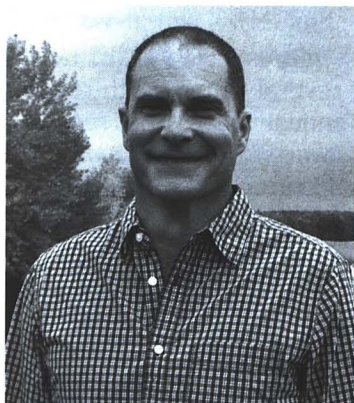


New AABP Officers and Directors 2016-2017

President



Dr. Mark Thomas is a consulting veterinarian with Dairy Health & Management Services in Lowville, New York. He earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Animal Science at Cornell University and continued his education at the College of Veterinary Medicine where he earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1997. In 2001 he completed the Penn State Dairy Production Medicine Certificate Program. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP), certified in dairy practice.

Following graduation Dr. Thomas entered clinical practice at Countryside Veterinary Clinic, LLP in northern New York where he was a partner and dairy consultant until December 2016. In early 2012 he joined other colleagues and founded Dairy Health & Management Services (DHMS), a partnership between Feedlot Health (FHMS) in Okotoks, Alberta, to provide decision-based consulting research to dairy clients and calf ranches within the USA and internationally.

Within practice Dr. Thomas' main focus is production and preventative medicine. In addition to routine veterinary care, Dr. Thomas provides consulting services in the areas of nutrition, reproduction, milk quality (certified milking equipment technician), facility design, and replacement rearing both within the USA and internationally with regular clients in Mexico, China, and Russia. He speaks Spanish and provides bilingual training programs. Outside of practice, Dr. Thomas enjoys lecturing at meetings, and is also active in teaching through the Summer Dairy Institute at Cornell.

He has served as an active member of the AABP Membership Committee and has co-chaired the student program at the AABP Annual Conference. He was the AABP District I director for 7 years, and began his term as President of the AABP in September of 2016.

In 2011 he received the AABP Merit Excellence in Preventive Medicine-Dairy Award.

In his free-time, Dr. Thomas enjoys many outdoor activities with his family.

Vice President



Dr. Glenn Rogers grew up in the North Central Texas town of Graham, near his family's ranching operation. His experiences with ranching, FFA and a local practitioner led him to decide as a high school sophomore that he wanted to be a cattle veterinarian.

Glenn graduated from the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine in 1980. While at A&M, he served as president of the AABP student chapter. The highlight of his tenure as president was hosting Brian Sinclair (Tristan Farnon from "All Creatures Great and Small") for a large, successful on-campus meeting. Spending time with Dr. Sinclair and his wife after the meeting (in the relaxed confines of the hotel bar) was a memorable experience. While in veterinary school, Glenn first attended an AABP Annual Conference in 1979, and has rarely missed one since.

After graduation, Glenn practiced for 11 years in North Central Texas where he owned and operated two rural mixed practices. While in practice he was a typical, over-committed rural veterinarian and served as a director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association for 10 years, president of the West Cross Timbers VMA for three years, president of the Palo Pinto County Farm Bureau, served on the school board, and served in several other areas of organized veterinary medicine, his community and church. During this time, Glenn also participated in several mission trips to Haiti with Christian Veterinary Mission.

In 1991, Glenn made a decision to leave a successful rural practice and ranching operation to pursue post-graduate training in beef production medicine at Kansas State University, which resulted in other opportunities outside of veterinary practice. He received his Master's in Beef Production Medicine in 1993. While at Kansas State, he participated in the inaugural Beef Production Management Series at the Great Plains Veterinary Education Center in Clay Center, Neb.

In 1993, Glenn accepted a Ruminant Production Medicine position at North Carolina State University, became a tenured associate professor, served as the faculty representative for the active AABP student chapter, was responsible for developing a student large animal externship program and beef production medicine elective courses, and received

the Outstanding Extension Service Award. In 1995 Glenn became a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in Beef Cattle. Glenn's son Ben was born while he was on the faculty at NCSU, and he was named in honor of the late Dr. Ben Harrington, a pioneer in establishing the NCSU-CVM and one of the early AABP presidents.

Glenn returned to Texas in 2000, and from 2001-2013, he was a technical veterinarian for Pfizer Animal Health and managed beef technical services colleagues in the western US. In 2007, he was honored with the Pfizer W.E. Upjohn Award for innovation in creating a unique beef herd health planning platform.

