

# New AABP Officers and Directors 2013-2014

## *President*



**Dr. Dan Grooms** is a native of central Ohio where he grew up on a small commercial cow-calf operation. He spent many days working on his grandfather's Brown Swiss dairy farm and baling hay and milking cows for neighboring farmers. He was also active in 4-H, FFA and high school athletics. Dr. Grooms received his BS degree in Animal Science from Cornell University in 1985. While at Cornell, he was also a member of the Big Red football team. He then received his DVM degree in 1989 from The Ohio State University. Upon graduation, Dr. Grooms became an associate in Dr. Bill Taylor's practice in Mt. Gilead, Ohio. He returned to Ohio State and received his PhD in Veterinary Preventive Medicine in 1996, working with Dr. Kenny Brock investigating at the effects of BVDV on reproductive function. He joined the faculty in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences at Michigan State University in 1996, and was promoted to professor in 2011. He is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists. His extension and research activities have focused on the control and prevention of infectious diseases in cattle, specifically BVDV, Johne's disease, bovine respiratory disease, and bovine tuberculosis. He has also been actively involved in beef quality assurance, bull breeding soundness exam programs, pre-harvest food safety, biosecurity, emergency preparedness, and farm security initiatives in the state. Dr. Grooms is currently President of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, a national organization that represents veterinarians working in the cattle industry. In his free time, Dr. Grooms spends most of his time keeping up with his family; his wife Donna and three children, Kirsten, Emma, and Robbie. Favorite activities include going to sporting events (Detroit Tigers and Lions, OSU/MSU football and basketball, local high school), outdoor activities including camping, skiing and canoeing, and raising pigs and chickens for the local county fair. He has also stayed active in football, serving as the crew chief of a high school football officiating crew in central Michigan.

## *Vice President*



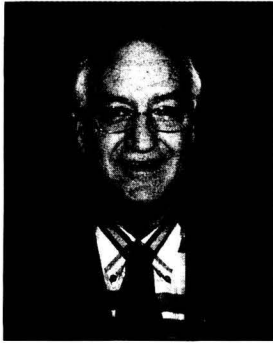
**Dr. K. Fred Gingrich II** is a native of Ohio and graduated from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1995. After graduation, Fred was an associate at Mill Creek Veterinary Services in Visalia, California, working in a 100% dairy practice on large herds.

In 1997, the Buckeye state called Fred home and he accepted an associate position at a mixed animal practice in Ashland, Ohio, and became a partner in 1998. In 2007, he became the sole owner of two practices, Country Roads Veterinary Services, a dairy focused mixed animal practice and Ashland Veterinary Clinic, a 100% companion animal practice. He spends 70% of his time as a dairy veterinarian, and his professional interests include reproductive ultrasound, nutrition, milk quality, parlor analysis, and facility design. Fred also enjoys being a practice owner and managing the business.

Fred has been actively involved in both AVMA and AABP. He has served as the AABP representative to the AVMA Clinical Practitioners Advisory Committee and is currently volunteering on the AVMA Council on Pharmaceuticals and Biologicals as its chair. He is the past chair of the AABP Committee on Pharmaceutical and Biologic Issues. He takes a great interest in drug use and residue avoidance in beef and dairy. He is the 2009 recipient of the AABP-Merial Excellence in Preventive Medicine Dairy Award.

Fred has been married to his wife Michelle for 22 years, and the joy of his life is his children – Abbey, Avery, Chloe, and Ethan. In his free time he enjoys family vacations, music, and running.

## Directors



**District IX Director Dr. Dee Griffin**, an “Okie” raised on a small cow/calf operation, has focused his entire professional career on cattle. After completing his veterinary degree from Oklahoma State University he did a residency and graduate work at Purdue University in pathology and ruminant nutrition.

Most of his career has been spent full time in the cattle industry. He was the staff veterinarian for Hitch Enterprises, a family owned operation that had 1200 cows, as many as 20,000 stockers, over 250,000 feeder cattle, and two packing plants. He has worked with the BQA program since its inception when Hitch became the first USDA Verified Control Production beef operation. Today he is a Professor at the University of Nebraska in the Veterinary and Biomedical Science Department at the Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center (Clay Center). His emphasis is developing pre-harvest HACCP (Hazard Analysis, Critical Control Points) production practices dealing with residue avoidance. He has a keen interest in respiratory disease and proper antibiotic usage.

