

Annual Business and Awards Luncheon Meeting

Sunday, September 16



President Fuhrmann presenting the gavel to Incoming President David McClary



Retiring President & Mrs. Fuhrmann with the President's plaque presented to him by 1990-91 President David McClary

Dr. Thomas Fuhrmann, AABP President was the Master of Ceremonies for the Annual Business and Awards Luncheon Meeting on Sunday, September 16 in the Westin Hotel Ballroom.

Executive Vice President Harold Amstutz reported a total attendance of 1738 which was the highest to date. He said that one of the major objectives for 1989-90 was to mount a membership recruitment drive which resulted in 481 new members, bringing the total to 4991 by September. There are 98 foreign members. The registration at the meeting included:

Veterinarians	960
Spouses	288
Students	54
Speakers (not included above)	73
Press	14
Exhibitors	349
	1738

Outgoing Continuing Education Liaison Larry Hutchinson was recognized and thanked for his loyal service. Outgoing Director of District 13, Gordon Atkins received a director's plaque.

Dr. Eli Mayer, Vice President of the World Buiatrics Association and the World Veterinary Congress brought

greetings. He is from Haifi, Israel. Greetings were also brought from the National Mastitis Council by their President, Bill Christ and from the AVMA by Dr. Leon Russell, Chairman of the Executive Board.

Several awards were presented and reported elsewhere in these Proceedings.

The following were elected officers for 1990-91:

President:	Dr. David G. McClary, Atlanta GA.
President-Elect:	Dr. Gordon A. Atkins, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Vice President:	Dr. Darrel Johnson, Weyauwega, Wisconsin

Before relinquishing office, President Tom Fuhrmann addressed the meeting as follows:

As we approach the close of the meeting that will probably be remembered as the "joint AABP mastitis symposium" in hospitable Indianapolis, I am pleased with what has been accomplished. The interaction and information exchanged between NMC and AABP has been just tremendous.

As a member of both organizations, I am proud that we could bring together the scientists with the practitioners, the concepts with the implementers. The benefits of this cooperative effort are bound to be seen by cattle producers and the entire dairy industry – the clients we all serve.

Throughout this year, and during this meeting, I've come to understand one very important concept: organizations are made up of people...simple, but we can't forget that.

- and people make a difference

- and people are what count
- people, you and I, are the most important commodity our organizations have

The interaction between AABP and NMC is not just organizations meeting together – it's people from different backgrounds sharing common ideas. What I have had the opportunity to do this year, and perhaps Bill Christ feels the same way, is to represent people, members, fellow practitioners, the individuals who make up AABP.

“Boy, that’s no big deal,” you are probably saying. Indeed, I think it is – let me give you some examples.

AABP has just gone through a complete overhaul of its committee structure. The old committee system wasn't working because information and issues were not being addressed and committees were not active. In the last analysis, committees weren't working because, people were not communicating.

Simple? Well, during this meeting the members of the Board and committee people spent a lot of time talking, identifying issues and discussing solutions. We now have the appropriate people in each committee, people with the expertise and experience to contribute to the subject area for which their committee is responsible. And we have developed a mechanism, a system by which those people can communicate.

For committees are vitally important to this organization, to you and me. They have the unique resources to study issues and develop solutions to the challenges and the problems that bovine practitioners face. And there isn't one issue that we can't identify, nor one problem that we can't solve when we can get people together about them and working on them.

And I know that NMC is going through the same realization that people communication is essential to carry out the mission of that organization. I know because I was in Minneapolis with 9 other NMC members this summer who were brought together to discuss ideas to improve NMC. In the final analysis, NMC members are going to be asked to change some of the structure within that organization. Again, it is designed to put the right people in the right places and to provide that mechanism for people communication.

And whether you are in AABP, in NMC, or are a member of both, some of the challenges we face are major ones. Bovine practitioners must deal with food safety as a priority issue. We have to be part of the solution to eliminating all drug residues from milk and meat. Since last year the pressure on the dairy and beef industries to demonstrate that we will eliminate all residues has increased dramatically. That pressure comes from the highest level – from congressional leaders who have the power to legislate changes in our drug handling and cattle management systems. That pressure is forcing itself down through the system – through FDA – through state regulatory agencies – through industry commodity groups – and down to dairy farmers, cattlemen and you and me.

