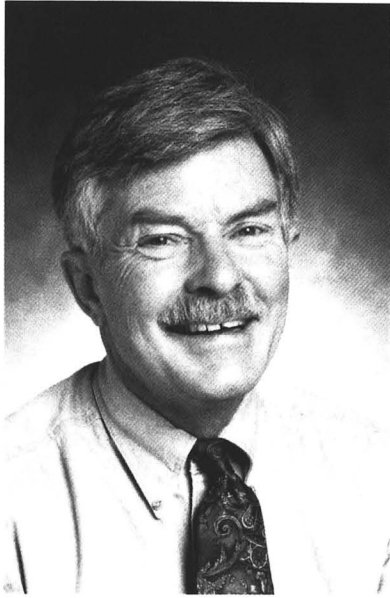


# AABP Officers

## President



**Dr. Larry Hutchinson, DVM**  
*University Park, Pennsylvania*

Born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, he received the BS degree from Penn State University in 1959 and the DVM degree from Cornell University in 1962.

Dr. Hutchinson was engaged in private practice for 14 years in Vermont, New York and Pennsylvania. For the past 23 years he has been an Extension Veterinarian at Penn State University where he is presently a Professor of Veterinary Science.

Dr. Hutchinson served five years as continuing education coordinator for the AABP and several planning committees for annual meetings. He is currently serving on the food safety committee. Dr. Hutchinson is also a member of AVMA, AASP, Pennsylvania VMA, ADSA and American Association of Extension Veterinarians.

Dr. Hutchinson is active in Boy Scouts of America and Prison Ministry. He and his wife, Bonnie have five children: Steven, Ben, Laura, Lee and Nathan. They enjoy hiking, biking and sailing.

## President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

AABP enters the twenty-first century as THE major cattle health organization worldwide and a major voice for food animal practice in North America. Despite rumors and predictions of declining demand for food animal veterinarians, our membership is large and growing; currently we are more than 5,500 strong.

Financial health of AABP is good, in part due to expanding membership, but also due to prudent fiscal management and strong industry support for our annual meeting. Member dues have been held at \$95 since 1993, a tremendous value.

The year 2000, as all years, presents plenty of issues and challenges (Exec. Vice President Jarrett terms them "opportunities") for AABP and its members. To highlight just a few of them:

- ◆ **Antimicrobial resistance:** The unresolved questions center on the possible role of food animal drug use in development of resistance, and pathogen load. AABP has been a strong proponent of science-based answers to these questions, prudent drug use and monitoring.
- ◆ **Meat and milk quality/safety issues:** Areas of concern include "non-fed" or market cow quality that includes bruising, excessive trim and residues; milk somatic cell count standards; detection, and monitoring/reduction of human pathogens in meat and milk. Bovine practitioners are increasingly called upon to be the developers, implementors and certifiers of quality product and process.
- ◆ **World marketplace issues** have profound effects upon the cattle industry. Antimicrobial residues, hormone use, and presence of pathogens are all impacting the

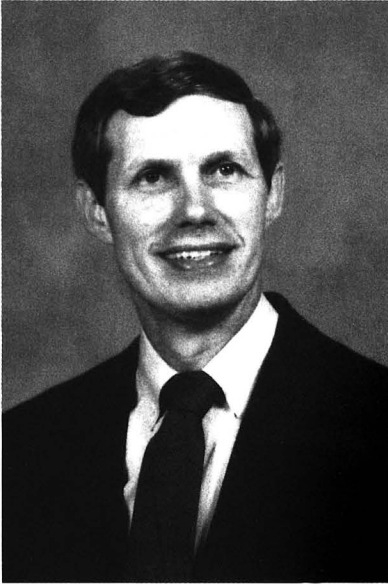
marketability of North American beef and milk products. Governments may address the scientific basis and/or consumer pressures for marketplace requirements, but at the practitioner level we're challenged to help our clients produce and sell world-market-ready products - no small task!

- ◆ During 1999 the AVMA reported results of a "megastudy" of veterinary manpower needs in the United States. Projected manpower demands in the food animal sector were for almost no growth, with a predicted surplus of food animal veterinarians. Veterinarians or veterinary groups active in food animal veterinary medicine conducted the study without input. The findings do not correlate well with the experience and observations of many of us involved in this part of veterinary medicine. Despite major structural changes in dairy, beef and other animal agricultural enterprises, the potential role for veterinarians in the production, safety/quality, profitability and sustainability of animal agriculture appear bright indeed.

The AABP provides high quality publications and continuing education. No practitioner is so isolated that he or she can't "discuss cases" with colleagues by AABP-L. AABP is "at the table" when most cattle and animal health groups discuss policy. Our committees effectively address a number of specialized issues. All of this is done largely by volunteers. We welcome and encourage you to be one of the many volunteers who help make AABP vital.

Best regards,  
Larry Hutchinson

## AABP Vice President



Dr. N. Kent Ames started working with livestock on his parents' farm in southwest Ohio. He graduated from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1974. An internship and residency followed at Kansas State University with a Masters degree in Surgery and Medicine. A career in academia then began at Michigan State University.

Although Kent has been involved with over 90 research projects, he found his niche in food animal surgery and teaching. He presently teaches in over a dozen courses ranging from basic animal science and anatomy to ethics, problem solving and surgery. He has developed and taught new courses at MSU at the graduate, professional and undergraduate levels.

Dr. Ames has taught surgery in Zimbabwe and South Korea, given scientific presentations in Israel and the Netherlands, and recently returned from a tour of Australia with veterinary and animal science students.

Numerous teaching awards have been bestowed upon him including the State of Michigan Teaching Excellence Award and the North American Outstanding Teacher Award in Veterinary Medicine. However, his greatest reward was being selected to give commencement addresses to 3 senior classes at the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Kent has been on numerous AABP committees and recently completed his second 3-year term on the board of directors. He has been proud to be associated with AABP as it has developed into an internationally recognized leader in issues concerning cattle, cattle producers, cattle veterinarians and anyone who uses cattle products.

## New Parliamentarian



No stranger to AABP members, Dr. Gatz Riddell, Auburn, Alabama, has assumed the position as the AABP Parliamentarian, replacing Dr. Mac Cropsey, who has retired after 25 years of voluntary service. Raised on a small beef cattle and wheat farming operation near McPherson, Kansas, Dr. Riddell received his DVM degree from Kansas State University in 1977. He received his Masters degree from Auburn University in 1984 and is a Diplomate of the American College of Theriogenology.

He has served two terms as a director of the AABP and was President of the AABP in 1995-96. He is on the Board of Directors of the Alabama DHIA and formerly served on the Board of Directors of the American Dairy Association. He was presented the AABP-Pfizer Distinguished Service Award at the 1999 AABP Conference in recognition of his years of dedicated service to AABP and to veterinary medicine.

Gatz and his wife Kay, who is a veterinarian involved in research and clinical service in the *In Vitro* Fertilization Laboratory at Auburn University, have three children: Molly (13), Wes (11) and Jonathan (6).

## Dr. Mac Cropsey Retires as AABP Parliamentarian



Dr. Mac Cropsey has retired as the AABP Parliamentarian after 25 years of voluntary service. Dr. Cropsey served as AABP President in 1974, and has been active in the organization in many capacities since its beginning.