Dr. Griffin is the winner of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners national award for Excellence in Preventive Medicine and their national award for Institutional Teaching, Research and Service Excellence. He also received the Academy of Veterinary Consultants’ Consultant of the Year award. He serves on the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association’s Beef Quality and Safety Assurance Advisory Board, serves on the FDA’s Veterinary Medical Advisory Committee as well as the FDA’s Minor Use Minor Species committee, and on the Professional Animal Auditor’s Certification Organization (PAACO) Board of Directors.



**District XII Director Dr. Wayne Shewfelt** received his DVM degree from the Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, in 1977. He works in a mixed animal practice in Tavistock with 9 partners.

His professional activities focus on the provision of dairy health management services (including nutritional consultation, herd monitoring, reproductive management, cow comfort, vaccination, and udder health services) as well as traditional medicine and surgery.

Wayne takes a proactive approach in the herds he works with by monitoring herd production and productivity. He enjoys being a part of the dairy herd’s management team trying to make a positive difference for producers. Wayne has a passion for dairy veterinary medicine, dairy cows, and his clients.

As well as the OVC 1977 DVM degree, Wayne is a graduate of the Dairy Health Management Modules offered by the University of Guelph. In November 2006 Wayne was certified as a Diplomate by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP), specializing in Dairy Practice.

At the 2007 AABP Conference in Vancouver, Wayne was presented with the AABP–Fort Dodge Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award. In November 2009 he was the recipient of the Ontario Association of Bovine Practitioners (OABP) Award of Excellence. He was a Director on the Executive Board of the OABP from 2003 to 2009, and President in 2006. He was a Director of the Canadian Association of Bovine Veterinarians 2007 through 2010.

Wayne and his wife Carol have 3 children. Hobbies include gardening, family activities, community service, coaching hockey, and downhill skiing.



**District XIII Director Dr. Eric J. Behlke** was raised on a family farm and ranch in Benkelman, Nebraska, and now lives in Canada where he works as a feedlot consultant with the Feedlot Health Management Services Ltd. (FHMS) team in Okotoks, Alberta. Dr. Behlke began by earning a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from the University of Nebraska. Next, he attended The Ohio State University where he earned a Master of Science degree in Animal Science while studying reproductive physiology in beef cattle. This was followed by a return to the University of Nebraska where he earned a PhD degree in Animal Science with emphasis in ruminant nutrition. Eric finished his academic career at Iowa State University where he earned the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree.

Dr. Behlke became associated with FHMS in 2010 as a Professional Services Veterinarian, with a major focus on providing animal health management services to feedlot and calf-grower clients in Canada and the United States. Over time, Eric has also made significant contributions in the delivery of feeds and feeding, performance enhancement technology, and individual animal management services to selected feedlot and calf-grower clients. More recently, Eric has also taken on additional responsibilities with the FHMS research support team, which is involved in the conduct of 25-50 large-scale in-house and contract research trials each year. Along with being a member of the AABP, he is also a member of the Canadian VMA, Alberta VMA, Academy of Veterinary Consultants, Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners, and American Society of Animal Science.

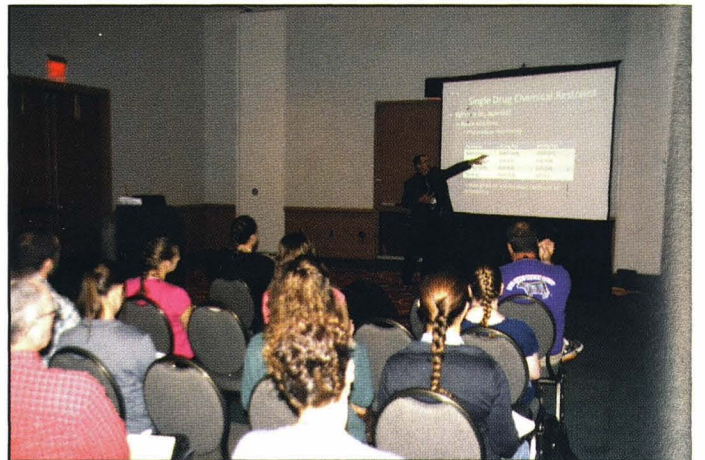
In January 2013, Eric and his wife, Carrie, welcomed their first daughter, Hoxie Boe. Also, after recently giving up a long-time career as a bareback bronc rider, Eric has been able to enjoy his more benign hobbies of pursuing big game in Alberta with archery equipment, and general aviation in light aircraft.

