

New AABP Officers and Directors 2017-2018

President



Dr. Mike Apley grew up in a mixed veterinary practice in central Kansas where his family also farmed, ran stockers, and had a 180 sow farrow-to-finish operation. After graduating with a DVM from Kansas State University in 1987, Mike returned to the family practice, then moved to KSU in 1989 to pursue a PhD in pharmacology. In 1992, he joined a feedlot consulting and contract research practice based out of Greeley, Colorado, and completed his board certification in the American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology in 1994.

An offer to start a beef production medicine program at Iowa State University led to another move in 1996. In 2005, Mike, Kathryn, Douglas, and Kyle packed up and completed the circle back to Manhattan, KS, where Mike is currently the Frick Professor in the Department of Clinical Sciences at Kansas State University. He teaches in the food animal medicine, pharmacology, clinical pharmacology, and feedlot production medicine courses. Research interests include evidence-based drug use in food animals, antimicrobial resistance, and drug residues.

Mike's professional passion is to navigate the tension between research data and clinical experience in order to help practitioners deliver well-conceived therapeutic options to their clients and patients. In this capacity, he interacts with practitioners and researchers across beef, dairy, swine, and poultry production. A similar role has evolved in interacting with regulatory agencies, legislators, and food companies in an attempt to prevent a precautionary approach from needlessly removing tools which allow us to protect the health of the livestock resources we care for.

Past roles in the AABP have included membership in the Committee on Pharmaceutical and Biologic Issues and beef session meeting planning. Mike has served as president of the Academy of Veterinary Consultants and the American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology, as well as on antimicrobial use committees for the AVMA. His most recent appointment was to the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria.

Mike's other life is as a hopeless gear head, with history in drag racing, truck pulling, and off-road vehicles. The "wall of breakage" in the shop serves as a story board for this highly profitable investment, which has led to many memorable moments with the family. Mike also serves as a supervised laborer on their small farm currently dedicated to intensive rotational grazing.

Vice-President



Dr. Calvin W. Booker is a Managing Partner at Feedlot Health Management Services (Feedlot Health), Okotoks, Alberta, Canada and an Affiliate Faculty Member in the Department of Clinical Sciences at Colorado State University since 2007.

Being a native of rural Saskatchewan, Calvin's entire life has revolved around cattle. Growing up, Calvin was active in the local 4-H Beef Club for 11 years and spent his teenage years showing the family's purebred cattle. Subsequently, Calvin enrolled in university and earned DVM (1989) and MVetSc (1992) degrees from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVN) at the University of Saskatchewan, completing clinical Internship (Ambulatory Clinic at the Cornell University veterinary school-1990) and Residency (Field Service Clinic at WCVN-1992) programs along the way.

While he was completing his graduate program, Dr. Booker collaborated on research efforts with Feedlot Health, which is a professional services company that provides comprehensive veterinary and production consulting services, as well as computerized individual animal data collection systems and management/execution tools, to feedlot and calf grower operations throughout Canada, the United States, and Mexico. In addition, Feedlot Health has extensive research capabilities that focus on identification, development, and evaluation of applied technologies in commercial feedlot and calf grower production systems. Clients of Feedlot Health produce over 3.5 million beef cattle/year. Dr. Booker became a full-time member of the Feedlot Health team in 1992 as an

epidemiologist, data analyst and production consultant. Dr. Booker is currently a Managing Partner in the firm, with responsibilities that include managing the Feedlot Health production consulting business, directing research and development activities, and building the company growth and development plan.

Dr. Booker enjoys teaching and interacting with students and colleagues. In 2004, Calvin coordinated the development of the Food Animal Veterinary Student Feedlot Externship In Alberta, a series of 3 one-week externships that are held in early November each year with 10-14 students/week and 30-40 students/year. Calvin is still a faculty member of the externship and the program will mark its 15th year in the fall of 2018, with over 400 students having gone through the program. In addition, Calvin has been included as an instructor at the Summer Dairy Institute (Cornell University) since 2010 and a business leader/mentor for the International Livestock Congress Student Program from 2006-2014.

Throughout his career, Calvin's thirst for knowledge and contributions to the cattle industry have exemplified his passion for excellence. With 68 published research papers, 38 publicly funded research projects, over 500 technical reports, and more than 175 invited lecture and conference presentations, Calvin continues to be a leader and innovator in his field. Dr. Booker was the

2004 recipient of the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association AVMA Communications Award, the 2006 recipient of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners' Merial Preventive Medicine Award - Beef, one of the six VIP's of Feedlot Medicine named in 2007 by Bovine Veterinarian magazine, and the 2010 recipient of the Academy of Veterinary Consultant's Consultant of the Year Award.