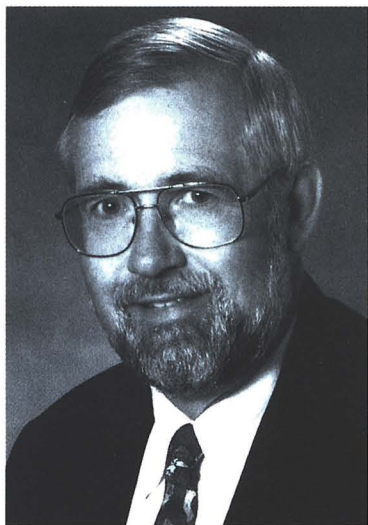
As Parliamentarian, Dr. Cropsey also chaired the AABP By-laws Committee. In recent years, the committee members assisting Dr. Cropsey were Dr. Gordon Atkins and Dr. Gatz Riddell. They were instrumental in developing and maintaining the Policy and Procedures Manual, the “bible” for the AABP officers, directors and staff.

Dr. Cropsey was in practice for many years, specializing in bovine reproduction. In the 1960’s, he founded and served as president of International Beef Breeders and later was president of Ankony Shawdow Isle Farms.

Retired from active practice, Dr. Cropsey remains active in veterinary organizations and resides in Littleton, CO.

*Dr. Jim Jarrett, left, congratulates outgoing Parliamentarian Dr. Mac Cropsey.*

## New Directors



Dr. Rich Meiring is the new Director for District IV, representing Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. He replaces outgoing Director, Kent Ames. Rich was raised on a general livestock farm in Fort Recovery, Ohio. He received both a BS in Agriculture in 1969 and his DVM degree in 1972 from The Ohio State University.

Following a year in mixed practice in Virginia, Dr. Meiring returned to Fort Recovery and became co-owner of a multi-person mixed animal practice. While practicing in Fort Recovery, Dr. Meiring’s main interests involved providing production medicine services to dairy clients in Ohio and Indiana. In 1998, Dr. Meiring joined the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine at The Ohio State University as a production medicine clinician.

An AABP member since 1975, Dr. Meiring has been a member of the Animal Welfare Committee, the Public Relations Committee and the Program Committee. He currently is a member of AVMA’s Council on Veterinary Service and the Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee and is the AVMA liaison to the National Mastitis Council. In 1996 Dr. Meiring was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine and the Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Meiring and his wife, Barb, have three children, Jason (23), Allison (21), and Laura (18). Avid supporters of Ohio State athletics, Rich and Barb enjoy golf, music, reading and family time. They also are involved in many community organizations and events. They will be relocating to Marysville, Ohio in the summer of 2000.



Dr. Jim Ehrlich, Argyle, New York, is the new Director for District 1, which includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. He replaces retiring Director Dr. John Ferry. Jim has been involved in AABP committees for many years, particularly in helping to set up the software library and AABP-L. Jim is familiar to many AABP members who have taken his internet seminars at the annual conference.

Dr. Ehrlich received his DVM degree from Cornell University in 1979 and started Dairy Veterinarians Group with his wife, Dr. Julie Zdrojewski, in 1983. They have three children, Andrew (11), Peter (9) and Emma (8). In addition to providing veterinary services to local dairy herds, they are currently developing a suite of information tools for dairy herd management, designed to be delivered over the internet.

Dr. Alan Herring, Litchfield Park, Arizona, was elected as the new Director for District 10, replacing retiring Director Dr. Gary Daley. District 10 includes Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada.

Born in Rome, Georgia, Dr. Herring attended Berry College and received his DVM degree in 1985 from the University of Georgia. He is a managing partner in a five-man dairy practice in Chandler, Arizona. Dr. Herring practices exclusively with large commercial dairies in the southwest United States and Mexico.

Dr. Herring is a member of the AVMA, Dairy Consultants Group and past chairman of the food animal committee of the Arizona AVMA. His hobbies include baseball, muscle car restoration, running and horse racing.

Dr. Herring and his wife Jean have two girls: Emily and Elizabeth.

*AABP members are represented by 13 Directors. The term of service is 3 years, and they are eligible for re-election to a second 3 year term.*



Dr. Wade Taylor, from Oakley, Kansas, replaces Dr. Darrell Payne as the District 7 Director. District 7 includes Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Wade received his DVM from Kansas State University in 1980 and began his professional career as an associate veterinarian with Dr. Rodney Oliphant in Offerle, Kansas.

Dr. Taylor founded Oakley Veterinary Service in 1982 and is now majority owner and managing partner of the 5 person general practice. Wade spends 95% of his time in stocker and feedlot practice, providing service to operations ranging in size from family owned operations to feedlots with 45,000 head capacity. He is also the managing partner for Cattle Performance Enhancement Co., an ultrasound company that provides carcass evaluation services.

Wade has been active in organized veterinary medicine and cattlemen's organizations, including AABP, AASP, AVMA, KVMA, KCA, NCBA, and the AVC, where he served as Director and President. He also is on the Board of Directors of the Farmers State Bank of Oakley and the Farmers and Merchant State Bank of Colby, Kansas.

Wade and his wife Sherry have two children, Garrett who is 14 and Lisa, who is 11. In his spare time, Wade enjoys roping, hunting, fishing, and wildlife habitat development.

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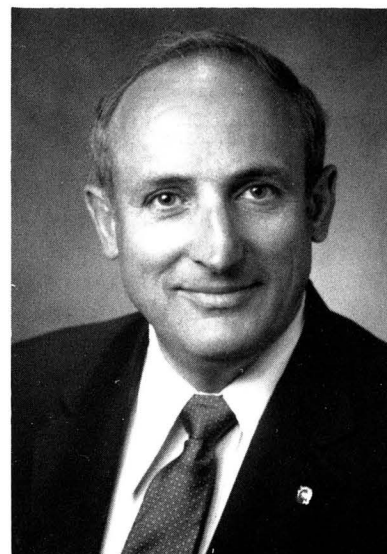
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# Annual Membership & Business Meeting

Saturday, September 25, 1999  
Nashville Convention Center  
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

President Walt Guterbock called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. Dr. Jarrett gave the invocation. Dr. Guterbock introduced those at the head table, including Dr. Roger Mahr, AVMA Executive Board liaison to the AABP and Dr. Alan Scheidt, AASP President.

Following approval of the minutes of the last business meeting, Dr. Mac Cropsey presented proposed by-laws amendments to the membership for approval. The first amendment proposed reduced registration fees for interns, residents and graduate students who attend the annual conference. Those wishing to attend and pay reduced registration fees must apply for the partial waiver and provide documentation of their eligibility. The second proposed by-laws amendment would change the final month dues could be paid from November to October. Both amendments were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Dr. James Jarrett, AABP Executive Vice President, reported that new attendance records were set at the Nashville conference, with 2,220 in attendance. Attendees included those from the United States and Canada as well as 23 foreign countries — 321 hours of continuing education were offered. AABP membership has remained steady, with 5,669 active, student, honorary, lifetime and VIP members. Dr. Jarrett reported that the previous year's schedule was very active as he and various AABP officers and volunteer members represented the organization at sev-

eral important meetings. He expressed his appreciation for the dedicated staff assistance provided by Jo Ann Patty and Sandra Himes.