# Board of Directors & Committee Meetings



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# Scientific Meetings



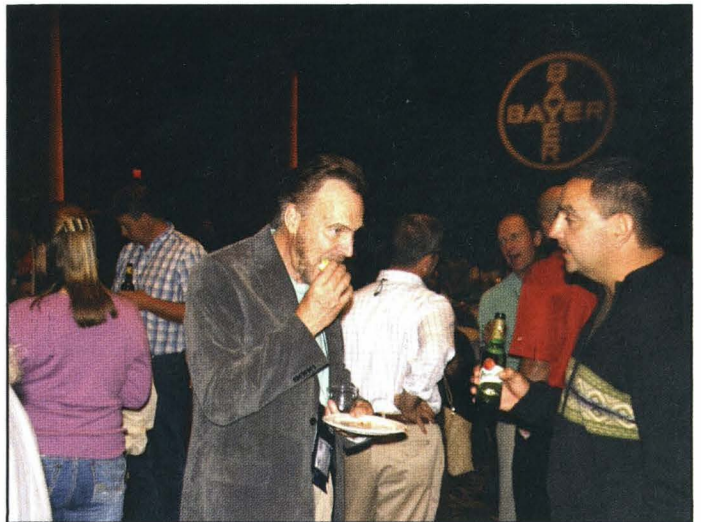
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# Welcoming Reception

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Sponsored by **Bayer Animal Health**, the welcoming reception for the 46th Annual AABP Conference was held as the official event to kick-off the week's activities. Members of the AABP Program Committee, local veterinarians, representatives from the Wisconsin area and event planners were present to answer questions.



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# “Just Desserts” Reception

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

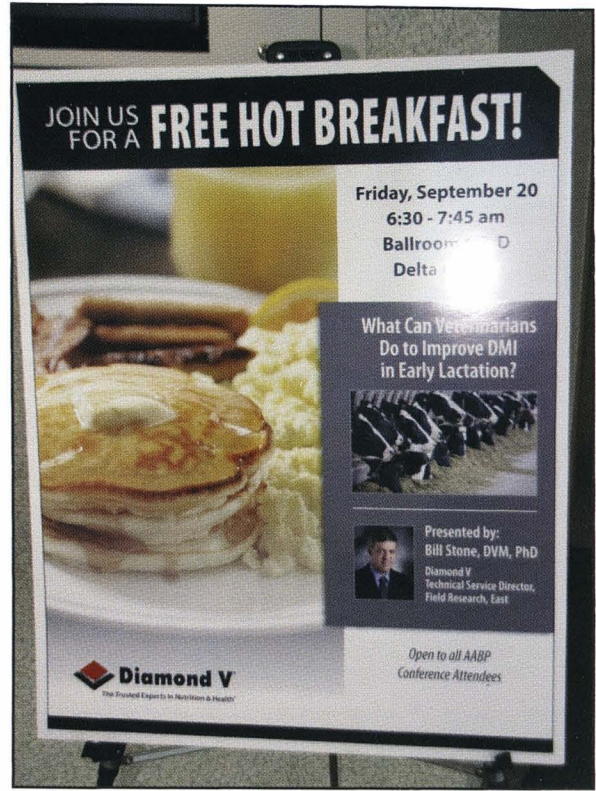
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mountains of mouth-watering, enticing desserts, compliments of **Merial**, were served after the Welcoming Reception on Wednesday evening. This event provided further opportunity to continue the feast and fellowship well into the evening. Thanks to **Merial** for sponsoring the event.



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# Sponsored AABP Breakfast Seminars



# “Come Join Us” for Dinner Buffet Reception and Opening Ceremony

Thursday, September 19, 2013  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

AABP registrants were treated to excellent food in the exhibit area, **courtesy of all exhibitors**, prior to gathering for the Opening Ceremony and Practice Tips. Winners of the Amstutz Scholarships, Merck Animal Health Scholarships, and AABP Foundation–Cargill Animal Nutrition Scholarships were recognized during the Opening Ceremony. Appreciation plaques to retiring committee chairs and the retiring directors were also presented.



