

1975
 8th Annual Convention
 Atlanta, Georgia
 December 10-13

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Progress and Future Challenges of the Cattle Practitioner

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“There’s a new rhythm in the lives of Southerners today.” This introduction in *The New South*, a new publication, summed up admirably the vitality of Atlanta, our host city. A record attendance enjoyed an excellent academic program, a rip-roaring Georgia bash and an unlimited supply of grits as promised by our local arrangements committee, led by Dr. James and Mrs. Margaret Jarrett and Dr. Morton and Mrs. Donna Silberman.

Pre-convention Seminars were now available: Production of Quality Milk (continued), Physiology of Reproduction and Diseases of the Central Nervous System.

The Convention was ‘launched’ in great style with a multimedia presentation featuring over 700 colored slides shown on 5 screens.

Lunch was served in the Exhibit area, an innovation that has continued throughout the years.

Dr. Vernon Tharp, President, called the Annual General Meeting to order on Friday, December 12 at 10:45 a.m. Secretary Amstutz reported that **2,200** veterinarians and **1,010** students were members of AABP. He stated that the monthly newsletters had been published since 1975. (It has continued monthly, except during the Convention month, ever since.)

Dr. Sam Hutchins III announced that 61 booths (exhibits) brought in approximately \$20,000 gross.

Officers elected for 1976 were:

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| President | Dr. Leland C. Allenstein, Whitewater, WI |
| President-Elect | Dr. Robert T. Harris, Turlock, CA |
| Vice President | Dr. James A. Jarrett, Rome, GA |
| Exec. Secretary-Treasurer | Dr. Harold Amstutz, W. Lafayette, IN (re-elected) |



Dr. Silberman and Dr. Jarrett



*Mrs. Margaret Jarrett
Co-chairperson*



*Mrs. Donna Silberman
Co-chairperson*

Directors

- District I Dr. Sam Hutchins, III (re-elected)
- District IV Dr. Glen Hoffsis, Columbus, OH
- District VII Dr. Harold Miller, Shawnee, OK
- District X Dr. Robert Dickson, Bakersfield, CA (re-elected)

Three bylaws amendments were approved. They added a life membership and a student membership categories; also two districts for Canada (*See Endnotes*).

AABP Editor Eric Williams announced that mailing copies of the journal to nonmembers would be discontinued.

Each annual convention had now come to be regarded as an annual rendezvous for many AABP members and spouses. There were tours to give the ladies “loving looks” at the exciting city and surrounding areas with visits to the new Omni World Congress Center site, Atlanta Stadium, Capital Complex, underground Atlanta, and Dr. Martin Luther King’s church and memorial; a bus tour along the scenic drive to Stone Mountain Park and Atlanta’s famed Cyclorama with the fascinating story of the Battle of Atlanta.

The Georgia Country Bash, a family style dinner was highlighted by entertainer Jerry Clower, the fabulous “Mouth of Mississippi,” a noted story teller, MCA Records star, and Grand Ol’ Opry regular.

Before passing the gavel to Dr. Leland C. Allenstein, President Vernon Tharp stated that he considered the AABP to be a strong, healthy, growing organization. **“Major challenges facing bovine practitioners are government antitrust actions against the professions, drug residues in meat and milk, and brucellosis.”**



Passing the gavel



40 YEARS TOGETHER!

Dr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Woelffer, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary during the convention. Congratulations—right on!

Endnotes

Amendment 1: Life Membership

- (a) Life members shall be those members who have reached the age of 65 and have been continuous member for 5 years.

Amendment 2: Student Membership

- (b) Student members shall be professional veterinary students at United States and Canadian colleges of veterinary medicine. Students may form affiliated student chapters with the same relationship to the American Association of Bovine Practitioners that student chapters of the American Veterinary Medical Association have to that organization. Students are requested to adopt a constitution and bylaws modeled after the one approved for the Ohio Chapter by the AABP Executive Board on July 22, 1974. If a student chapter is not formed at a particular school, students attending that school can join the AABP as individuals. Dues for student members shall be \$5.00 per year payable in advance to the Treasurer of the AABP. Student Chapters may charge additional dues for local use if they so desire.

Amendment 3: Divides Canada into Two Districts Making a Total of 13 AABP Districts.

- (c) *District XII* shall include the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland.
District XIII shall include the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.



Dr. Robert Harris, left and Dr. Harold Miller