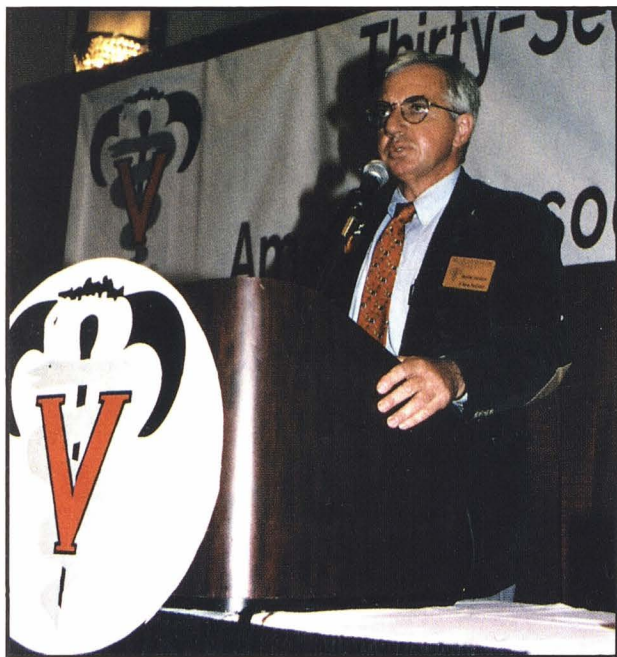
Dr. Roger Mahr briefly discussed the AVMA sponsored KPMG market study and asked for input from AABP members on this issue as well as any others impacting veterinarians. Dr. Alan Scheidt commented on the issues and concerns shared by AABP and AASP, including such things as antibiotic usage, antibiotic availability, food safety challenges and regulations that affect not only the practice of food animal medicine, but food animal production as well.

The 1999 Genevieve Hines Award for the best-dressed practitioner was presented to Dr. Vic Cortese of Pfizer Animal Health.

Dr. Larry Hutchinson presented appreciation plaques to outgoing directors Dr. John Ferry (District 1), Dr. Kent Ames (District 4), Dr. Darrell Payne (District 7), and Dr. Gary Daley (District 10). Newly elected directors included Dr. Jim Ehrlich (District 1), Dr. Rich Meiring (District 4), Dr. Wade Taylor (District 7), and Dr. Alan Herring (District 10).

Dr. Roger Saltman gave the treasurer's report. He reported that the Finance Committee has developed an investment policy that has been approved by the Board of Directors that will help to insure a fiscally viable organization well into the 21st century. He reported that total assets are now \$1,730,143.81. The organization has \$1,148,000 in "strategic reserves", some of which may be used to pay outstanding expenses for the Nashville meeting.

Dr. Jarrett announced new officers for 1999-2000. Dr. Kent Ames, East Lansing, Michigan, was elected as Vice-



*Dr. Guterbock presides at the 1999 Membership and Business Meeting.*



*Dr. Larry Hutchinson presents President's Award to Dr. Walter Guterbock.*

President. Dr. Rod Sydenham, Millet, Alberta, Canada moves to the position of President-Elect, while Dr. Larry Hutchinson, University Park, Pennsylvania automatically moves to the position of President.

Honor Roll membership was approved for four long-time AABP members. These veterinarians have reached the age of 70 and have been active members for 20 or more years. This year's list included Dr. Edward O. Kearley, Turlock, CA; Dr. M.P. Rines, Columbia, MO; Dr. Richard Schiltz, Roseville, CA; and Dr. John Crawley, Palmyra, WI.

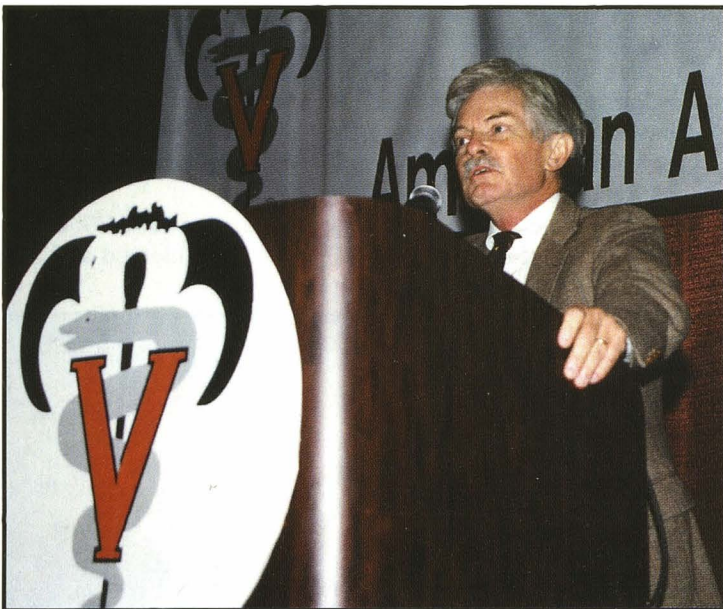
Dr. Jim Wasson, District 9 Director, encouraged everyone to make plans to attend the 2000 AABP Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota. This area is deep in ranching traditions and is adjacent to the famous Black Hills and Mount Rushmore. The Rapid City Convention Center offers spacious, modern facilities for the AABP Conference.

Dr. Mark Varner, University of Maryland, was presented Honorary Membership in the AABP in recognition of his years of contribution to AABP and the cattle industry, including Dairy-L, AABP-L, and presentations in computer and internet related seminars. Honorary membership can be extended to persons who have made noteworthy and outstanding contributions to bovine practice. Dr. Dick Wallace, Information Management Committee Chair, presented the award to Dr. Varner.

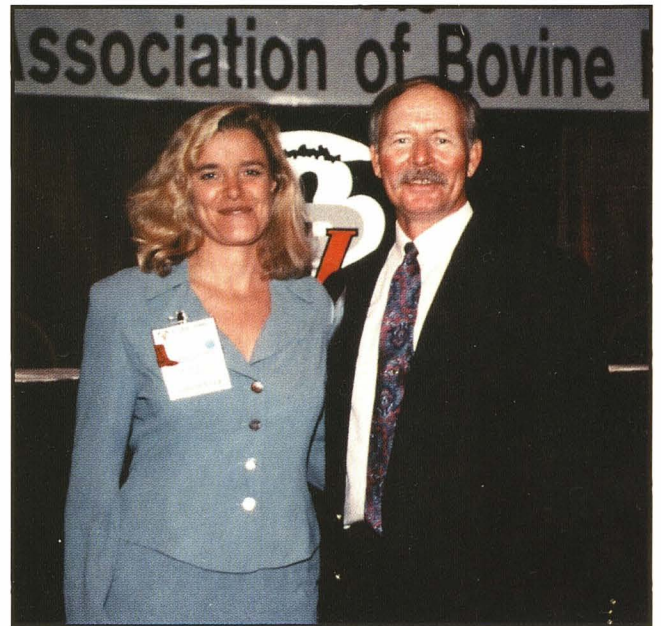
Before handing over the gavel to Dr. Hutchinson, Dr. Guterbock made his farewell remarks to the membership. He reflected on both the challenges and progress AABP had seen during the previous year. He further challenged the membership to prepare for the changes that the organization and bovine practice will face in the new century, including a consolidating industry that is shrinking, food safety and environmental concerns, and technology that is changing daily. He elaborated on how the AABP is preparing for the future by exploring new ways to bring information to the members, such as CD-ROM that is searchable, upgrading the AABP Web Site, and organizing a strategic, long range planning process so that the organization can always be moving forward while building on a glorious past. He concluded by expressing his appreciation for the support he had been given during his presidency by the AABP staff in Rome, the Board of Directors, Committees and countless volunteers from all facets of the membership.

Dr. Guterbock then passed the gavel to the incoming President, Dr. Larry Hutchinson. Dr. Hutchinson presented the President's Award to Dr. Guterbock in appreciation for his outstanding leadership during 1998-99.