*AABP President-elect Dr. Dan Grooms presides over the Opening Ceremonies.*





*Mr. Steve Schram presented the Dr. Bruce Wren Continuing Education Award to Dr. Rebecca Funk (left) and Dr. Amanda Willis.*



*Dr. Rick Sibbel (left) and Dr. Scott Nordstrom (right) with Merck Animal Health Scholarship winners (l-r) Janelle Hoffman, Brandon Miller, Matthew Mundy, Travis Vlietstra, and Chelsea Holschbach.*



*Dr. Rick Sibbel (left) and Dr. Scott Nordstrom (right) with Merck Animal Health Scholarship winners (l-r) Amy Dahlke, Holt Tripp, Dan Haeflinger, Patrick Brinson, and McKenzie Steger.*



*Dr. Rick Sibbel (left) and Dr. Scott Nordstrom (right) with Merck Animal Health Scholarship winners (l-r) Michael Wesselink, Abigail Wirt, Andy Kryzer, Rebecca Cornell, and Kimberly Painter.*



*The third annual AABP Foundation-Cargill Animal Nutrition Scholarships were awarded to (l-r) Mallory Titler, Janelle Hoffman, Ryan Rademacher, Brett Boyum, Travis Vlietstra, Brandon Miller, and Alea Hoffman. Presenting the awards was Dr. Charles Gardner (left), Cargill Animal Nutrition, and Dr. Glenn Rogers, AABP (right).*

# AABP–Amstutz Scholarships Presented at the 2013 AABP Conference in Milwaukee



*Pictured are Dr. Jennifer Hatcher (Scholarship Committee Member), Lee Michels, Patrick Brinson, Holt Tripp, Aaron Schaffer, Kate Huebner, Emily Sabo, and Dr. Jim Floyd, Scholarship Committee Chair.*

During the Opening Ceremonies at the 2013 AABP Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, nine outstanding third year veterinary students were each awarded \$7,500 Amstutz Scholarships from the Amstutz Scholarship Fund. These students were selected by the AABP Amstutz Scholarship Committee from 53 exceptional applicants from 29 different North American Veterinary Schools. This brings the total number of scholarships awarded to 250 for a total of over \$640,000 since inception in 1996. The sources of funds for these awards are individual AABP member contributions and a generous contribution of \$30,000 from the Eli Lilly Foundation through Elanco Animal Health. In addition, the Amstutz Committee held silent and live auctions during this year's meeting, which raised an additional \$55,000 for the scholarship fund. The inaugural 5K run held Saturday, September 21 and known as "The Stampede", raised an additional \$4,000. The Amstutz Scholarship Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous support of this important and worthwhile program.

The recipients of the 2013 AABP Amstutz scholarships and their respective schools are:

Patrick Brinson	North Carolina State University
J.D. Folsom	Oklahoma State University
Kate Huebner	University of Pennsylvania
Rachel Ann Lyons	University of California
Lee Michels	University of Minnesota
Lindsay Oxby	University of Guelph
Emily Sabo	Cornell University
Aaron Schaffer	Kansas State University
Holt Tripp	Oklahoma State University

The Amstutz Scholarship Committee wishes to offer the heartiest of congratulations to this group of deserving students.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Floyd, DVM  
Chair, AABP Amstutz Scholarship Committee

# AABP–Amstutz Scholarship Gold Level Donors



*Six donors to the AABP–Amstutz Scholarship fund attained Gold Level Donor status in 2013. Three of the honored donors are pictured: Dr. Christine Navarre, Dr. James M. Gerdes, and Dr. Guy Boisclair.*

During the Opening Ceremonies at the 2013 AABP meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, AABP and the Amstutz Scholarship Committee recognized five new Gold Level scholarship fund donors. The Gold Level Donor recognition identifies individuals who have contributed at least \$1,000.00 to the scholarship fund.

Recognition includes the awarding of a unique 10K gold lapel pin with the AABP logo in the center surrounded by a black band with the words *AABP–Amstutz Scholarship Donor*. The newest members of the Gold Pin Club are:

Dr. Guy Boisclair, Victoriaville, Quebec, Canada  
Dr. James M. Gerdes, Hartford, SD  
Dr. Rhod Lowe, Salisbury, NC  
Dr. Christine Navarre, Baton Rouge, LA  
Dr. Gerald Vukman, Oakfield, NY

Including these recipients, AABP has now recognized a total of 73 Gold Level Donors. AABP and the Amstutz Scholarship Committee wishes to express our deepest gratitude to the generous donations of all of our members, and especially those recognized as Gold Donors.