Congress is essentially telling FDA that their policies to regulate drugs don't work because residues continue to be found in milk and meat. So FDA, state agencies, and industry are responding in what I see is the following manner.

First, through the Milk Safety Branch, FDA is working with NCIMS by changing regulations in the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO). These regulation changes will alter the way you and I, and our clients, use and handle drugs. Because state dairy inspectors will be out on our clients' dairy farms enforcing these regulations, either the dairy farmer or you and I will be held more accountable than ever for residues when they are found. This all means that as practitioners, we are going to have to be aware of all the new regulation changes in the PMO, and be willing to implement them this coming Spring when they are identified and explained.

While FDA is going to uphold its Extra Label Drug Use (ELUD) policy for us as practitioners, it is going to insist that we follow the ELUD policy exactly as it is stated and intended. FDA recognizes that extra label drug use is essential for bovine practice. Despite the fact the Congress could revoke this policy if residues continue to appear in milk and meat, FDA will continue to support our use of ELUD drugs so long as we comply with ELUD policy, but be assured the FDA will be watching us close-

ly. For example:

- FDA has just announced a new milk monitoring surveillance program that will randomly sample and test milk at the bulk tank level from all over the U.S. While milk processing plants are routinely sampling for residues at this level, not until now has a federal agency been sampling like this with the intent of identifying those causing milk residues.
- FDA will be looking for illegal compounding on non-approved drugs by veterinarians – those drugs that are compounded and used outside the veterinary/client/patient relationship that exists under ELUD policy.
- FDA will intensify their efforts to shut down distribution of extra label drugs by unlawful distributors.
Your Board and its P&BI Committee chaired by Dr. Arnold Hentschl are working on those issues. At this meeting:
- The board designated an AABP representative to speak for bovine practitioners at the next NCIMS conference where new regulations on drug handling on dairy farms will be formulated.
- The Board appointed a representative to meet with FDA, AVMA and other specialty group representatives in late October to discuss clarifying the policy of drug compounding.
- The Board is supporting the development of a beef quality assurance program for cow/calf producers and has AABP delegates working with the AVAM/NMPF Quality Assurance - Residue Avoidance Programs.

But these activities will not be enough without your involvement. AABP as your organization can represent bovine practitioners in formulating policy and programs, but you have to stand up to be counted. If you are not willing to get out to learn about new regulations, to live by the exact letter of the law and drug use policies, the result for both dairy and beef cattle practitioners alike will be increased enforcement by regulators and greater restrictions on our profession by legislators. Let's police ourselves and work with our clients like never before to eliminate all milk and meat residues.

The lack of food animal graduates from our veterinary colleges is another challenge to our profession. It's major problem for you today, if you are looking for a new associate so that you can provide the type of service to your clients that they demand. But the problem is even more serious when one thinks of the eroding impact the lack of food animal veterinarians will have on animal agriculture and our profession in the future.

I was alarmed to hear a report from Dr. Hugh Lewis, Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue yesterday as he addressed our Board. He surveyed 400 incoming freshmen in an animal science class at Purdue.

- of 400 students, approximately 100 indicated having an interest in veterinary medicine as a career
- last year, of those 100, 12 were interested in food animal medicine
- this year, only 4 were interested in bovine practice
- and these were students with an obvious interest in, and many from agriculture backgrounds.

Leaders in our profession, many of whom are AABP members, your Board and our CE and PR committees are actively working to reverse this trend. But once again, the real solution comes back to focus on you and me. We are contributing to the problem if we are not out as ambassadors for our profession and for the business of agriculture. We in day-to-day practice are going to be the role models, and the inspiration to young people to seriously consider becoming a part of the specialty profession for bovine medicine.

