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*Veterinary Medicine and Agriculture: 1976 and Beyond*

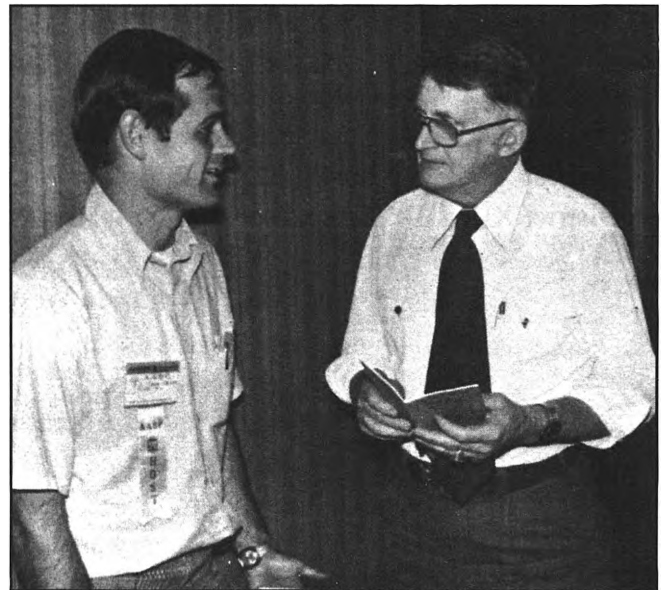
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During the AVMA meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Board of Directors met to plan for the coming year, especially to hear from the program committee for the meeting in San Francisco. At the end of 1975, AABP had \$80,341 in its treasury, 2150 listed paid members and 1200 students on its membership rolls. A financial arrangement was negotiated with the Academy of Veterinary Consultants (ACV) concerning the fees collected for the ACV seminars at our annual conferences. Several districts had nutrition seminars patterned after the one held in Chicago chaired by Dr. Robert Keith. Our food and drug committee reported on the controversy within the AVMA House of Delegates on a veterinarian's right to purchase any and all drugs in "Resolution 17" which was defeated. Dr. Jack Morse, California, appeared before our meeting supporting the defeat of the resolution stating that there had been no massive action by Federal agencies to take all formulations away from the veterinary profession, that we do not need or shouldn't have the right to any or all drugs, that we are not trained to formulate drugs, that we therefore should not have bulk drugs and that this resolution was not in the best interest of the public. Our energies should be directed toward the reclassification of new drugs and not new drugs, improving methods of determining safety and efficacy of drugs, instituting an advisory committee to the FDA on a practical approach to make drugs available, and to approve drugs available in foreign countries for us to use. We were thanked in a letter from APHIS for resolutions Dr. Hoffsis had presented in our behalf to a meeting on brucellosis eradication.

Our Mastitis Committee reported on activity to make veterinarians positively identify treated cases and to make available tests to determine milk contaminated with antibiotics. The Nutrition Committee presented a



*Dr. Judy Jameson and Mrs. Ann Harris,  
Co-chairpersons, Ladies Program*



*Dr. Connor Jameson, chair, local arrangements and  
Dr. Robert Harris, chair, scientific programs*

check list for veterinarians to use in nutrition counseling. San Antonio was selected for our 1979 meeting with Dr. Jack Cote requesting that a Canadian city be considered for 1980. Our USAHA representative, Dr. Mort Silberman, requested that we write a letter supporting the use of private veterinarians in brucellosis control work and encourage calfhood vaccination. President Allenstein reported he had attended eight dairy cattle breed association meetings and two drug industry conventions. Seminars at the 1976 convention were to be a Quality Milk, Immunity, Housing, Feedlot, and Theriogenology with a definite budget for each being approved.

**The following slate of officers was elected for the 1977 meeting:**

President	Dr. Robert Harris, Turlock, CA
President Elect	Dr. James Jarrett, Rome, GA
Vice President	Dr. John Noordsy, Manhattan, KS
	Dr. Otto Radostits, Saskatoon, CAN
Secretary/Treasurer	Dr. Harold Amstutz

At the meeting in December, President Allenstein challenged every practitioner to sell himself to the dairy and cattle industry as we are educated to do this. He had appeared before the Bureau of Veterinary Medicine - Food and Drug Administration and also APHIS where drug withholding and withdrawal were stressed along with the importance of being an accredited veterinarian. Our AABP was gaining stature, as was each and every veterinarian. We were challenged by two speakers in the opening session on what lies in the future for meat and dairy products, from not only a level in the United States but also at the international exposure. **The theme of the scientific programs - "Veterinary Medicine and Agriculture - 1976 and Beyond" was truly carried out.**

At this time we had 2200 members, 1000 students, and approximately \$102,000 in our treasury. As noted the FDA, APHIS, and The American National Cattlemen's Association were listening to our recommendations. We maintained membership in USAHA, L.C.I. and the National Mastitis Council. Burt Hawkins from NCA attended our meeting. Directors elected in 1976 included:

District II	Dr. Jack Shanks, Damascus, MD
District III	Dr. Herb Lloyd, Belle Glade, FL
District IV	Dr. Glen Hoffsis, Columbus, OH
District V	Dr. Robert Keith, Monroe, WI
District VII	Dr. Paul Winsor, Coalgate, OK
District VIII	Dr. David Bechtol, Canyon, TX
District X	Dr. Leon Weaver, Upland, CA
District XI	Dr. Lavon Koger, Pullman, WA (re-elected)
District XIII	Dr. Ken Armstrong, Saskatoon, Sask. CAN



*Annual General Meeting*

District XIII is a newly formed District in Western Canada  
 District V had the largest membership.

