

AABP Officers

President



Dr. Michael Bolton is the 2007-2008 President of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners. A native of Empire, Michigan, he attended Michigan State University where he earned the DVM degree in 1978. Following graduation, he practiced for 28 years with associates at the Town and Country Animal Clinic in Greenville, Michigan, where he was primarily engaged in dairy practice. For the past two years, he has worked as a Senior Technical Services Veterinarian for Intervet-Schering Plough. In his "spare time", he is completing a Master of Science degree in epidemiology at Michigan State.

Dr. Bolton is a member of the AABP, AVMA, AVC, MVMA and the WMVMA. He is past president of his local Lions Club, and is President of the Belding Library Board.

In his spare time, Dr. Bolton enjoys remodeling the house on the family's Centennial Farm in northern Michigan, woodworking and basketball. He and his wife of 32 years, Ruthy, have three children: Molly, an MD who is an ER resident at the University of Michigan; Zach, a mechanical engineer; and Ann, a senior at Michigan State University.

Welcome to the Bovine Practitioner:

It has been an honor thus far to represent such an esteemed group. Animal agriculture and our profession are facing steep challenges as we continue to provide value to the industry we serve, health and well-being for the cattle we treat, while acting as public health sentinels and providing a good income for ourselves and our families. The focuses this year have been Sustainability, Education, Welfare, Diversity and Public Relations.

1) Sustainability – With the formation of the new AABP Foundation we now have a vehicle for increasing financial stability and funds for education. More than financial stability is needed and we are addressing this by looking at ways to ascertain the needs of our changing membership so that we can attempt to meet them.

2) Education – An ad-hoc task force has been formed and an intern has been doing much leg work this summer to look at innovative ways to utilize our website in its fullest capacity. By offering on-line CE, live meeting feeds, links to other websites and resources detailing specific diseases and management, the Board of Directors feel that this is the key to maintaining relevance in this dynamic environment.

3) Welfare – We are actively involved with the AVMA and the Academy of Veterinary Consultants in addressing welfare concerns involving the diverse cattle operations we serve. We are striving to provide the lead as scientifically sound advisors in this arena rather than

acting as reactionary protectionists. There is a vacuum and we are called to fill it.

4) Diversity – As we address man/woman power needs in the future, we are surveying current membership to assess where we are as an organization. We have invested time, money and offered programs looking at ways to broaden the appeal and increase the diversity of our chosen specialty. We also work with allied organizations such as Academy of Rural Veterinarians as they look at more specific needs.

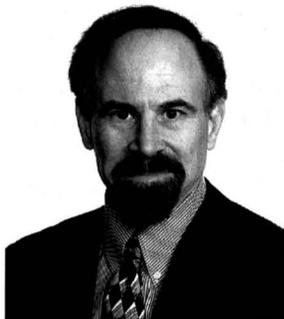
5) Public Relations and Public Advisors – As part of the miniscule 1% of our population involved in production agriculture with many of us combining much education with "boots on the ground", it is apparent that we have a responsibility far beyond our own clinics, companies and universities to provide knowledgeable leadership in the area of public dialogue. It is evident time and again that there is much misinformation about production agriculture and also some areas that need improvement. We need to step up and fill the void – be the catalyst. Maybe this brings us back to Sustainability!

Thanks again for letting me have a chance at this position and remember that we have an important place at many tables – not the least – at the dinner table.

Have a great summer and hope to see you in Charlotte.

Mike Bolton

AABP Vice-President



Dr. Saltman is a Director of US Cattle Veterinary Operations for Pfizer Animal Health with responsibilities in the beef and cattle businesses. Prior to his current position, he served in technical services roles at American Cyanamid Company, Roche Animal Health and Pharmacia Animal Health. Growing up in Southern California, Dr. Saltman went east to earn his undergraduate degree at Princeton University. He worked with the New York Dairy Herd Improvement Cooperative and operated a farm in upstate New York prior to earning his veterinary degree at Cornell University and his MBA at Syracuse University. He practiced as a clinical veterinarian for 7 years with a primary focus on dairy production medicine. He is a member of Phi Zeta Honor Society of Veterinary Medicine and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society of Collegiate Schools of Business. He was presented the American Assn. of Bovine Practitioners Distinguished Service Award in 2001 and the NY Commissioner of Agriculture's Agri-Service Award in 2003. Dr. Saltman has served as treasurer and board member of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and is currently Vice President of AABP.

New Directors



Dr. Mark Thomas, DVM, Dipl. ABVP-Dairy, grew up on a beef cattle farm in New York State. He earned a bachelors of science in Animal Science at Cornell University and continued his education at the College of Veterinary Medicine where he earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) 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. He is currently a partner in the practice which has eight large animal veterinarians serving about 200 dairy clients.

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. Outside of private practice, Dr. Thomas is also active in teaching through Morrisville State College and the Summer Dairy Institute at Cornell.

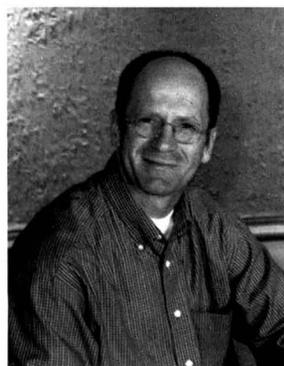
He has served as an active member of the AABP membership committee and has co-chaired the student program at the AABP national convention. He is also the co-chair of the Northeast Dairy Production Medicine Symposium (NEDPMS).

In his free-time, Dr. Thomas enjoys many outdoor activities with his wife, Tracey, and three daughters.



Dr. Bob Cloninger received the VMD degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1981. He practiced in Bloomsburg, PA, in a mixed animal practice, performing mostly dairy work from 1981 to 1985. He then continued to emphasize dairy medicine in a mixed animal practice in Bellefonte, PA, for three years. In 1988, Bob started Centre Herd Health Services, a dairy practice in Centre County, PA. There are currently three veterinarians in the practice. Bob has completed the Dairy Production Medicine Certification Program at Penn State University. He is a member of AVMA, PVMA and NMC. Dr. Cloninger is the food animal representative and secretary of the Pennsylvania Board of Veterinary Medicine, the licensing board of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Cloninger has been an active 4-H leader for 13 years and has recently been awarded the Pennsylvania Adult Leader (PAL) award by the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association. Bob and his wife, Ellen, have four children; Emily, Ben, Elizabeth and Rebecca. Bob welcomes the opportunity to serve as the AABP Director for District 2.



Dr. Guy Boisclair is the new director for District 12. He graduated with his degree in veterinary medicine from Montreal University in 1980, and completed a Dairy Herd Management Certificate from Guelph University in 2005. He is a member of the CRAAQ, dairy bovine section. This committee organizes the annual meeting "Symposium des Bovins Laitiers" and the production of the "Guide des Bovins Laitiers", 2008 version.

He is an associate in the "Clinique Vétérinaire de Victoriaville", which is staffed by three veterinarians in small animal practice, four in large animal practice and four technicians. Guy works in bovine practice, mainly on dairy farms. His main interests are management and herd health on dairy farms.

Guy was raised on a dairy farm, now operated by his brother. Guy and his wife Lorraine have four children, ranging from 13 to 22 years of age. Lorraine holds a mastership degree in informatic technology and works at a local college.