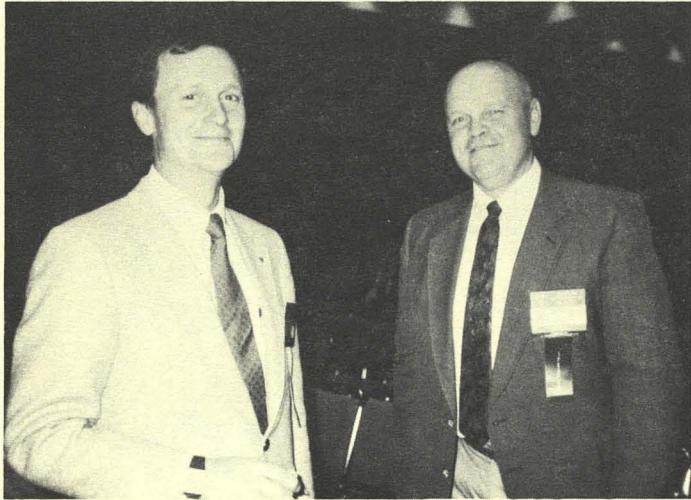
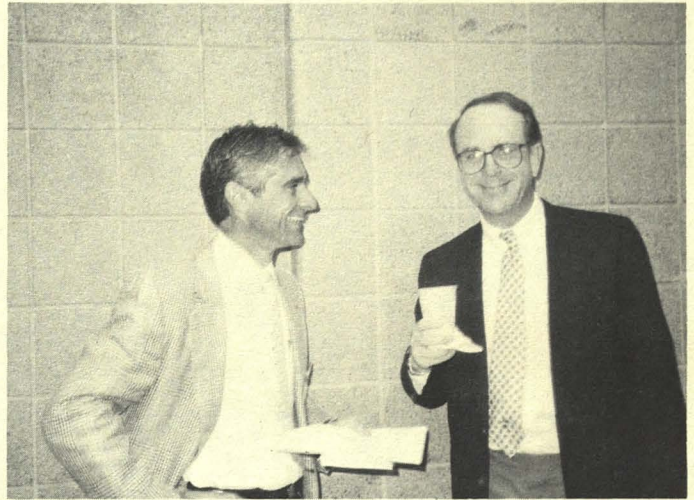


# Opening Ceremony



*President Sterner with AVMA President Sam Strahm.*



*President-Elect Fuhrmann with humorist Joe Griffith.*

## “Kansas City Welcome”

The 22nd Annual Meeting in the heartland of America will be remembered for a long time for its family atmosphere and an outstanding scientific program.

The opening ceremony on Tuesday, November 14 was preceded by a typical AABP reunion of friends and meeting new ones at the sumptuous “happy hour” a buffet in true Kansas City Style at the Convention Center.

Dr. Keith Sterner, AABP President, presided over the opening ceremony at the magnificent Convention Center. Dr. Thomas Fuhrmann, program chairman, gave an excellent illustrated review of the convention program and other activities. Dr. Sam Strahm, president, brought greetings from the AVMA.

The Research Assistantship Award, initiated last year, and two new awards were presented at the opening ceremony (see p.p.ix & x)

For the remainder of the evening the large audience was well entertained and motivated through an outstanding presentation by Mr. Joe Griffith, a humorist from Dallas, Texas. Mr. Griffith has made a career out of entertaining people for over 20 years and has spoken over 2000 times to various groups. He recently received the highest award presented by the National Speakers Association and has appeared in over 200 TV commercials and in segments of “Dallas”.



*Dr. & Mrs. Robert Smith, local arrangements coordinators.*



*Kansas City Welcome buffet.*

