

1968
1st Annual Convention
Chicago, Illinois
November 24-26

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JAVMA, February 1, 1969 had a report on the First Annual AABP Convention at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago on November 24-26, 1968. Hitherto, the annual meetings had been held in conjunction with the AVMA Annual Meetings. The report stated:

“This was the first convention in recent years where a bovine practitioner could elbow to the right or to the left and everywhere find a newly made friend to talk to about cattle. Hoping and praying for at least 200 registrants, the AABP officers were delighted to find themselves hosts to more than 350 veterinarians. Exhibitors, speakers and guests swelled the attendance to 425.”

One of the highlights of every AABP Convention has been the Practice Tips Session. At the Chicago meeting there were lively descriptions of novel gadgets and procedures.

Dr. Joe Knappenberger, AVMA President, was a guest speaker. He spoke of the practicing veterinarians’ role in the future, trends which would lessen the physical strain on the practitioner by using improved techniques and specially trained assistants. He defined the future role of veterinarians as supervisors instead of skilled laborers.

Dr. Knappenberger expressed concern over the sluggishness of new product development, due to the stringent regulations imposed by the Food & Drug Administration and the Veterinary Biologicals Division of USDA. He was also concerned with the diminishing percentage of veterinarians engaged in food animal practice. He urged members to take a direct interest in the activities of their state’s representative in the AVMA House of Delegates.



AABP and AVMA counterparts join forces at AABP’s first annual meeting held in Chicago, Nov. 24 -26, 1968. Left to right: Dr. Don Williams, Ada, OK, president of AABP; Dr. Joe Knappenberger, Olathe, KS, president of AVMA; Dr. R. A. Ivie, Follett, Texas, president-elect of AABP; and Dr. John B. Herrick, Ames, IA, president-elect of AVMA. Dr. Ivie took over as president of AABP for 1969.



AABP officers (right to left)—Drs. Harold Amstutz (secretary-treasurer), Purdue University; Irwin Collinge (vice president), Emporia, KS; and Francis Fox (1st District representative), New York State Veterinary College, attending Board of Directors meeting.