The membership luncheon was sponsored through the generosity of **Alpharma, Pioneer Hybrid** and **West Agro**. The meeting was the adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



*Dr. Larry Hutchinson addresses the members after receiving the gavel.*



*Dr. Meg Cattell, Practice Tips Coordinator, with Dr. Bob Smith, winner of the 1999 "Best Practice Tip" Award.*

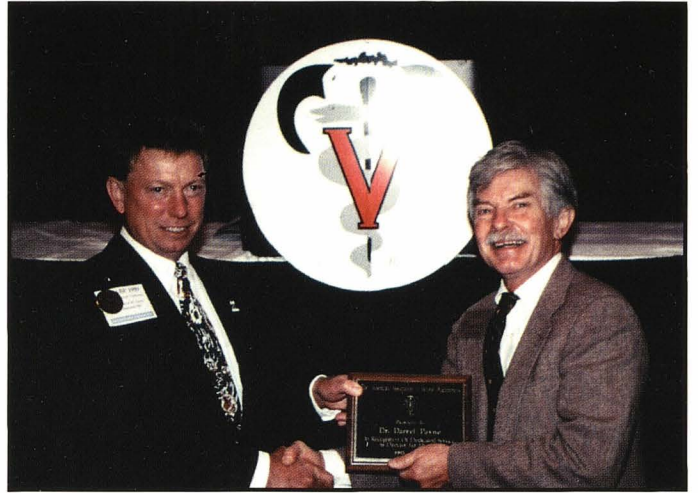
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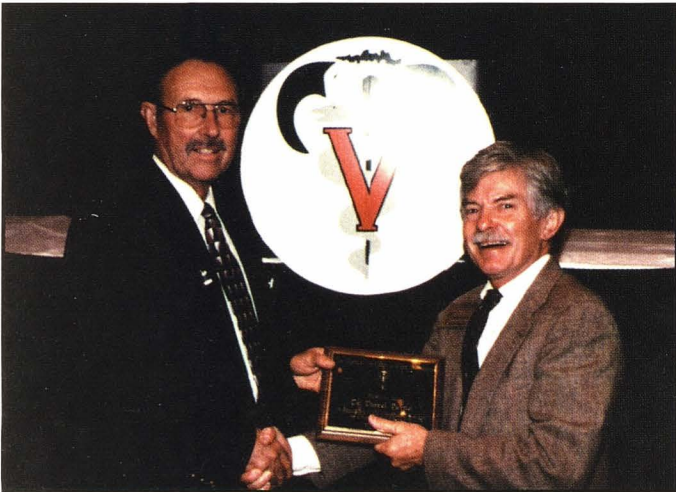
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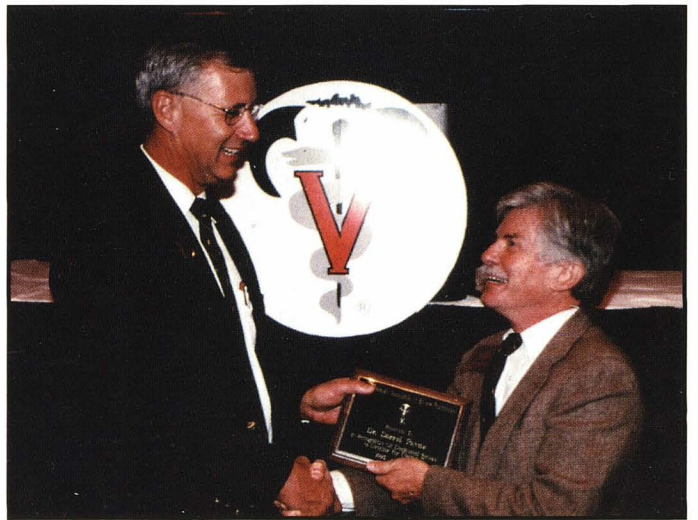
*Dr. Larry Hutchinson congratulates outgoing Director Kent Ames.*



*Dr. Larry Hutchinson congratulates outgoing Director John Ferry.*



*Dr. Larry Hutchinson congratulates outgoing Director Darrell Payne.*

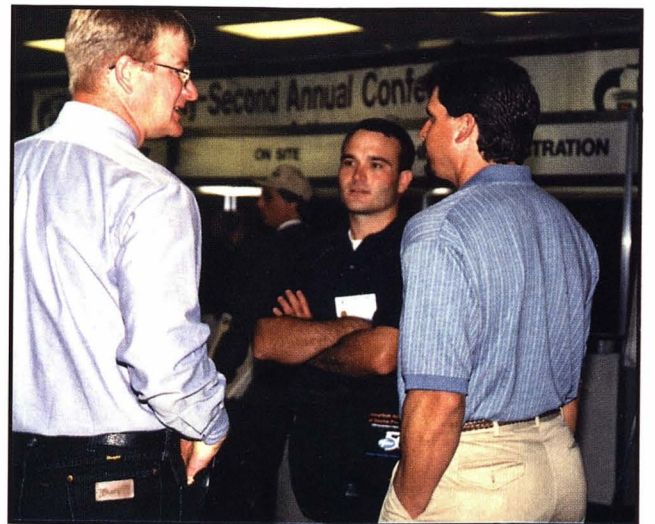
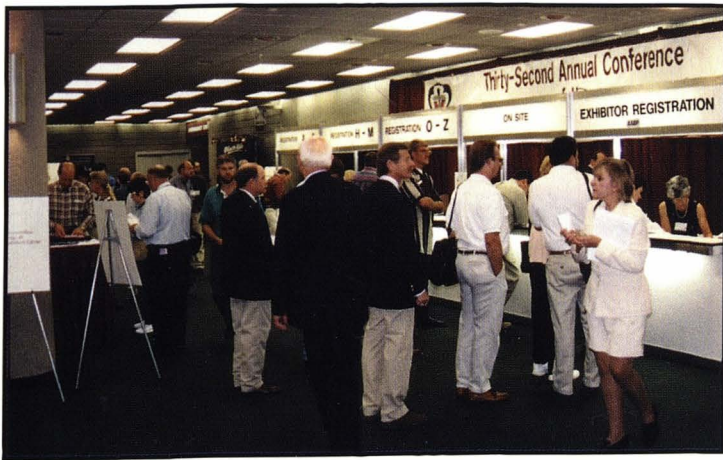


*Dr. Larry Hutchinson congratulates outgoing Director Gary Daley.*



*Outgoing directors (left to right): Dr. Kent Ames, Dr. Gary Daley, Dr. John Ferry and Dr. Darrell Payne*

# Registration



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# Opening Reception

Wednesday, September 22, 1999  
Renaissance Hotel Grand Ballroom  
Nashville, Tennessee

The 32nd Annual Convention Reception, **sponsored by Schering Plough Animal Health**, was held in the Renaissance Hotel Ballroom on Wednesday evening. It provided an opportunity for attendees to learn more about the upcoming program, tours, and local attractions.

The 1999 program included the Pre-convention Seminars, as well as General Sessions, Dairy Sessions and Beef Sessions. In addition, Practice Tips, Computer Practice Tips, Research Summaries and a new educational attraction, AABP Clinical Forums, were choices

for continuing education. The AABP Software Library was available to those who wanted to see the latest tools available on the information highway.

The AABP has been very active in recruiting veterinary students into bovine practice. Each year more and more student members have been attending the AABP Annual Convention. At the Nashville meeting, the Student Reception was hosted for students so that they could learn more about opportunities in bovine practice and become acquainted with more practicing veterinarians.