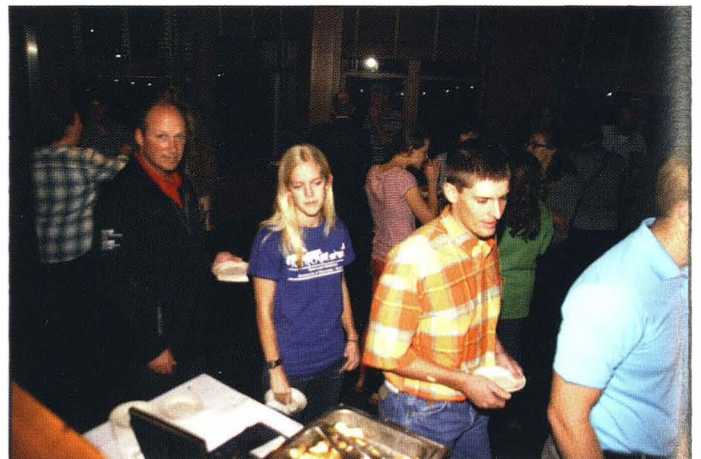
The AABP–Amstutz Scholarship program was established 17 years ago to help support the education of worthy veterinary students who are interested in bovine medicine. The AABP wants to identify all Gold Level qualifying members as well as encourage new contributors to this support milestone. If you would like to make a contribution to the AABP–Amstutz Scholarship Fund, please contact the AABP office.

# AABP Student Reception

Thursday, September 19, 2013

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

For the 19th year, the AABP Board of Directors and **Elanco Animal Health** hosted a reception for all student AABP members at the annual conference.

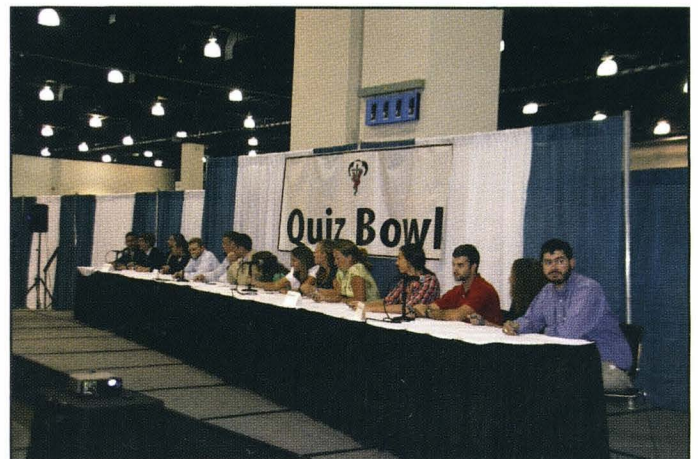
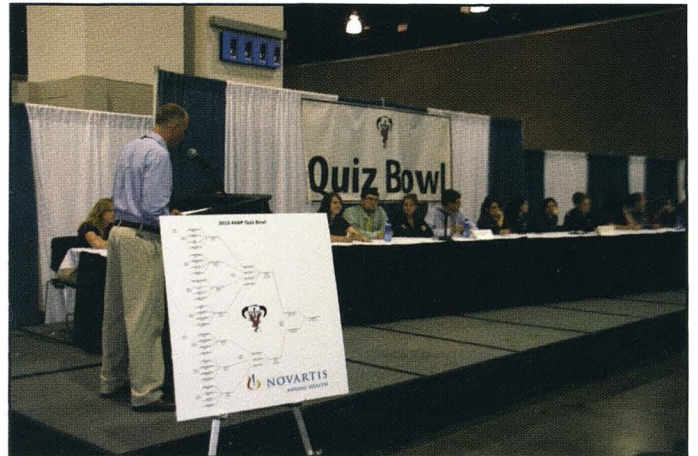
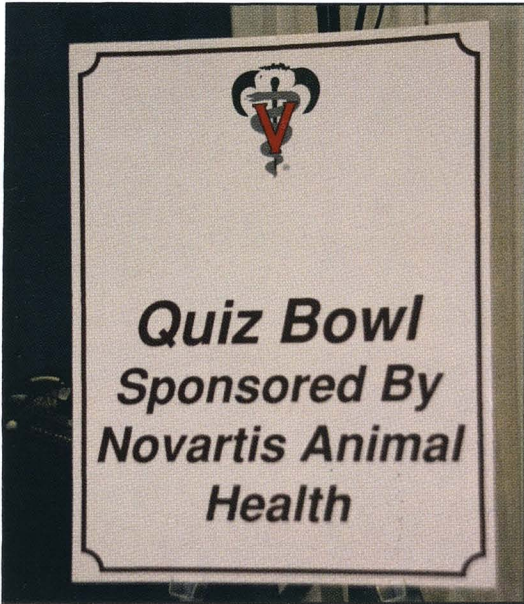