Dr. Booker joined AABP in 1991 and has been involved in a variety of AABP activities. Calvin was the coordinator of the "Using Data for Decision Making in Cattle Practice - Level I and Level II" pre-conference seminars from 2004 through 2009. In addition, he was the Feedlot Sessions coordinator for the annual conference in 2007 and again in 2011 and has been an AABP committee member (Beef Production and Beef Health Management) since 2009. In 2015, Calvin was a member of the AABP Executive Vice-President Search Committee; in 2017, he was invited to become a Board member of the AABP Foundation; and, also in 2017, Calvin was elected as AABP Vice-President. Calvin looks forward to the challenge and opportunity to serve on the Executive Committee of AABP over the next four years.

Calvin lives just south of Calgary, Alberta, Canada with his significant other, Dr. Callie Willingham. Together, they enjoy travel, food, wine, hockey (it's a Canadian thing), Aggie football games (it's a Texas thing), and golf.

New Directors



Dr. Mark Hardesty is the newly elected director for District 4 (KY, MI, OH, WV). He has been involved lifelong in Ohio agriculture. Raised on a Guernsey dairy, he was active in 4-H and FFA and considered being an Ag Teacher. His farming habit overshadowed his education more than once, including turning down vet school to try farming again. Eventually, he graduated from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1988 where he was president of the Food Animal Club and received the Award for Excellence in Food Animal Medicine and Surgery.

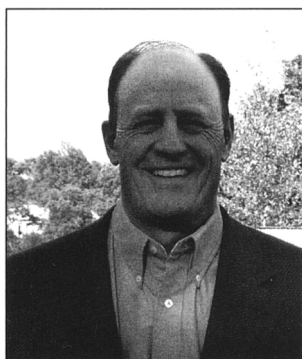
He practices exclusively with cattle, mostly dairy, and has a Master's degree in dairy nutrition and management from The Ohio State University. He is involved in farm planning, including personnel training and protocols, nutrition consulting, milk quality evaluation and milker training, heifer raising, and vaccination programs. He strives to be aware of leading edge technologies in reproduction, and has been asked by AI companies to train their staff on real world solutions. Mark has used ultrasound for reproductive evaluation since 2002. He has been featured in national round table discussions on immunology and infectious diseases, and has written a monthly column in the Hoard's Dairyman magazine since 2006. Dr. Hardesty is an active member of the American Association of Bovine Practitioner's, only missing one annual conference. He has served on the finance and program committees, including coordinating the Dairy Sessions and Practice Tips. He has a special passion for serving on the Practice Sustainability Committee.

He has contributed 1000 messages to AABP-L, and received the Merial Preventive Medicine Award for Dairy in 2000, and was named the AABP Bovine Practitioner of the Year in 2014. Dr. Hardesty has served on Ohio's Dairy Care Standards Committee, the Ohio Dairy Drug Residue Task Force, and has lectured at 25 dairy or dairy veterinarian meetings in the United States, Russia, Canada, and Viet Nam.

His most notable achievement was raising two wonderful daughters. Megan is a Food Scientist and mother to grandson, Nate, who Mark takes care of on Wednesday nights while she teaches religion. Molly recently married and

is an administrator at The Ohio State University. He has been married for 33 years to Mitch who is a swine and pet veterinarian. He is especially proud of coordinating the effort to bring Ag Education back to Marion Local High

School, and serving as Band Booster President. He is an active member of a Saturday morning men's fellowship group, and has been a lector at church.



Dr. Carl Meyer, Jr. is the new Director representing District 7 (KS, OK, MO). He is a practicing veterinarian and co-owner of the Oskaloosa Animal Clinic, PA, in Oskaloosa, Kansas. Carl grew up working on his family's large ranching and farming operation in Osage County, Kansas, that is still operating. His involvement in the ranching operation, and interaction with veterinarians providing service to it, created his desire to seek a career in veterinary medicine.

Carl attended Kansas State University, graduating in 1989 with a degree in agriculture and again in 1991 with the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. In 2006, he became a diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP), certified in Beef Cattle Practice, and went through recertification in 2016.

Since graduation, Carl has almost exclusively focused on bovine practice. He primarily works with cow-calf and stocker-backgrounding operations along with some dairy herds. His passion is providing cow/calf producers with beef production management services, including nutrition, genetics, herd benchmarking for production and reproductive parameters, and Standardized Performance Analysis (SPA).

Carl has been a member of AABP since graduation in 1991, and is happy to serve as the District 7 director. He is also a member of AVC, AVMA, and the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association.

Carl's wife and veterinary school classmate, Dr. Shera Chaloupka, is also a veterinarian, and practices exclusive small animal medicine and surgery. Since graduation, they have practiced together either as associates in the same practice or as co-owners of their veterinary practice. They opened the Oskaloosa Animal Clinic, PA in 1997. Shera and Carl have a son, Owen (15).

2017 AABP Board of Directors and Officers



Front Row (L-R): Dr. Gary Koester, Dr. Rodney Chapman, Dr. Vickie Cooper, Dr. Eric Behlke, Dr. Dale Moore, Dr. Gerry Koenig
Back Row (L-R): Dr. Hunter Lang, Dr. Wayne Shewfelt, Dr. Carie Telgen, Dr. Lee Jones, Dr. Jeff Ondrak, Dr. Tom Massie, Dr. Joe Hillhouse
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