# Exhibits

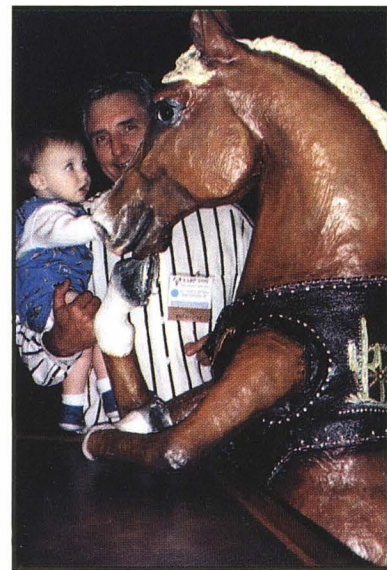
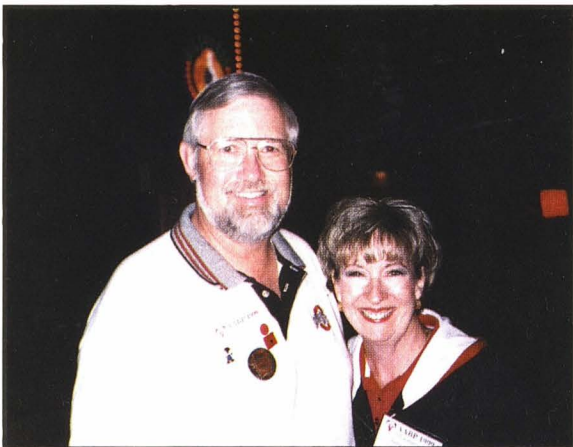


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# Bovines, Bluegrass and Barbeque

To relax and just “have a little fun,” the Friday evening social, Bovines, Bluegrass, and Barbeque was held at the Wildhorse Saloon. Participants grazed on beef, chicken and a variety of forages. Entertainment began with the band “Blue Highway”, followed by the

highlight of the evening, Ricky Scaggs and his band, Kentucky Thunder. Whether folks chose to dance on the pasture sized dance floor or just visit with friends, it was a night to remember. Thanks to **Pfizer Animal Health** for their support of this memorable event.



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# Board of Directors & Committee Meetings



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# 1999 Bovine Practitioner of the Year



*Dr. Steve Connell, Ft. Dodge, right, and Dr. Alan Herring, center, presenting Dr. Tom Fuhrmann with the award.*

Dr. Thomas J. Fuhrmann is the 1999 AABP-Ft. Dodge Bovine Practitioner of the year. The award was initiated by Diamond Laboratories in 1979. The recipient is selected for professional reputation, quality and competence of practice, activities in organized veterinary medicine, contributions to the livestock industry and to continuing education within the profession.

Dr. Alan Herring presented the 1999 award winner, stating:

"Since I began attending AABP meetings in the early 80's, I've realized just how prestigious this award truly is. What more of honor could it be to have a group of your peers recognize the efforts and contributions that you have made. This is one of the greatest honors we can receive as a practitioner. I see this award, Bovine Practitioner of the Year, as the MVP award for AABP. I can attest to the fact that this year's recipient is certainly deserving.

This year's recipient was raised on a small dairy near Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. At some time during his educational career he considered being a priest. Instead he chose to attend the University of Minnesota where he received his DVM degree in 1974. Upon graduation,

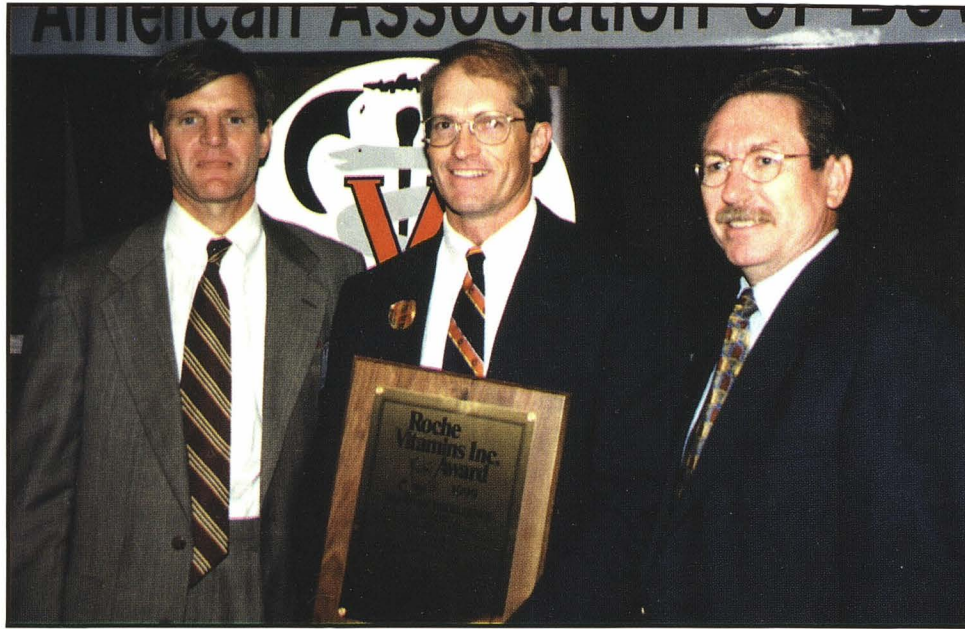
he took a job in a mixed practice across the country in Snohomish, Washington.

At this meeting in 1977, Dr. John Woods introduced him to a practitioner in Chandler, Arizona where he went to work in 1978 and there he developed a thriving dairy practice. He was later awarded the MSD AgVet-AABP Award for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine-Dairy. He has served as president of AABP and committee chairman. His contributions to this organization have been many.

He has been a consulting veterinarian for dairies around the world including Mexico and Saudi Arabia. He also serves as a consultant to several large co-ops in the United States and Mexico. He has been a strong advocate and proponent of total quality management as it applies to dairy production and profitability. He developed a dairy management seminar entitled "Dairy Works", promoting quality dairy management. His commitment to dairy production management, improvement of milk quality and dairy profitability is unprecedented.

**I am proud to announce that the 1999 Bovine Practitioner of the Year goes to a very deserving veterinarian and my friend, Dr. Tom Fuhrmann."**

# Hoffman LaRoche-AABP Award of Excellence



*Dr. Steve Sundlof, left, and Dr. Denny Hausmann, right, of Hoffman LaRoche, presenting the award to Dr. Gatz Riddell.*

Dr. Steve Sundlof, Director for the FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine, presented this year's award. Following are the comments made during the presentation of the award:

"It is an honor to be the one presenting this prestigious award. When I received the AABP Newsletter containing the ballot requesting nominations for the awards, I really had no intention of responding. But as I read through the descriptions of the awards, I was immediately attracted to the Hoffman LaRoche-AABP Award of Excellence. Then I read through the list of previous award recipients, and I was favorably impressed with the list. All of the recipients had consistently made major contributions to the profession over their storied careers. People like Glen Hoffsis, Dan Upson, Louie Perino, Vic Cortese, Sheila McGuirk, and others. But when I got to the bottom of the list, I immediately realized that one name was conspicuously absent. So I read through the list a second, then a third time. The name I was looking for was not there. Seizing on this rare opportunity, I quickly filled out the nomination form and mailed it in. So I was elated, although not surprised, when I learned of the selection.

The award recipient has been an active participant on several of the most pressing issues confronting the FDA and food animal medicine. As a past AABP President, he participated in the FDA/AVMA satellite conference on AMDUCA. He was active in the workshops and discussions that resulted in the development of pro-

fessional flexible labeling. As AABP President, he attended and participated in FDA's Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee meetings. He was one of the champions of the cause that led to the resolution on extra-label use of aminoglycosides in cattle. He has been a proponent on the proper use of antibiotics in coliform mastitis. But if I had to name the one thing that sets this person apart from the others, it is his unrelenting quest to hold bovine practitioners to a higher standard in the way they practice medicine and in their respect for public health. In knowing this individual, one gets the impression that this self-appointed role is fueled by a strong inner conviction and love for the profession.

On several occasions I would receive phone calls alerting me of situations of blatant disregard of FDA's policies and regulations. At other times he would call to ask for clarification of an FDA position so that he could relay the information back to the bovine practitioners. In all my interactions with this individual, he conducted himself with a quiet dignity and professionalism not often seen today.

