many years and I, as many before me, have come to admire and respect the simple grace and unassuming manner of this man.

**To Harold and to the Program Committee I again offer my thanks and gratitude for the competence and cooperation displayed this past year.**

We have an excellent system of advancement through the chairs as a result of the duties assigned the Vice President and President-Elect. What this gavel represents seems less formidable because of the nature of my involvement the past two years.

Well enough - the usual admonition when one is non-plussed is 'keep busy' and the gavel will assure me that opportunity. My first official act then will be most enjoyable - Dr. Atkins if you will step forward please.....

**Dr. Atkins, on behalf of the membership and the officers of the AABP I have the pleasure of presenting you the plaque that symbolizes your sucession to Immediate Past President. With it please accept our sincere thanks for a remarkably efficient and effective tenure through the chairs and especially for your leadership this past year. Those of us who work with you . . truly value your friendship as well.**

This joint conference has provided further validation of our status as an international organization providing support for veterinarians servicing the cattle industry. The World Buiatrics Congress was hosted by an AABP in its infancy back in 1970. We have just had the same privilege - as a 5,000 member organization show-casing our own successful format along with that of the World Congress.

**We have been well reminded of late that leadership in Food Animal Medicine is not an option - it is essential. Recent events have also reminded us that we not equate leadership only with those elected. Even a cursory look at the issues facing Food Animal Medicine reminds us that each of us is altering his or her view of how we interact with the client, the regulator, the industry and the consumer.**

If I have a personal agenda as your President, it is that we clearly define our role in addressing both **Veterinary Interests** and **Veterinary Concerns**.

**Veterinary Interests** I would describe as those areas of inquiry that attracted us to the art and science of veterinary medicine initially. Those interests brought this organization to charter 25 years ago, brought us to this conference, and brought us the challenges we sought for livelihood.

**Veterinary Concerns** in the context of my remarks are those areas that connect us as a specialty group with the regulatory system animal welfare issues, a food animal student base, the public trust and the veterinary community at large.

A couple of years ago our committee system was restrutered in keeping with this concept. Aside from the services and operations committees which are primarily for internal affairs, we have a set of committees which come under the heading: Issues and Interests.

The *issues* oriented committees equate with my "Veterinary concerns" and in this group are:

- Animal Welfare
- Pharmaceutical and Biological Issues
- Public Relations

The *interest* oriented committees are:

- Mastitis
- Continuing Education
- Reproduction
- Information Management
- Nutrition

The committee chairpersons, by way of review, are appointed for 3 year terms by the AABP President and approved by the Board as having recognized expertise in the field. Those chairpersons will in turn appoint the committee members - one of which will be a member of the board of governors.

With that background I want to re-emphasize, along with Dr. Atkins, that veterinary concerns (issues) have required the energies of some very talented and dedicated AABP members

for the past few years - in and out of committee. Events unfold at the national and state level which require that we literally tap some of you on the shoulder, describe the circumstances - and you respond. Those attitudes, and effective committee function, provide the lifeblood of this organization.

Without belaboring that point - it is for those of us elected- to respond to and recognize the responsibilities food animal medicine now shares with the industry as a whole and with regulatory agencies. It is our task to deal with the frustrations of sorting out what is shadow and what is substance as various agendas and special interests vie for position in this new order. In the process, the uniqueness of food animal medicine and the working relationship of veterinarian and producer must not be lost upon those non-veterinary groups making judgmental decisions affecting our work-place.

**Every one of us involved in food animal medicine must become familiar with the regulations, learn to get along with regulators, interact locally with other industry groups similarly affected, and inform our clients on what it all means for them.**

The regulatory agencies as watchdogs of the public trust ar informing livestock producers that, in effect, a defined VCPR for their livestock unit is ... in the **PUBLIC INTEREST**. The AABP ... as an organization must reinforce with the producer that the basic premise of a VCPR, our mantra if you will, remains with **Animal Health, Productivity and Profitability** - which includes, but is not defined by, the responsible use and distribution of animal drugs.

We are producing a videotape for livestock producers, in cooperation with the AVMA and the AASP, to examp~~le~~ the validity - the viability, of producer and veterinarian working in common interest across the spectrum of animal agriculture. Within those shared concerns that involves food safety and residue avoidance, we must be viewed as part of the solution in working with producers on food safety issues, and not as a corporate entity of the compliance process. The message then becomes - that each of us demonstrate daily that a VCPR, as advertised, encompasses the credibility and proficiencies that affirm our long held role in animal agriculture.

Dr. Gerald Johnson, Immediate Past President of the AVMA has in the past year emphasized, even in song, at the AVMA convention, that we accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative, that we do not see problems, but rather opportunities. Relative to some of our concerns in food animal medicine, I was, until recently, more on the side of Pogo, the newspaper cartoon character, who said 'We are in danger of being overwhelmed by insurmountable opportunities'.

However, in the past year, events have occurred which bring the opportunities into focus. In a sermon recently, a pastor quoted Aristotle as having said that ... 'One's aim is vastly improved when the target is in view'. It is gratifying to realize that we have now some clearer targets. Perhaps most important is

the legislation introduced to amend the FD&C Act - which I need not elaborate on. That initiative may not be solely ours to win or lose, but spin control rests with the individual veterinarian's involvement with elected representatives. The commodity groups must be allied to us, and recent CVM compliance policy guidelines have helped assure that. We also sense the moral high ground on this issue and this unifies the special interests in our profession.

Also, a target is in place on exploration of flexible or professional labeling alternatives, and cooperative efforts among pharmaceutical companies to seek additional claims for certain existing animal drugs.

We see response from the veterinary learning centers regarding the few students developing a food animal interest. Several veterinary colleges are becoming pro-active in anticipating and meeting the market needs of food animal medicine and we heard some of that in the dairy sessions this week.

We have come to better terms in food animal practice, with the style and substance with which we portray ourselves as animal welfarists - especially when measured against the philosophical aspects of animal rights.

In short, we have targeted recognized opportunities as our role in the broader scheme of animal agriculture becomes second nature in every day practice, and that gives rise to optimism.

Many of the opportunities we envision may still be just over the horizon, but certainly the **TIME OF POSSIBILITY** is here. We do not intend, on our watch, to lose touch with either the AABP membership or the cattle industry as we approach ... **THE CHALLENGES OF THE BOVINE INDUSTRY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY**.

Finally, again, my thanks to the Program Committee that worked so diligently to prepare this conference. Over Bob Dunlop's desk hangs a sign "The floggings will continue until morale improves". Andy Overby and Jim Hanson of local arrangements - what a tremendous job from you and your entire group - and without any floggings, I might add.

Dr. Reilly Glore and myself look forward to Albuquerque a year hence. We remain committed to offering a conference program that reflects the membership's scientific interests.

**Dr. Robert Smith, welcome aboard as vice president. To the award winners at this conference - bask in it! The accolades are richly deserved. To Eric and Mary Williams our very best wishes. To my wife Arlene - thanks a bunch ... as usual - it is not over yet, but you can have your dining room table back as my paper work shrinks back into my office ... I think.**

There being no further business, I declare this meeting adjourned. Have a safe journey home".



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