

1982
15th Annual Convention
Nashville, Tennessee
December 1-4

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Nashville, Tennessee—Music City USA, home of country music and the Grand Ole Opry was the venue for the 15th Annual Convention on December 1-4, 1982. Nashville, the state capitol, is a blend of southern history and tradition, foot-stomping music—truly a city of the New South, rich in culture, scenic beauty and solid economic growth.

The General Chairman was Dr. Glen Hoffsis while Dr. Herbert Lloyd was the Local Arrangements chairman.

Pre-Convention seminars continued to gather momentum and were expanded to include seminars on surgical techniques and advanced embryo transfer. A new feature in the regular program was a session on animal welfare. An expanded autotutorial area was located adjacent to the exhibits hall.

The program committee decided against having a theme since it was felt that subject material in every important practice area was presented at the Convention.

President Keith called the Annual General Meeting to order following the noon lunch on December 3. A projected dues increase was not necessary because of AABP's excellent financial situation with \$256,356.16 in the treasury. The AABP had 4,200 member veterinarians.

Pre-Convention seminars continued to gain momentum with 1,285 registered in 16 seminars. The AABP started designating some of the seminars as entry level and advanced level.

President Keith expressed his pleasure with the record attendance. He introduced Dr. Bud Schulz, President, American Dairy Science Association, Dr. Paul Enoch, Tennessee VMA representative and Dr. Steve Henry, President, American Association of Swine Practitioners.

Deans from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Louisiana, California, Oklahoma and Ohio sent representatives to the meeting.

Retiring Director plaques were presented to Dr. Joseph Bitter, District 8; Dr. Robert Darlington, District 11; and Dr. Darrel Johnson, District 5.

Officers elected for 1983 were:

President: Dr. Glen Hoffsis, Columbus, Ohio
President-Elect: Dr. Jenks Britt, Russellville, KY
Vice President: Dr. Herbert Lloyd, Arcadia, FL
Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Harold Amstutz, W. Lafayette, IN

Directors:

District 5: Dr. Roland Jeans, Evansville, WI
District 11: Dr. Joseph Wright, Castroville, TX

President Keith stated that the sale of AABP lapel pins continued to do well. The Board approved the purchase of 250 numbered AABP logo belt buckles, to be sold by him and his wife, Careen for \$25 each.

At one of its marathon meetings, the Board discussed at length the role of the pharmaceutical companies at AABP annual meetings. The consensus was that the current policy of setting aside one evening for them was still acceptable.



Dr. Joseph Wright

Dr. Robert Keith contributed most of this section.

The pros and cons of the use of bulk drugs by veterinarians for preparing mastitis medication was now becoming a ‘hot’ topic.

The Convention had a record attendance of 914 veterinarians, 36 students, 480 spouses, 226 exhibitors and 10 guests—a total of 1,666.

AABP Honorary Membership was approved for Dr. James Alfred Wight (James Herriot), Thirsk, Yorkshire, England (p. 72).

Jean Lloyd and Linda Hoffsis were in charge of the Spouses Program. It included tours of Historic Nashville and Music City, Carter’s Court, Hermitage and Tulip Grove, and a Country Brunch with a tour of Belle Meade, Moonshine Jamboree (for all registrants) with roving banjo and fiddle players; Smoky Mountain Sunshine and the Rutherford County Square Dancers, with audience participation.

The grand finale was a program at the Grand Ole Opry. Unfortunately it was a very disappointing experience. Even though tickets had been booked and paid for *a couple of years ahead*, the entertainment was a re-hash of a radio program and most registrants got soaking wet between the bus and the Opry theater.

President Keith passed the gavel to in-coming president Glenn Hoffsis and thanked the members with extreme pleasure of having had the opportunity to serve as AABP President and all those who assisted.

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Bovine Practitioner of the Year



Dr. Leland Allenstein with his wife, Betty Jo, his son, Dr. Scott Allenstein and Mr. Dobbertin, right.

Dr. Leland C. Allenstein, Whitewater, Wisconsin was named the 1982 Bovine Practitioner of the Year.

Born in Lamont, Iowa. Dr. Allenstein received the DVM degree from Iowa State University in 1950 and started veterinary practice in Whitewater. He excels as a practitioner, teacher, writer and a researcher. He has devoted his whole life to veterinary medicine, being an inspiration to his colleagues and practitioners in Wisconsin and all over the United States. His knowledge and ideas are sought after by the dairy and the purebred cattle industry. He was AABP President in 1976 and has served as Advertising Manager, ably assisted by his wife, Betty for many years. Dr. Allenstein continues to write the Cow-side Column in *Hoard’s Dairman* and has presented numerous lectures and seminars at the local, state, national and international levels. His son, Scott, is a veterinarian at Wild Eagle, Wisconsin.

Further information on the Award and Dr. Allenstein was published in the Proceedings, p. viii.

AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

Dairy Program Award



Dr. Woelffer, left, receiving the award from Mr. Thomas McClintock and Dr. Jenks Britt.

Dr. Elmer A. Woelffer, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, was the first recipient of the Dairy Program Award.

Dr. Woelffer received the DVM degree from Cornell University in 1927. He travels 60,000 miles each year by automobile or air, visiting 50 herds in 6 different states. His primary work is in the field of dairy reproduction and milk management. His preventive medicine programs include reproduction, herd nutrition, management of the dry cow and calves. Dr. Woelffer contributes regularly to national dairy farm magazines.

Beef Program Award



Dr. Bohlender, right, receives the award from Mr. Thomas McClintock.

Dr. Robert E. Bohlender, North Platte, Nebraska was the first recipient of the Beef Program Award.

Dr. Bohlender received the DVM degree from Colorado State University in 1958. Seventy percent of his practice deals with preventive medicine with approximately 65,000 animals under herd health care. He places great emphasis on necropsy along with laboratory diagnosis to outline, modify and update the program on a cost-benefit basis. He conducts pre-calving and pre-weaning seminars for his clients. Dr. Bohlender is a member of the National Cattlemen's Association and Chairman of the Animal Health Committee and of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association. Dr. Bohlender is active in his local community.

Page iv, The Proceedings, has more information on the Awards and the recipients.