Well, if I have any faults (and I have many) it's my failure to thank him for all of his selfless contributions to the FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine that made my job easier.

**So I am particularly grateful to the AABP for affording this opportunity to say THANKS to Doctor Gatz Riddell."**



# Pfizer Animal Health-AABP Distinguished Service Award



*Dr. Vic Cortese, Pfizer Animal Health, right, presenting Dr. Steve Eicker with the award.*

The 1999 AABP Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Steve Eicker. This award was established by the AABP in 1989. Since 1996 it has been co-sponsored annually by Pfizer Animal Health. It consists of a commemorative plaque, a certification of appreciation and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Candidates for the award are those individuals who, through long and continued service, have promoted the goals of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and whose accomplishments have served as a model for service to bovine agriculture through organized veterinary medicine.

Dr. John Fetrow, University of Minnesota, introduced the recipient. "It is an honor to be asked to present the Pfizer Animal Health-AABP Distinguished Service Award today. As you all know, the game here is to ramble on about this year's recipient for awhile without revealing his identity so that you can be surprised when his name is announced. This is going to be really tough, for reasons that will be obvious as I go along.

First, the recipient is an unlikely member of our profession in the first place. He grew up in a close-in suburb of a major industrial city and has no veterinary background. Some might say that the recipient still has no veterinary background. He graduated from high school with a low C average, where he found it almost impossible to focus on any particular topic long enough to collect a passable grade. He simply was never willing to exert the effort to memorize anything. In the end, he only got into college because he accidentally happened to come in second in his state's high school mathematics competition. The chair of the college's math department took pity on him and bullied the admissions committee into making a major exception and admit him. So he was off to college, majored in math and then went on and got a Masters in computer science. Nerd that he was, he began building computers in his garage. He somehow slipped past the admissions committee into veterinary school and as usual, graduated somewhere statistically below the top of his veterinary class.

What else was there to do? He entered academics! A tenured faculty position followed after an internship and residency and board certification in anesthesia. Our recipient is an expert in the use of narcotics in large primates. So I think it is clear to all here today why I am proud to announce this year's recipient of the Pfizer Distinguished Service Award, Dr...

—Oh, wait a minute. I think I forgot to mention a couple of things.

Nearly two decades ago, he happened to stop in a dairy practice in California. One of the veterinarians complained about the lack of information management systems for their large dairy clients. Our recipient, in a typical humble and self-effacing moment, allowed as how he could program the whole thing in a few weeks. He hasn't finished yet!! A collaboration was born that has changed the shape of our profession and the dairy industry itself.

Over those two decades, he has held true to form. No assumption, no convention, no belief, and few truths we all hold dear are sacred to him. He has challenged us all, asked the impertinent question, and been downright insufferable at times until as a profession we grudgingly admitted he was right so he would leave us alone. Through it all, he has been unshakable in his commitment to providing us with the tools we need to serve our dairy clients and to help dairymen succeed.

His contribution to the AABP has been felt for well over a decade and is profound and enduring. I think I can safely say that no veterinarian attending this meeting has escaped the effects, and many of you carry the scars around in black cases from farm to farm. Your registration depended on a record system whose foundation was laid by him. He was key in helping create the first dairy veterinary list serve and contributed to the foundation for AABP-L and our web site.

Most of you have figured out by now who our recipient is and know his irrepressible sense of humor and sense of play. You know that he has challenged, bullied, tricked, humiliated, entertained, and ultimately has changed our perspective about what it means to be a cutting edge practitioner. Fondly held beliefs have died painful deaths, accepted dogma has been crushed. Don't expect our recipient to take anything seriously. All of us who have hung around long enough have felt the foolishness that follows disagreeing with him about some absurd statement he has made. If you work with dairy records, you know that his vision has changed your life irretrievably, along with every software program and DHIA on the continent.

Our recipient is one of the very smartest people I have ever known. I can't imagine our profession without him. By being different than many of us, he has brought a unique and key dimension to our profession that has served us all.

**It is an honor and extreme pleasure to announce this year's recipient of the Pfizer Animal Health-AABP Distinguished Service Award, Dr. Steve Eicker."**

# Merial-AABP Awards For Excellence In Preventive Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Jay Brown of Merial Limited, described the awards. The AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine are being presented for the 18th time. Merial is dedicated to the discovery, development, manufacture, and delivery of innovative pharmaceuticals and vaccines designed to enhance the health, well being and performance of all animal species.

We at Merial are very proud of our past association with the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and look forward to continuing our relationship into the future. We thank you for supporting our merged companies in the past through the use of our product lines and services. It is our intention to maintain and enhance your support by continuing to bring you innovative products and ingenuity to keep you a step ahead.

The Merial-AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine are given to two AABP members or practices, one dairy and one beef, who have developed outstanding preventive medicine programs. Nominations for this award are submitted to the Executive Board/Awards Committee of the AABP where the winners are selected. This award consists of an individual plaque bearing the winner's name and a \$1500 general scholarship contribution to the veterinary school of his or her choice.

Once again, I thank you for allowing Merial Limited to become part of your awards program and to continue the sponsorship of these awards.

## Dairy Award



*Dr. Jay Brown, left, of Merial Limited, and Dr. Mark Wustenberg, right, with Dr. Hank Spencer.*

Dr. Mark Wustenberg presented the award. He stated: "When I was asked to introduce this year's recipient I couldn't help reliving for a moment last year when I received this award. It brought back the mixture of pride and humility you feel. It also brought back the feeling of deep appreciation I have for those folks that over the years have given me their friendship and guidance. This year's recipient is for me one of those individuals.

This individual has been one of the most successful I know at taking the basic things we learn as veterinarians and integrating them into a successful advanced production medicine practice. He has over the years provided basic herd health services to his clients. At the same time he has been able to successfully develop and implement effective programs which address nutrition, milk quality, economics and overall herd pro-

duction management. In fact, I don't think it's too much of a stretch to say he is among the most knowledgeable in our profession regarding issues of milk quality and milking machine function.

His practice, very simply, is one of the most effective I know at contributing to the overall success of his clients. This year's recipient represents for me the qualities I most respect in a veterinarian. High technical skill, deep respect for the folks he works for, tempered by the belief that it is a mistake to take yourself too seriously.

Our recipient began his veterinary career as a graduate of Kansas State University in 1982. He practiced in Wisconsin for 3 years before moving to Texas where he has practiced until the present time.

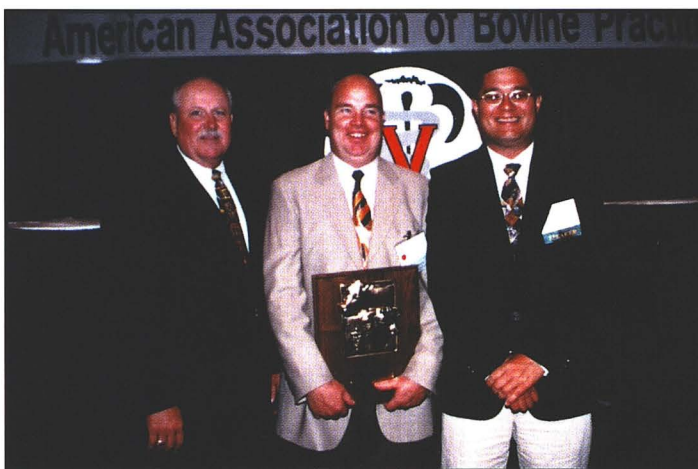
He is a member of the AVMA, Texas VMA, and the National Mastitis Council, where he currently serves as a director.

