

1972  
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
December 11-13

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*Bovine Reproduction and Prearranged Herd Health Programs*

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After the Denver meeting in 1971, it was obvious that growth had occurred. Having contracted with the Playboy Club at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin to be the location of our next meeting in 1972, the attendance at the Denver meeting definitely indicated that we needed a larger number of hotel rooms than what was available in Lake Geneva. Dr. Allenstein negotiated a release of our contract with the Playboy Club (not to the fancy of a number of dairy practitioners who study udder conformation!) and obtained the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee for the meeting in December. Truly this was a good move as Dr. Allenstein had 350 rooms readily available compared to the 200 at Lake Geneva. However, there was still a dilemma a week before the start of the convention, as there were twice as many room reservations as available rooms. Dr. Allenstein spent several days booking rooms just before the practitioners' arrival.

Wisconsin didn't let us down in making people feel at home with a huge snow storm during the convention! We should have known to look for the worst weather as when Drs. Tharp, Harrington, Hutchins, and Amstutz came to town 11 months before, they were greeted with a minus 30 degree temperature and neither Harrington or Tharp had a topcoat! The snow was memorable as was Dr. Eric Williams' comment in the Proceedings concerning the future of AABP, and I quote - "*Your future lies before you like a path in untrodden snow; be careful how you tread it, for every step will show.*"

Early in our Continuing-Education (C/E) endeavors, prearranged herd health programs were a prime topic for discussion. Consequently this was the theme of the 1972 meeting. It started a few years previously.



(Left to right): Dr. Quinn, President-elect, AVMA; Mr. Bill Knox, Hoard's Dairyman; Dr. M. L. Weldy, AABP Delegate, AVMA House of Representatives; Dr. Leland Allenstein, Local Arrangements Chairman.

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*Dr. Leland C. Allenstein contributed most of this section*

Preconditioning of feedlot cattle was a constant topic. The C/E endeavor was put forth in many fields of bovine practice to increase the competency of our members. Many avenues were introduced, other than our Convention, through seminars, district meetings, the newsletter that Dr. Amstutz instigated, the tours to different aspects of the dairy industry, and liaison with other dairy organizations.

Preconvention tours included American Breeders Service, Carnation Breeders Service, Allen Hett's Crescent Beauty Farm (Holsteins), Mitchell Park Conservatory and Pabst Brewery.

Our first Milk Quality Seminar was held in Milwaukee under the direction of Dr. James Jarrett and Dr. John Woods, (*this seminar has been on-going since 1972 with a full registration each year*). The scientific program had many facets of programming herd health. Preconditioning of feedlot cattle was a hot topic. Aspects of dairy program practice received wider exposure. In the infertility and reproduction section with Drs. Roberts, McEntee, and Zemjanis, we heard from the experts. An update on the AI Industry gave us renewed data to support genetic evaluation of a breeding program. Evaluation of our veterinary biologics was put forth to practitioners, answering many unanswered questions. **The highlights of the meeting were two papers forecasting the 1970's in the dairy industry by William Knox, editor of the *Hoard's Dairyman* magazine, and in the beef cattle industry by D.B. Laster, head of the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center, Clay Center, Nebraska.**

A summary of the business session of the Executive Board included a dues increase to \$25.00, a request that the *Bovine Practitioner* be a world publication for the World Association for Buiatrics, that we publish three newsletters annually, that AABP members as speakers would not be paid, that the 1973 meeting be held in Fort Worth, Texas, and the 1974 meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Francis Fox was the President of this meeting. He handed the gavel to Dr. Ben Harrington for 1972-73.

There were 442 new member applications.

**Other officers included:**

President Elect	Dr. L. Mac Cropsey
Vice President	Dr. Vernon Tharp
Exec. Sec./Treasurer	Dr. Harold Amstutz
Editor	Dr. Eric Williams



*Dr. Francis H. Fox (right) handing the gavel to Dr. Ben Harrington.*

**District Directors:**

District I	Dr. Sam Hutchins, III (re-elected)
New: District IV	Dr. Glen Hoffsis, Columbus, OH
District VII	Dr. John Noordsy, Manhattan, KS
District X	Dr. Robert Harris, Turlock, CA
District XII	Dr. Otto Radostits, Saskatoon, Sask. Canada

Dr. L. Mac Cropsey: Chairman - Constitution and By Laws

Dr. Leland Allenstein: Publications Advertising Manager

Dr. Sam Hutchins III: Exhibits Chairman

In the year ending Dec. 1972, members' equity amounted to \$50,161.

At our mid year executive board meeting, the committee format was restructured, each with a board member as chair. Our relationship with cattle organizations was strengthened as we joined the LCI (Livestock Conservation Institute) and USAHA (United States Animal Health Association).

Dr. Maurice Weldy, AVMA Delegate, reported that "*the American Association of Bovine Practitioners is now respected as a major block of the AVMA structure.*"

Ladies activities were becoming an important part of each Convention. Under the leadership of Mrs. Betty Allenstein and Mrs. Jean Meads, the ladies and some spouses visited the Horticulture Conservatory, the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, one of the last works of Frank Lloyd Wright, Milwaukee Museum and a walk through the shops and sidewalks of the glamorous Gay 90s - plus a lot of Christmas shopping! The highlight, however, was Gemutlichkeit Night.

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### Endnotes

*All Creatures Great and Small* written by James Herriot was published by St. Martin's Press in the United States. James Herriot was the "pen name" for James Alfred Wight, a bovine practitioner in Thirsk, Yorkshire, England. The book became a worldwide best seller and was also made into a television series that is still being shown in many countries (see also p. 74).

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*It appears that most conventions have their highlights or unusual happenings. Such was the case at one of our early annual meetings. There was a prominent AABP member who was never satisfied with his hotel room. He would invariably request to be moved to a more suitable one. Apparently, he became so frustrated one time that he got up in the middle of the night, dressed and decided to go home. He went to the desk to check out and asked for his car to be brought from the garage. To his utter dismay, it was revealed that one of the staff had taken his brand new Cadillac home for the night. It is assumed that our noble colleague went back to bed — the same bed!*

