

# Minutes of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners Annual Business Luncheon

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Omaha Convention Center

Omaha, Nebraska

The meeting was called to order by the AABP President, Dr. Mark Thomas at 12:25 pm. Dr. Thomas presented the minutes of the Charlotte Business Meeting for approval. On motion with a second, the minutes of the 2016 Annual Business Meeting was approved.

President Thomas introduced the current AABP Executive Committee and the VIP guests at the head table. Guests included Dr. Dick Wallace, Zoetis; Dr. Rick Sibbel, Merck Animal Health; Dr. Andy Bennett, Boehringer Ingelheim; Dr. Robert Rust, Agri-Labs; Dr. Andrew Cobner, British Cattle Veterinarians Association; Dr. Gabe Middleton, CAST liaison; and Dr. Mike Topper, AVMA President.

President Thomas acknowledged the Omaha Program Committee for their work. Incoming Vice-President Dr. Calvin Booker, Incoming District 4 Director Dr. Mark Hardesty, and Incoming District 7 Director Dr. Carl Meyer were introduced. Dr. Gary Koester and Dr. Rodney Chapman were recognized and thanked for their service as outgoing directors. Retiring committee chairs Dr. Jim Floyd and Dr. Mike Sanderson were also recognized by President Thomas for their service to the AABP.

Dr. Thomas recognized the districts, foreign attendees, students, veterinary technicians, and accompanying persons.

Dr. Bryan Halteman, the AABP treasurer, was introduced to present the treasurer's report to the membership. He reported that the CPA firm of Machen, McChesney and Chastain, LLP, completed a satisfactory audit of AABP financials for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016. They found no material weaknesses. The AABP is in a strong financial position. On motion with a second, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

AABP Executive Vice-President, Dr. Fred Gingrich, reported on the successful meeting and recognized the sponsors of the annual conference events. The 50th AABP Annual Conference had a record high attendance with 1432 registrations including 384 students, 137 AASRP members, 32 graduate students, 5 veterinary technicians, 150 accompanying persons, and 447 exhibitors for a total attendance of 2,029 from the United States, Canada, and 17 foreign countries. A total of \$211,500 in scholarships and travel stipends were awarded at the conference. These scholarships that support veterinary students and



*President Dr. Mark Thomas presides over the 2017 AABP Business Luncheon.*

graduate students are supported by generous donations from Zoetis, Merck Animal Health, the Eli Lilly Foundation, and donations from individual members. AABP support staff, volunteers, and others were thanked for their dedication and service to the organization.

## Awards

Dr. Thomas recognized the scholarship recipients for the Amstutz, AABP Foundation-Zoetis, and Merck Student Recognition awards. He also recognized the winners of the 2017 AABP Foundation Competitive Research Grants, Dr. Pat Gorden, Iowa State University and Dr. Craig McConnell, Washington State University.

Dr. Chance Armstrong announced the winners of the student case presentation awards as follows:

- Overall winner - Justin Casares, Texas A&M University
- Clinical Case Report First Place - Justin Casares, Texas A&M University

- Clinical Case Report Second Place - Lauren Thompson, Texas A&M
- Research Report First Place - Kristen Livengood, North Carolina State University
- Research Report Second Place - Joseph Hammes, University of Minnesota

Dr. Mike Sanderson announced the winners of the graduate student research summaries awards. Prizes of \$2500, \$2000, and \$1000 were awarded due to \$1000 contributions to each award from the BRD symposium.

First Place - Dr. Oscar J. Benitez Rojas, Michigan State University

Second Place - Dr. Kathryn D. Bach, Cornell University

Third Place - Dr. Charlotte B. Winder, University of Guelph

Dr. Allen Hodapp presented the Outstanding Student Chapter to The Ohio State University and the Faculty Representative Award to Dr. Eric Gordon, The Ohio State University.

Dr. Robert Rust from Agri-Labs was introduced by Dr. Thomas to announce the recipients of the Dr. Bruce Wren Continuing Education Awards. The winners were Dr. Sarah Giebel, dairy, and Dr. Holt Tripp, beef.

Dr. Thomas introduced Dr. Andy Bennett to introduce Dr. Dale Moore who presented the Boehringer Ingelheim Excellence in Preventive Medicine Award-Dairy to Dr. Fred Muller. Dr. John Crews presented the Boehringer Ingelheim Excellence in Preventive Medicine Award-Beef to Dr. Robert Gukich.

Dr. Dick Wallace introduced Dr. Mike Apley to present the Zoetis Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Robert Smith.

Dr. Thomas introduced Dr. Ken Leslie to present the AABP Award OF Excellent to Dr. David Kelton.

Dr. Thomas introduced Dr. Del Miles to present the James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders to Dr. Trent Fox.

Dr. Rick Sibbel introduced Dr. Robert Smith to present the Merck Animal Health Mentor of the Year Award to Dr. Dee Griffin.

Dr. Andy Bennett introduced Dr. Bryan Halteman to present the 2017 Boehringer Ingelheim Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award to Dr. Norman LaFauce.

