

1973
6th Annual Convention
Fort Worth, Texas
December 2-5

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What's the Present and Future of Bovine Practice?

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For the first time, the Annual Convention had a theme, namely *What's the Present and Future of Bovine Practice?* There was a continuation of three sections - Dairy, Cow-calf, and Feedlot. A Practice Tips section was well received, a time when unknown speakers are discovered! A panel of Board Directors was also put on the stand to answer questions from the audience.

The Pre-convention Seminar on the Production of Quality Milk continued to thrive but was limited to 20 registrants.

Dr. Douglas Blood, a noted professor and author from Australia, gave an in-depth presentation on the future of bovine practice.

Nutrition and the lactating cow received much attention with Dr. Fred Troutt discussing many disease conditions arising from rations. Calf diseases and the epidemiology of feedlot infections were covered in the beef sessions.

Several diseases, their incidence and need for eradication were discussed at the Convention, namely brucellosis, salmonellosis, and paratuberculosis. There was also much concern about nutritional knowledge among our members. It was recommended that district and in-depth seminars should be arranged to deal with the subject, also a survey of members to ascertain their needs.

The Ladies Program included a tour of Van Roach Cattle Company and Bunker Hunt's Charolais Ranch, along with their spouses and other convention registrants. There were also tours to Lions Country Safari, an all day trip to Dallas including Nieman Marcus and attending an after-luncheon program by Dr. Harry Dewes about practice in New Zealand.



*Dr. Horace T. Barron and Dr. Raymond A. Ivie,
Convention Co-chairmen*



Dr. and Mrs. Harry Dewes and daughter Dr. Lorna Dewes

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

Dr. Ben Harrington presided over the Annual Business Meeting. Executive Secretary-Treasurer Harold Amstutz reported that there were 90 applicants for membership at the meeting. Dr. Sam Hutchins III stated that there were 51 booths this year compared to 41 in 1972.

Officers for 1974:

- President-Elect Dr. Vernon Tharp, Columbus, OH
- Vice President Dr. Leland C. Allenstein, Whitewater, WI
- Exec. Sec.-Treasurer Dr. Harold Amstutz

District Directors:

- District II Dr. Jack Shanks, Olney, MD
- District VIII Dr. Horace Barron, College Station, TX (re-elected)
- District XI Dr. Lavon Koger, Pullman, WA

Editor Eric Williams reported that *The Bovine Practitioner* was now the official communication link between the AABP and WAB.

It was agreed to publish 8500 copies of the *Proceedings* and 2400 copies of *The Bovine Practitioner*.* The following resolutions were approved:

1. that the sale of Strain 19 Brucella vaccine be made only to veterinarians
2. that the distribution of Brucella test be restricted by APHIS
3. that since paratuberculosis was contributing significant financial loss to the cattle industry, control measures should be implemented.



*Copies of the journal were sent to members, libraries and also to bovine practitioners known to be engaged in cattle practice in the neighboring states to the Convention host state.

There was much concern that in the future, bovine lymphosarcoma and not bovine leukemia be the correct terminology and to emphasize that there is no hazard to human health.

President Harrington passed the gavel to the incoming President, Dr. L. Mac Cropsey.



Dr. Ben Harrington (left) handing the gavel to the incoming president, Dr. L. Mac Cropsey.

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Endnote

At the Executive Board Meeting in the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, during the AVMA Annual Convention, on July 17, President Harrington reported on a meeting in Washington with Representative Litton along with representatives of other organizations with agricultural interest. It was agreed that they should pool their resources so as to influence legislation.

The Board approved a resolution that more than 50% of AABP Directors be private practitioners.

An AABP Membership Meeting was held the following day. President-Elect Cropsey substituted for President Harrington. He announced that the AABP would have an active part in planning joint AABP-AVMA programs at future AVMA meetings.