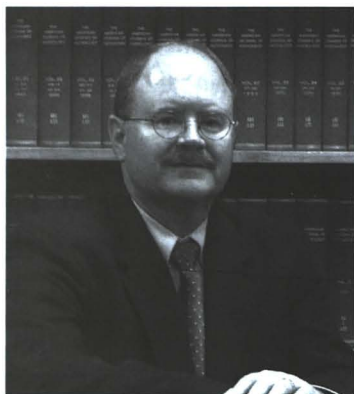
Throughout his 36+ years since graduation from veterinary school, he has also been very engaged in his family ranching operation. He has operated a beef heifer development business and managed several other ranch-related enterprises since 2000. He develops and markets over 800 primarily Red Angus beef heifers annually. Glenn has received several ranch conservation awards, and will receive the Conservation Rancher of the Year Award for the State of Texas at a ceremony in Galveston in October. Dr. Rogers continues to speak to various producer and veterinary audiences and provides consulting services to several organization, including Superior Livestock.

Glenn has served the AABP in many capacities, including the planning committee, chair of the Practice Tips session, chairman of the Cow-Calf session, local arrangements coordinator, speaker, moderator, and active participation in several committees including Animal Welfare. He served as the AABP Director from District 8 (representing Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana) from 2006-2012, and served as chairman of the nominating committee and co-chair of the Membership Committee. He served as a director and then chairman of the AABP Foundation. In 2015, he was awarded the AABP Distinguished Service Award. Glenn is also an active member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers and member of NCBA, AVC, and the Society for Theriogenology.

Glenn has four children: Meg (a MD), Ginny (an attorney), Ben (19 and Texas A&M student), and 13-year old Leah (a cheerleader, pole-vaulter and source of his grey hair). He has five grandchildren. Glenn's wife Mandy is also a veterinarian and operates a small animal house call practice.

Glenn's unique and diverse experiences in private practice, academia, industry and as a cattle producer provide a broad perspective in understanding the challenges and opportunities facing bovine veterinarians, now and in the future. This background, coupled with demonstrated leadership and a long track record of service to the AABP, make Glenn qualified and ready to serve as AABP Vice President.

New Directors



Dr. Lee Jones is a tenured Associate Professor with the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. He received his Master of Science degree in Animal Science from UGA in 1987 and his DVM degree from Colorado State University in 1998. He was an associate veterinarian in a rural mixed animal practice in Curtis, NE from 1998 to 2001. He and his wife Katy started Frontier Genetics International in 2001. FGI was primarily a beef cattle and equine breeding and embryo transfer company, but served many commercial beef herds as well. He left private practice to pursue an academic career in Beef Production Medicine in 2010.

He grew up in Georgia and graduated from Jones County High School, Gray, GA in 1980. His granddad had a dairy in Coffee County, Georgia. He worked on cow-calf and hay farms while in college, and after graduate school he worked in large beef operations in Texas and Colorado.

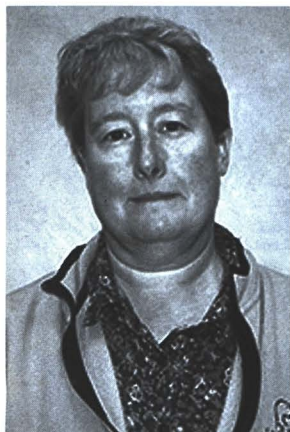
Lee has served the AABP ever since graduating from veterinary school. He was appointed to the AABP Reproduction Committee in 1999, and served as Chairman from 2002-2006. He has also served on the ad hoc Rural Veterinary Practice Sustainability Committee (2010-2013), Beef Health Management Committee (2012-2015), Membership Committee (2015-current), and Finance Committee (appointed 2016). He has also served as preconference seminar coordinator and presenter for several years. While in Nebraska he served as an At-Large Director for the NVMA (2006-2007), and on the Large Animal Continuing Education Committee.

In his current role, he teaches Beef Production Systems management to senior veterinary students in the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine. Also, he serves as the Veterinary Field Investigator for the Tifton Veterinary Diagnostic and Investigational Laboratory in Tifton, GA. He provides support for referring veterinarians that need assistance in investigating outbreaks or production problems in beef and dairy cattle, as well as small ruminant flocks. He also serves as the Extension Veterinarian and presents animal health programs throughout Georgia. He is the Secretary-Treasurer

for the South Georgia VMA (approx. 150 active members) and coordinates 30 hours of veterinary CE hours for rural veterinarians in South Georgia. He also co-coordinated the Georgia Food Animal Conference in 2015 - 2017.