Our recipient's wife of 14 years is a professional in her own right. They have 3 children, one girl and two boys...both of whom remain polite on the phone even when mistaken for their mother. When I asked his wife for some inspirational words on their life together she basically quoted the mother monkey who said..."He's an ugly little bugger but there's no doubt he's all mine." She also told me that in his early educational career he was often characterized as having strong leadership

tendencies...however, there was usually less enthusiasm for the ways he chose to use these skills. There is no doubt in my mind, however, that he has chosen wisely...both in his personal and professional life.

**It gives me great joy to introduce to you the recipient of this year's Merial-AABP Award for Excellence in Dairy Preventative Medicine. My friend Dr. Hank Spencer."**

## Beef Award



*Dr. Jay Brown, left, of Merial Limited, and Dr. Kee Jim, right, with Dr. Tim Guichon.*

The beef award was presented by Dr. Kee Jim. In describing this year's recipient, he stated:

"I am pleased to announce that Dr. P. Timothy Guichon is the 1999 winner of the Merial-AABP Award for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine (Beef Award). Dr. Guichon is a partner in Feedlot Health Management Services. Subsequent to graduation from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan in 1982, Dr. Guichon has been a leader in the veterinary profession with respect to research, continuing education, production medicine, and service to veterinary organizations.

Dr. Guichon provided a significant contribution to the feedlot industry by introducing computerized animal health record keeping systems — a tool that is now relied upon heavily by cattle feeders and by veterinary consultants employed by cattle feeders. Routine collection and analysis of computerized animal health records is an integral part of the information-based production decisions made by Dr. Guichon. Recently, Dr. Guichon has been instrumental in the development and design of a new software program created specifically for the collection of individual animal health and production data at feedlots.

The strict adherence to an "evidence-based" approach to animal health, production, and management recommendations has been one key reason for Dr.

Guichon's success in feedlot veterinary medicine. As a result, Dr. Guichon has produced a substantial amount of research consisting of large-scale field trials done under commercial feedlot conditions that allows veterinary consultants to provide high quality information to their clients. All research is conducted to a standard that allows for publication in peer-reviewed journals.

To date, Dr. Guichon has authored or co-authored 20 scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals, and over 100 technical reports relevant to the academic field.

Currently, Dr. Guichon is leading a group of researchers from the veterinary, medical, and animal science fields that are conducting a project entitled "Investigation of Antibiotic Resistance in Beef Cattle and Potential Resistance Transmission to Humans". This \$900,000 project will have significant ramifications on the future practice of feedlot preventive and therapeutic veterinary medicine.

Dr. Guichon's leadership and commitment to the veterinary profession is also demonstrated through his involvement in organizations such as the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (President 1996-1997), the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (Beef Session coordinator 1999), the Academy of Veterinary Consultants, and the Canadian Association of Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine.

**I present to you, Dr. Tim Guichon."**

# AABP-Amstutz Scholarship Program

The year, 1999, marked the most ever Amstutz Scholarship awards in the AABP history with 26 - \$1500 awards given to the following individuals:

Daniel Barkey - Colorado State University  
Nicole Blackmer - University of California - Davis  
Ryan Bock - University of Missouri  
Eric Duch - University of Wisconsin  
Steven Gerratt - University of California - Davis  
Jason Gibson - Colorado State University  
Donna Hansen - Iowa State University  
Jonathan Hess - Oklahoma State University  
Kimberly Lewis - University of Georgia  
Andrew Macleod - University of Prince Edward Island  
Nathan Marti - University of Minnesota  
Philip Meadows - University of Guelph  
Daniel Meagher - University of California - Davis  
Eden Meyers - Auburn University  
Jason Milhollin - University of Missouri  
Aliza Moldofsky - University of Pennsylvania  
Tony Moraver - Kansas State University  
Richard Ruder - University of Wisconsin  
Jason Salchow - University of Missouri  
Suzanne Stillson - Auburn University  
Jennifer Trout - University of Florida  
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Michael Weaver - Virginia Polytechnic University  
Robert Wilson - Cornell University  
Amy Wyatt - University of Georgia  
Jeremy Yates - Auburn University

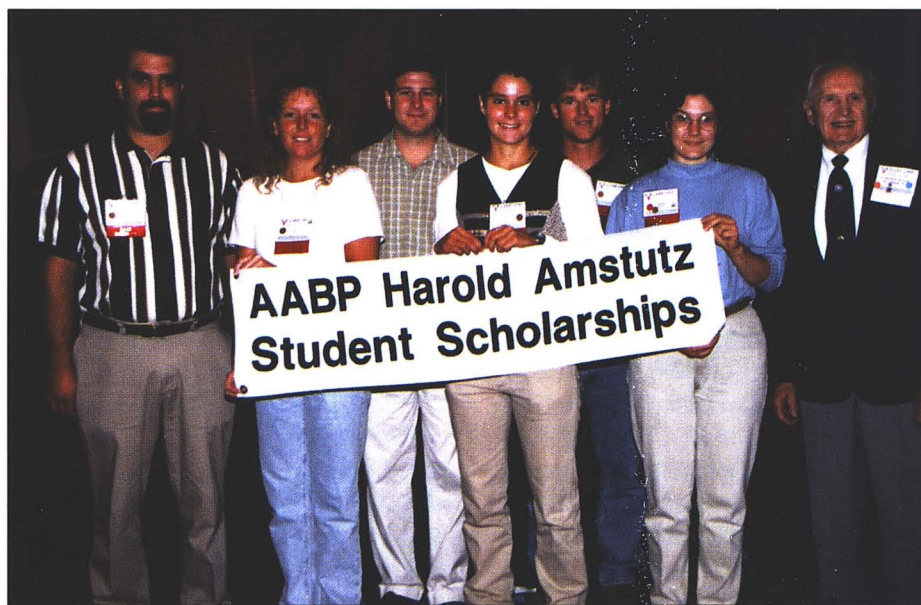
## Our congratulations to this years winners.

Once again this year, **The Eli Lilly & Co. Foundation and Elanco Animal Health** contributed the second installment of \$15,000 as part of a three-year commitment to the funding of the scholarships. Thank you Lilly Foundation and Elanco - your generous funding is greatly appreciated.

If you know of a sophomore (2nd year) veterinary student enrolled in a professional veterinary program in Canada or the United States that would make a good candidate for this prestigious award, please tell them to contact their AABP student chapter adviser, the AABP office or the AABP website for an application. This year's deadline will be May 30, 2000.

Part of what makes this program so special is the fact that we have had the opportunity to raise a major portion of the fund through our own members' contributions. This is your opportunity to help ensure the future supply of graduates with a sincere and demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in bovine veterinary medicine. You can vote with your dollars. Your tax deductible contributions and donations make it possible for the AABP to help influence in a meaningful way the numbers of graduates that are interested in this career pathway. You can and do make a difference. Thanks for all your help.