Three nights ago you heard about the Amstutz Enrichment Opportunity-a scholarship/grant program to afford the students the opportunity to go into food animal medicine. That committee met during this meeting, and each member pledged \$250.00 toward that fund. They also chal-



1990-91 Officers: Dr. Harold Amstutz, Exec. Vice President, Dr. Darrel Johnson, Vice President, Dr. Thomas Fuhrmann, Past President, Dr. David McClary, President & Dr. Gordon Atkins, President-Elect. (Not pictured Dr. Roland Jeans, Treasurer).

lenged each board member and officers to do the same. If we all respond in such a manner, we'll have the seed money to go out to industry, producer groups and other organizations to establish one more way to meet a challenge.

I recall a past president telling AABP members in an animal meeting setting just like this, that the strength of this organization was in its board and in its leadership. While I can't disagree with the value of strong leadership, I am convinced that the strength of any organization, whether AABP or NMC is its members—the people who will and who must stand up to be counted. This jointly sponsored meeting of AABP and MNC, is the wave of the future...scientists and professionals all working together. But the benefit to you and me personally, and to the industries we serve only comes when you and I—when each of us work at it.

It's been my pleasure to work with and represent each of you this year as your president.

President Fuhrmann passed the gavel to incoming President David McClary who gave his AABP Presidential Acceptance address, stating:

Since being elected to the Executive Board of AABP two years ago, I have been truly awed by the leadership abilities of the two individuals who have preceded me in this position. Keith Sterner and Tom Fuhrmann have opened doors of opportunity for this organization, before considered inaccessible. They have set standards of leadership which will be extremely difficult for me and succeeding Presidents to duplicate.

Tom, the untold hours and days which you have given to AABP are truly appreciated. Jo, (Mrs. Tom Fuhrmann) your sacrifices are likewise noted appreciated. Jo, I hope you realize that as an immediate Past President we are not through with Tom yet. Tom, we will be ever grateful to you for your contributions to AABP. Your role in the reorganization of AABP committee structure is certainly significant. We now bring together members who are considered authorities in their respective areas to deal with specific issues germane to our organization. Also, your activities in establishing liaisons and lines of communication with various industry, regulatory, and professional organizations have allowed us to develop the dialogue to deal with the overwhelming issues which face veterinary medicine in general and specifically the bovine practitioner.

Tom; if you will stand again, it is my pleasure to make my first action as President of AABP, the presentation of the President's Plaque of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners.

First of all, I would like to thank you, the membership of AABP for demonstrating confidence in me and giving me the opportunity to serve

on the Executive Board of AABP. I will have to admit this has been a goal since I attended my first AABP meeting in Columbus, Ohio, as a new graduate in 1974.

Again, I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the 1990 Program Committee of AABP, including Gordy Atkins, John Fetrow, Kurt Wohlgenuth, Tim Jordan, Darrell Johnson, Larry Heider, Larry Hutchinson, Jim Ehrlich, Sam Hutchins, Harold Amstutz, and new CE liaison, Kathy Shaw; to NMC program planners Larry Smith, Woody Pankey, and Director of Operations of NMC, Anne Seaman; to the Local Arrangements Committee, Jake Hines, Paul Dieterlen, Bruce Lamb, Paul Hirt, Judy Jordan, and IVMA Auxillary President, Linda Miller; to the IVMA and the Central IVMA for their tireless work in making this a successful program and our largest meeting ever. Dr. Leon Russell, (Chairman, AVMA Executive Board) I thank you can inform the Executive Board at AVMA that Indianapolis is an outstanding location for a large veterinary convention.

Tom has accurately identified the challenges that our organization has faced over the last year. But, we must realize the issues of Food Safety and Residue Avoidance, Animal Welfare, and Veterinary Man Power in the Food Animal sector will not go away overnight. They are issues we will be dealing with for years to come. But one thing I see as positive. Primarily through the efforts of this organization under the leadership of our previous two presidents, we now have mechanisms to deal with those issues. Instead of merely sitting back and complaining, we now can take a proactive position. But the leadership of AABP can only do so much. To achieve our objectives, each member must get involved and become proactive in dealing with these issues. During the next year I would like to challenge each of you in the following ways;

Residue Avoidance - As veterinarians we are regarded as leaders in animal care issues. We must set examples for your clients and even fellow practitioners in responsible drug handling and residue avoidance. Instead of trying to circumvent the regulatory system, we must develop responsible drug usage procedures which will allow us to work within the system.