Lee is Co-chair of the Cattle Health and Well-being Committee for the Georgia Cattlemen's Association, and State Co-coordinator of the Beef Quality Assurance program in Georgia.

Lee and his wife of 28 years, Katy, live in Chula, GA with their 3 horses, 20 cows, 2 dogs, and 1 cat. Their son Ethan, daughter-in-law Katie, and grandson Isaac live in Lincoln, NE. Their 2 daughters, Elise and Molly attend college: Elise attends Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton and Molly goes to Georgia Southern in Statesboro, GA.



Dr. Vickie Cooper grew up in the Flint Hills of Kansas. She was mentored by all her family members who were stewards of pasture cattle, raised cattle in their own cow-calf operation, and also raised quality ranch horses as well as race horses. She attended Kansas State University with the lofty expectation of becoming an equine surgeon, but quickly recognized that her depth and breadth of ego was inadequate for that career goal. After graduating with the DVM degree in 1991, she did local practice in Manhattan, managed research studies, and was involved in construction of animal research facilities to the extent of even pouring the concrete. She obtained an internship at the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic laboratory for a year before moving on to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she received her Masters degree and PhD in 1994 and 1997, respectively. Dr. Cooper then had the opportunity to pursue her true passion of bovine diagnostics by taking a position at the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in 1997. There she was the primary coordinator of BVDV ear notch immunohistochemistry for persistent infection, had the opportunity to develop skills in veterinary toxicology as well as serving as the primary diagnostician for Oklahoma swine

producers. She was recruited to the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in 2001 where she had the opportunity to work with a variety of beef and dairy practitioners while being a member of the UW Extension Beef Focus Team. In 2003 she was recruited to the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic laboratory where she currently serves as a diagnostician with expertise, broad experience, and a strong interest in beef production medicine.

As a member of AABP, Dr. Cooper has had the opportunity to serve on the AABP Bovine Respiratory Committee, the Beef Health Management Committee, the editorial board of *The Bovine Practitioner*, and is also a member of the Academy of Veterinary Consultants.

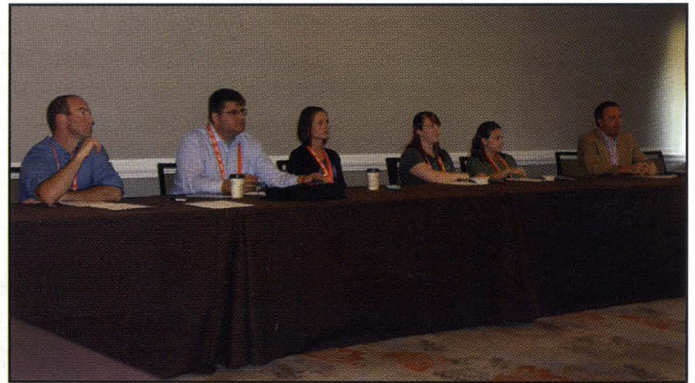
She currently resides in Laurel, Iowa, raising commercial and purebred polled Hereford cattle, with farms in both Iowa and Wisconsin. Dr. Cooper is excited for an opportunity to more broadly serve the cattle industry and bovine veterinarians by representing the members of District 6 in the AABP.



Dr. Jeff Ondrak is a Nebraska native who earned a BS degree in Animal Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a DVM from Kansas State University. After working 15 years in two different mixed animal practices in Nebraska he returned to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he received a MS degree in Veterinary Science (Epidemiology). Jeff has been employed as a Beef Cattle Clinical Veterinarian at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center (GPVEC) near Clay Center, Nebraska since 2006. His responsibilities include teaching veterinary students through GPVEC's clinical rotations and research with a general interest in bovine reproduction and a specific emphasis on bovine trichomoniasis. He has presented his research around the U.S. and internationally including South Africa and Ireland, and he has participated in a training program for veterinarians in Azerbaijan. Jeff has been a member of AABP since veterinary school and served on the Program Committee as the Research Summaries Co-Coordinator prior to being elected to the Board of Directors. In addition to AABP he is a member of AVC, SFT, NVMA, AVMA, Nebraska Cattlemen, and NCBA. He and his wife of 26 years Julie

are in partnership with her parents in a commercial cow-calf operation in southeastern Nebraska and they are actively involved in the Steele City Presbyterian Church. They have two kids. Patrick will be a freshman at Hastings College this Fall and a member of the HC Broncos football team. Joy will be an active high school junior which will keep her parents busy attending volleyball and basketball games and other school functions. In his spare time Jeff enjoys fishing and puttering around in his shop.

Board of Directors & Committee Meetings



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