A check list for practitioners to evaluate themselves for competency in the field of nutrition and mastitis control was adopted by the Board of Directors. It was noted that the Nutrition Committee had stimulated numerous District seminars, together with a pre-convention 2 day seminar at the next convention in St. Louis. Of interest to AABP is that Dr. Vernon Tharp was a candidate for president-elect of the AVMA.

A prescription for certification of pre-conditioned feeder cattle was presented with final approval at our next meeting.

The Board of Directors approved a written ballot for the election of AABP officers. Toronto, Canada was selected for the 1980 meeting.

**Noted in this meeting was the restructuring of our committees as Dr. Hoffsis and the Forward Planning Committee had proposed.**

Dr. Glen Hoffsis reported for the Infectious Disease Committee that adult vaccination for Brucellosis is being used in Florida very successfully. He also asked that we adopt and accept it.

Finally, the 1976 meeting was a memorable one with two representatives from the FDA and APHIS present, urging practitioners to be aware of the animal drug issue as well as their accreditation. With Bert Hawkins present from the National Cattlemen's Association our contact with industry was ever increasing. Two significant tours to the dairies of the San Joaquin Valley and the vineyards of Napa Valley made this not only educational but one of enjoyment. Two Canadian couples (Anderson, Honeywood) made the tour with our retiring President Allenstein to Napa Valley one of the most memorable trips.

President Allenstein installed President-elect Harris by presenting him the gavel and welcomed everyone to St. Louis.

Committee Reorganization as proposed by Dr. Hoffsis and modified by the Forward Planning Committee was approved. The approved document follows:

#### **COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION, AABP**

- I. Number and Titles of Committees will be established by the Executive Board of the AABP. There will be no limit to the number of such Committees.
- II. Committee chairmen shall be appointed by the President for a 3-year term with the approval of 2/3 of the Executive Board. Chairmen may succeed themselves an unlimited number of terms, but must be reappointed by the current president. A chairman shall be a Director. A vice-chairman shall be elected by the Committee. Members who would wish to be considered for a vice-chairmanship would be asked to submit their names and qualifications to the Committee. Any member who wishes to serve on a committee should submit his name to the Director in his region or the committee chairman.
- III. All Committee activities and resolutions must be approved by the Executive Board.
- IV. Committee members will be appointed to the various committees by the Directors; assuring that each would have at least 13 members and would have every region represented. Each year, the membership would be advised that anyone interested in serving on a committee should submit his name to his Director. Membership is limited to two 3-year terms. Additional members may be added to each committee at the discretion of the chairman. He may appoint the additional members at large or choose from additional names submitted by the Directors. *Ex-officio* members may be recommended by the chairman and appointed by the Executive Board.



*Preconvention tour*



*Ladies social hour*

- V. Committee activity:
  1. Study issues referred by the Executive Board.
  2. Study issues raised by the Chairman or members.
  3. Suggest topics for the program at AABP and AVMA conventions or sponsor continuing education programs as a committee.
  4. The chairman would report to the Executive Board in person at the annual AABP convention and in writing before the AVMA convention.
- VI. *Ad hoc* committees and their chairmen may be appointed at the discretion of the Board.

**Preconvention Tours** were now important and much anticipated events. A tour of dairies in the San Joaquin Valley was summed up "I have had my money's worth already." Ladies Events included shopping sprees, a city tour, crossing the Golden Gate Bridge to the delightful fishing village of Sausalito (and more shopping!), return by ferry, and, of course, a ride on the cable cars, and a wine and cheese party. Co-chairs Ann Harris and Dr. Judy Jameson (a small animal practitioner married to a bovine practitioner) were the gracious ladies in charge. (Her husband, Dr. Connor Jameson, was Local Arrangements Chairman.)

**The Annual General Meeting** was presided by Dr. Leland Allenstein, President. He announced that an Editorial Board had been established consisting of Dr. Harold Amstutz, Dr. Leland Allenstein, Dr. Eric Williams, and the future AABP President, *ex-officio* - thus the journal would become a refereed publication.

Secretary Amstutz reported a membership of 2200 veterinarians and 1000 students. He reminded the members that tapes of the scientific sessions would be available:

Editor Eric Williams stated that *The Bovine Practitioner* had a worldwide distribution. He remarked that the front cover of the 1976 journal showed the sun over the Golden Gate Bridge then added - if it is going down here it will be rising across the ocean - hence was coined our motto:

**"The sun never sets on the bovine practitioner"**

Dr. Allenstein reviewed his year in office and stated that when he accepted the high office, he did not realize the status the AABP had reached in the United States and added, *"It is truly due to the unselfish work of many men in this great fraternity. We have acquired a great heritage. It is up to us to continue this work."*

Dr. Allenstein installed Dr. Robert Harris as President for 1977 with the traditional presentation of the gavel. Dr. Harris had given yeoman service as Program Chairman for the meeting. He urged every member to perform to a competent level of professional service every day, and concluded, "To these goals I dedicate myself and ask all of you to do the same."



*Passing the gavel*



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**In Memoriam**

**Dr. Robert S. Dickson, Bakersfield, California passed away on March 11, 1976. He represented District X on the AABP Board of Directors. He received the DVM degree from Colorado State University in 1945 and served in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, 1946-49. Dr. Dickson was engaged in general practice in Bakersfield since 1949, limiting his practice to food producing animals since 1960.**

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*Dr. Leland Allenstein contributed most of this section.*