Keith E. Sterner, DVM  
Chair  
Amstutz Scholarship Committee

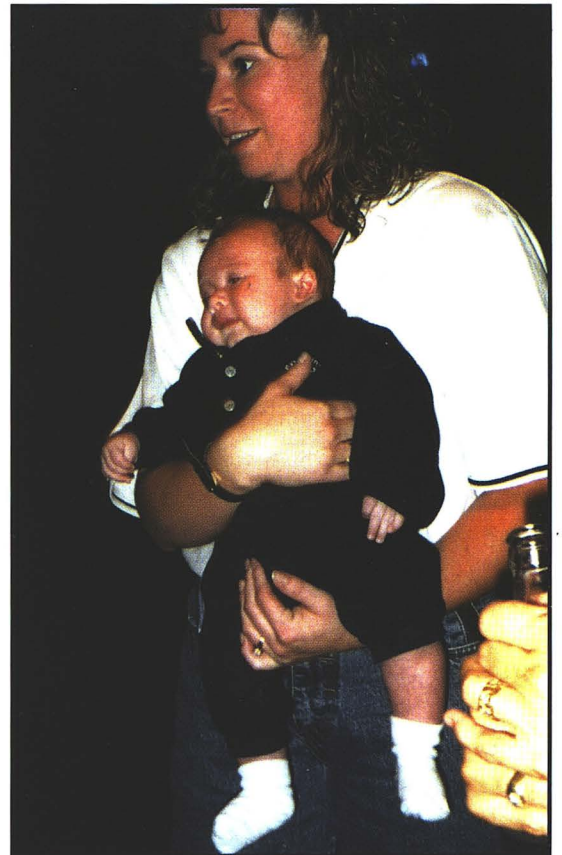
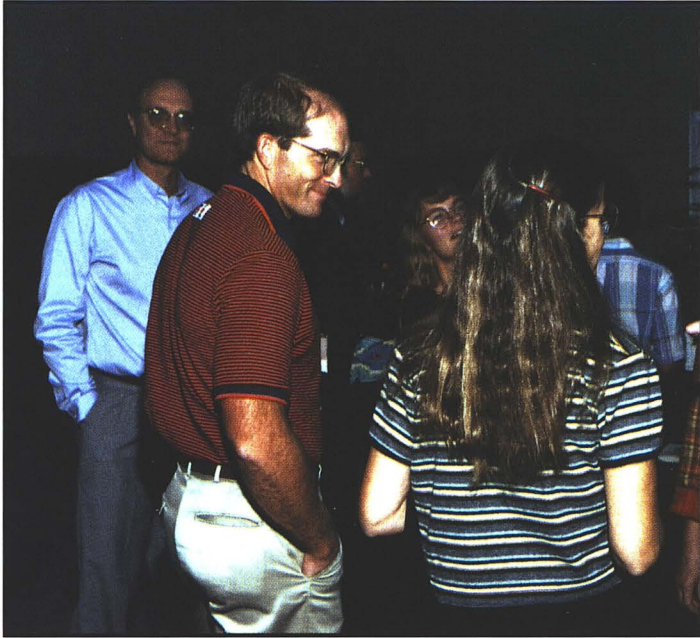


*Dr. Harold Amstutz with 6 of the 26 winners of the 1999 AABP-Amstutz Scholarships*

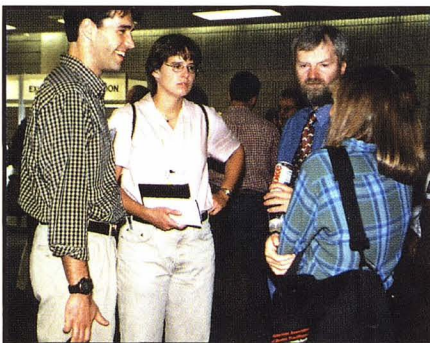
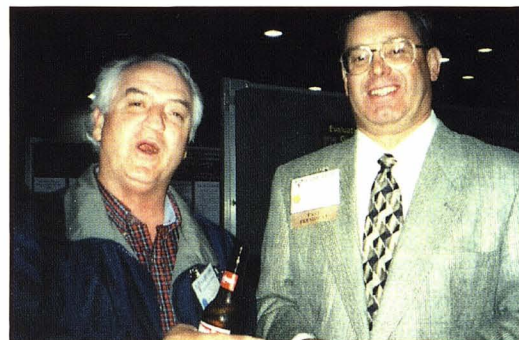
# A Night on Nashville

To end a busy week, AABP members and guests were treated to a night on the town by **Bayer Animal Health**. A buffet dinner was served at the new Adelphia Coliseum, home of the NFL's Tennessee Titans. Black Angus tenderloin with all the trimmings was the ration for the evening.

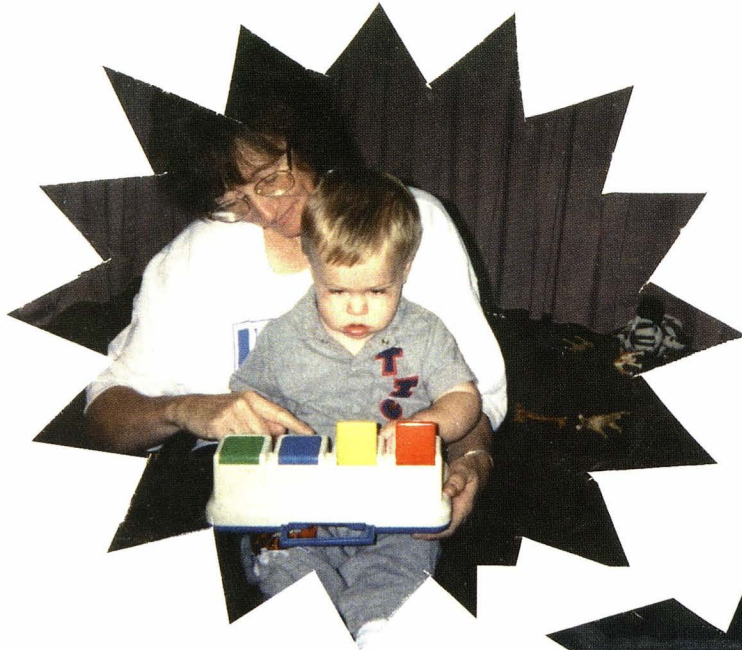
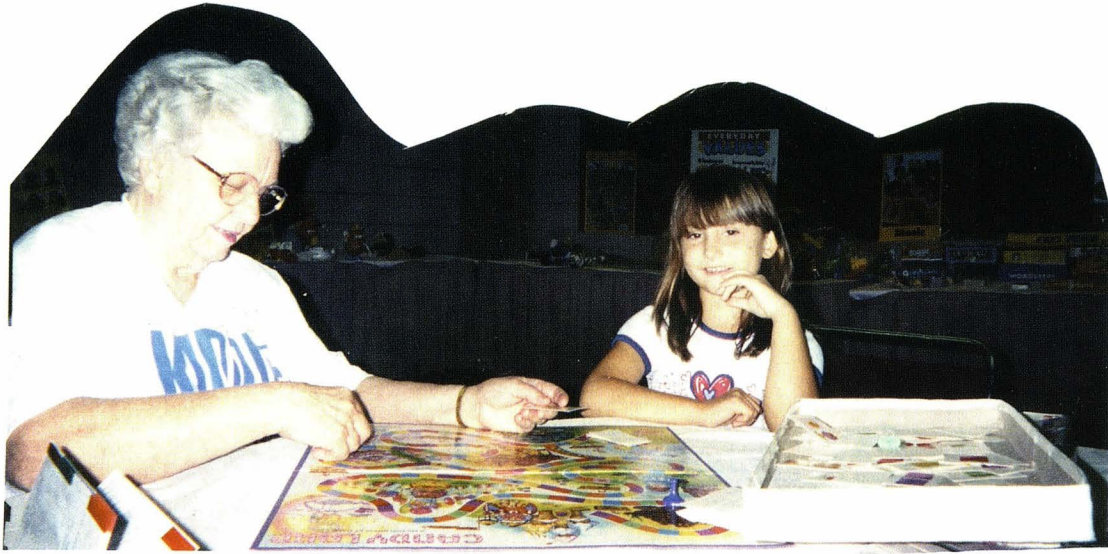
Following dinner, the festivities moved across town to the Grand Ole Opry, where AABP members took part in the Live Country Show featuring entertainers that have headlined in Nashville for many years.



# Friends



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