Dr. Mark Thomas gave his president's address to the membership. Dr. Thomas thanked the many volunteers of AABP and the AABP staff. He thanked Dr. Gatz Riddell and Dr. Fred Gingrich for a seamless transition in the office of the Executive Vice-President. Dr. Thomas recognized the collaboration AABP has with many veterinary and producer associations as an important benefit for AABP members. He thanked the membership for allowing him to serve not only as president, but also as a past AABP board member.

Dr. Thomas introduced incoming AABP President, Dr. Mike Apley. Dr. Apley presented the president's plaque to Dr. Thomas and thanked him for his service.

Dr. Apley adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Navarre, DVM, MS, DACVIM



*2017 Merck Student Recognition Award Winners*  
Back row (L-R): Kendra Wells, Max Beal, Cade Luckett, Ben Bennett, Brian Schnell, Rachel O'Leary, Marissa Horton, Tara Lynch  
Front row (L-R): Lauren Thompson, Justin Casares, Delaine Quaresma, Kristy Shaw, Morgan Randall  
Not pictured: Taylor Crandall, Alex Gander, Jenna Porter, Cassandra Rice

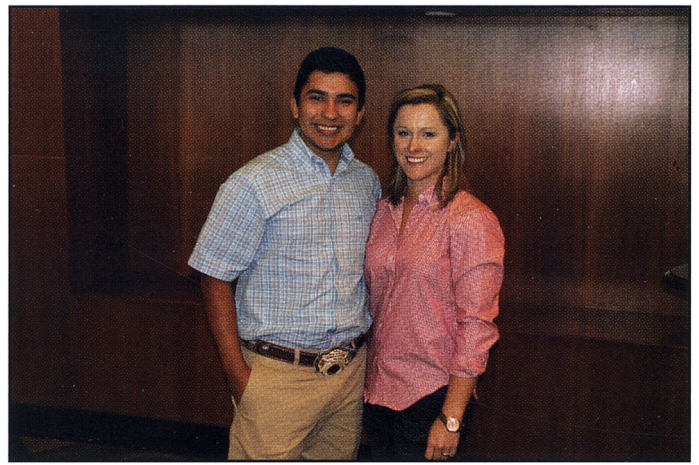


*Dr. Sarah Giebel (dairy) and Dr. Holt Tripp (beef) receive the AgriLabs Dr. Bruce Wren Continuing Education Award from Dr. Robert Rust (center).*



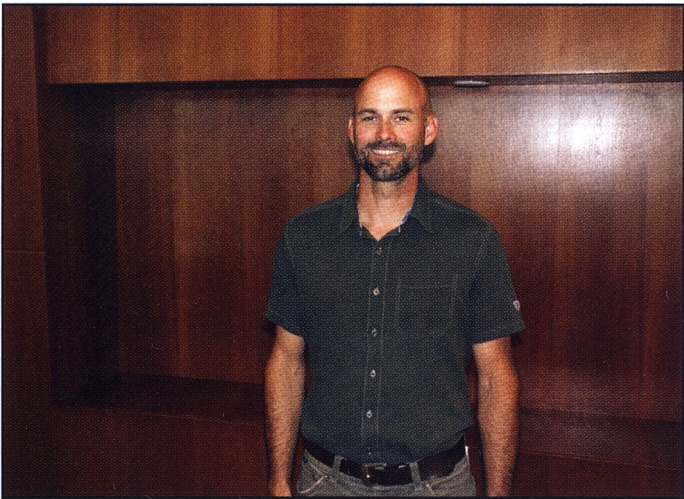


Outstanding Student Chapter Award was garnered by The Ohio State University. Dr. Eric Gorden (far right) was presented the Faculty Representative Award for 2017.



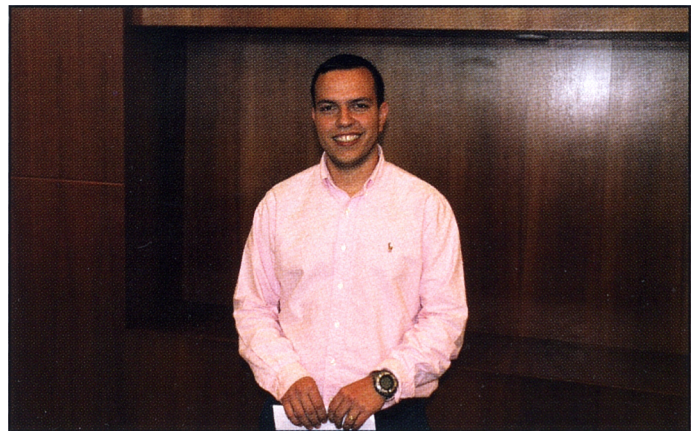
Student Case Presentation Awards

- Overall winner and first place - Justin Casares, Texas A&M University
- Second place - Lauren Thompson, Texas A&M University



2017 AABP Foundation Competitive Research Grants

- Dr. Pat Gorden, Iowa State University (not pictured)
- Dr. Craig McConnel, Washington State University



Dr. Oscar J. Benitez Rojas was the first place winner of the Graduate Research Summaries. Not pictured were Dr. Kathryn Bach (second place) and Dr. Charlotte Winder (third place).



Outgoing President Dr. Mark Thomas receives a plaque in appreciation for his service to AABP from incoming President Mike Apley.