Animal Welfare - We promote the concept that veterinarians along with their clients are in fact the original Animal Welfarists. It is our moral and ethical obligation to protect and preserve the animals who's care we have been entrusted. We



Dr. Eli Mayer bringing greetings from the World Buiatrics Association & the World Veterinary Association. He serves as Vice President of both organizations.



President Fuhrmann received a standing ovation on leaving office.

must promote our concern for responsible animal husbandry. On the other hand, the issue of animal rights relates to individual value judgments and moral issues which should not be dictated as policy to a population in general.

Food Animal Veterinary Manpower - Food Animal Veterinary Manpower is an issue that many of you who have tried to recruit new employees over the last few years are acutely aware. After spending four years on the admission committee at a veterinary college, I can assure you in most cases the problem is not one of discrimination against pre-veterinary students with livestock backgrounds. Instead those students with farm backgrounds are just not there. I would therefore challenge each of you to actively recruit bright young minds at all levels, from kindergarten to college. Tell them of the opportunities in veterinary medicine and food animal practice. I also know that even as seniors in Vet school, it's not too late to turn on young minds to bovine practice. Take every opportunity to meet with school groups, 4-H groups, FFA groups, Career Day Programs etc.. to tell them about animal production and veterinary medicine. The list of opportunities are numerous. Take advantage of them.

Now through the Amstutz Enrichment Program, we have the opportunity to "put our money where our mouths are". If we demonstrate our interest in this issue, I'm certain outside concerns will follow our lead.

In closing, I would like to say a couple of words about our 1991 Annual Meeting. In our membership survey of a couple of years ago, a number of respondents asked "Why don't we ever hold a meeting in a true vacation spot?". Well, next year we will do that! Orlando and nearby Walt Disney World are among the premiere family vacation spots in the world. The headquarters hotel will be the beautiful Buena Vista Palace, which is located on Disney Property in the Walt Disney World Village. This hotel, besides being one of the most beautiful facilities in which we have ever met, is also capable of totally housing our convention under one roof,



President-Elect Gordon Atkins with his successor as District 13 Director Rodney Sydneyham, Wetaskiwin, Alberta Canada and District 12 Director Deborah Stark, Guelph Canada.

something we have experienced at only a couple of other meeting sites. Within easy walking distance of the hotel is the Disney Village, with numerous shops and restaurants; Treasure Island, Disney's Adult Theme Park; and the new Disney Water Theme Park. The Magic Kingdom Epcot Center, and Disney MGM Theaters are only a short, complimentary bus ride away.

Truly our challenge in Orlando will be keeping you in the meeting rooms, but I'm sure Gordon Atkins and his Program Committee will develop programs which keep you interested in the Continuing Education Aspects of the Program.

While room rates of over \$100.00 a night in Orlando are higher than at most meeting sites. I would encourage you to consider the total cost of meeting expenses when considering attending a meeting. The relative cost of air travel and car rental in Orlando are presently some of the most economical in the country. Also, the rooms at the Buena Vista Palace are some of the nicest and largest we have seen, with double queen beds available in most rooms.

Start planning now to attend the 1991 AABP in Orlando. Meeting dates are Wednesday evening, September 19 through Saturday, September 22. Plan on making it a family affair. Even though school will be in session in most areas by that time of year, Disney offers CE programs for children which allow them to get school credits while away from home.

Hope to see all of you as we "Go for the Magic in Orlando" in 1991. (September 18-21).

Proceedings of the International Mastitis Symposium

The Proceedings of the above symposium, sponsored by The National Mastitis Council and held in conjunction with the AABP Annual Convention in Indianapolis were published prior to the meeting. Copies were made available to AABP members attending the meeting and mailed subsequently to other members. If you have not received your copy, please contact Dr. Harold Amstutz, Exec. Vice President, AABP, P.O. Box 2319, W. Lafayette, IN 47906. (Tel. No. (317) 494-8560; FAX (317) 494-9353)



