New AABP Officers and Directors 2012-2013



AABP President Dr. Nigel Cook is a Professor in the Food Animal Production Medicine section of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Veterinary Medicine. He qualified as a veterinarian in 1992 and worked in a large food animal clinic in Southern England for four years before moving to the Royal Veterinary College, Hertfordshire, where he spent three years as lecturer and head of the Large Animal Ambulatory Clinic. Since 1999 he has been in Wisconsin, providing a milk quality, lameness and facility trouble-shooting service to farmers, teaching veterinary students, and developing research related to the influence of the environment on hoof, udder and fresh cow health. He is currently Chair of the Department of Medical Sciences and President of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners.



AABP Vice-President Dr. John M. Davidson was raised in south Texas and traces his early interest in veterinary medicine to time spent working on his grandfather's ranch in his youth. He received his undergraduate and DVM degrees from Texas A&M University. He practiced in rural south-Central Texas where he was owner/partner of a four veterinarian mixed-animal practice. In 2007, Dr. Davidson joined the faculty at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences where he served an ambulatory clinician and extension veterinarian. He is currently a Professional Services Veterinarian with Novartis Animal Health U.S., Inc. He is board certified by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (Beef Cattle). He completed the Beef Cattle Production Management Series at the Great Plains Veterinary Education Center in Clay Center, Nebraska. His research interests are reproductive and respiratory diseases in cattle. He has served on the Texas Animal Health Commission's Trichomoniasis and Brucellosis Working Groups. He enjoys speaking at local, state, and national meetings

related to animal health and disease prevention. Committed to youth in agriculture, Dr. Davidson has been a veterinarian at the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo since his days in private practice. His AABP committee service includes Membership (Chair), Veterinary Practice Sustainability, Pharmaceutical and Biological Issues, and Program committees. He is also member of the AVMA, AVC, SFT and TVMA (lifetime). He enjoys Fightin' Texas Aggie football, hunting, outdoor activities with his family, and is an aspiring aviator who recently earned his pilot's license. John, wife (D'Ann), and their two children (Claire and Jake) reside in College Station, Texas.

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District II Director Dr. Thomas B. Massie, Jr. is a fourth generation beef cattle producer from Washington, Virginia. Following completion of his B.S. degree in Animal Science from Virginia Tech, he attended VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine (VMRCVM) and received his DVM degree in 1995. In 1998, he started Rose Hill Veterinary Practice, P.C.

Dr. Massie is a member of the AVMA, AABP, Virginia Veterinary Medical Association, SFT, and Virginia Food Animal Academy. He served on the Board of the VVMA starting in 2002, as well as serving four years on the Executive Board and as VVMA President from 2009-2010 and from 2010-2011, and as Chairman of the Veterinary Memorial Fund housed at VMRCVM. Dr. Massie was honored with the Paul F. Landis Virginia Veterinarian of the Year Award in February 2013. He remains active at the VMRCVM and has been involved with their Mentor Program since 2002 (being selected selected as Mentor of the Year in 2009). He is currently serving on their Curriculum Advisory Board. Dr. Massie is President of the Northern Virginia Community

College Veterinary Technician Program Curriculum and Advisory Board, and is an Adjunct Professor for NVCC. He is a charter member of the Virginia Johnes' Working Group that initiated herd certification in 2002. He has been involved with animal identification in the Commonwealth for many years, and is currently serving on the Animal Disease Traceability Board. He is also a member of the IETS, AETA, and is a loyal 4-H sponsor.

In addition to his varied professional interests, Dr. Massie is the proud father of two children, Emily (16) and Jack (14). He also enjoys farming, hiking, fishing, skiing, canoeing, and motorcycling.



District V Director Dr. Hunter Lang received his DVM degree from Michigan State University in 1981. He joined the Sauk Prairie Veterinary Clinic, SC in 1982 and never left. The practice is a four person food animal practice (95% dairy) about 30 miles northwest of Madison in Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin. Dr. Lang's role as senior partner includes leadership in record analysis, reproduction programming, milk quality, and cow comfort. The Sauk Prairie Veterinary Clinic has held monthly client meetings (Sauk County Dairy Optimist Club) for 15 years, where invited speakers from academia and industry present information to the SPVC clientele.

The clinic has served as adjunct faculty members in the Ambulatory Rotation with the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine since 1987. Dr. Lang enjoys a close relationship with the UW Food Animal Production Medicine group, facilitating farm visits for production medicine rotations and recruiting study herds for the UW. In addition, the clinic has hosted many veterinary students and veterinary technician students over the years. Dr. Lang completed the

UW Dairy Herd Management Certification Program in 1995.

Dr. Lang is a member of the WVMA, SWVMA, AVMA, NMC and the clinic is part of ARV. He is looking forward to giving back to the AABP and keeping it at the forefront of CE for food animal veterinarians. Hunter and his wife, Laura, have four children who are all in college. When he is not writing checks to the UW, Hunter enjoys travelling, participating in sports, reading, and attempting to learn to fly fish.



District VIII Director Dr. Joe Hillhouse is a 1984 graduate of the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine. He and his wife, Carol (TEX '84) own and operate the Carson County Veterinary Clinic in Panhandle, Texas and the High Plains Animal Hospital in Borger, Texas. Three other veterinarians round out the professional team of the mixed animal practice. Joe and Carol have two sons—Grady, 25 and Graham, 24.

Joe's primary practice is with beef cattle—a mixture of mostly cow-calf with some stocker and feedlot. In keeping with servicing his rural clientele, he also does small animal, swine, equine, and small ruminant work.

He is a member of the AVMA, Texas VMA, High Plains VMA, Academy of Veterinary Consultants, and the Society for Theriogenology. He currently serves on AABP's Practice Sustainability Committee, Student Membership and Activities Committee, and the Membership Committee. He also serves on the Weaning BMP Taskforce. He served two years on the USDA's VMLRP selections panel.

He is a past-president of the Panhandle Lion's Club and Panhandle Chamber of Commerce and was selected as Citizen of the Year. Joe has devoted many volunteer hours to the Boy Scouts through Troop and Pack 501 in Panhandle, as well as through the Goldenspread Council. He is a Silver Beaver and has received the Vigil honor from the Order of the Arrow. He is an honorary Lone Star Farmer with the FFA as well as a Friend of 4-H.

Joe enjoys camping, fly-fishing, canoeing, and outdoor cooking.

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