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# 4th Annual Quiz Bowl

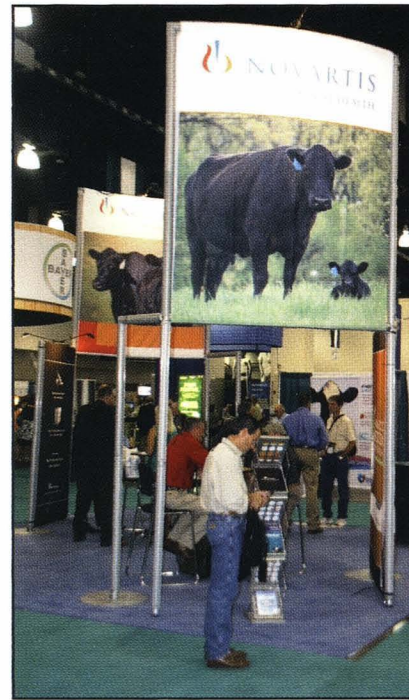
Friday, September 20, 2013  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Twenty-seven student teams competed at the 46th AABP Conference to earn bragging rights about who has the most ready-to-use information in their intellectual medicine chest. The first place award was presented to Texas A&M University.

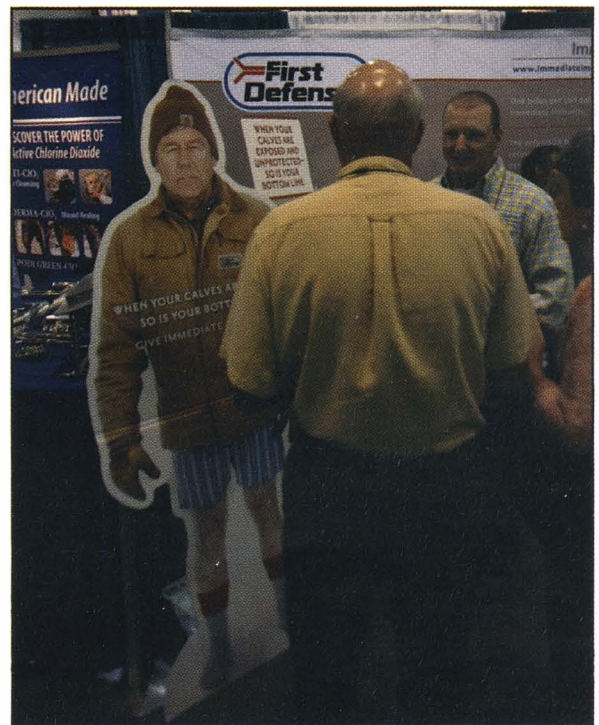


*Texas A&M University's first place team.*

# Exhibits



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# AABP Foundation–Zoetis Animal Health Scholarship Awards and Amstutz Scholarship Auction

Friday, September 20, 2013  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The AABP Foundation and Zoetis partnered to award fifteen scholarships to veterinary students who will graduate in 2014. The AABP Foundation–Zoetis Veterinary Student Scholarship program was established to recruit outstanding students into careers in bovine veterinary medicine. In addition to a \$5,000 scholarship, each recipient was invited to attend the 46th AABP Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 19-21, 2013 and was provided a stipend for travel and housing.

Recipients were honored at a dinner Friday, September 20. The sources of the funds for these scholarships were individual AABP members who participated by designating the Veterinary Student Scholarship when provided the opportunity to contribute to the recruitment of future colleagues.

The recipients of the 2013 AABP Foundation–Zoetis Veterinary Student Scholarships and their respective schools are:

Thomas Cully	Cornell University
Megan Foy	University of Wisconsin

Daniel Haeflinger	University of Wisconsin
Alea Hoffman	Washington State University
Janelle Hoffman	University of Wisconsin
Chelsea Holschbach	University of Wisconsin
Lauren Malenke	Colorado State University
Brandon Miller	Purdue University
John David Nicholson	Texas A&M University
Amanda Plunkett	University of California-Davis
Ryan Rademacher	Oregon State University
Henry Reinart	Michigan State University
Tera Rooney Barnhardt	Kansas State University
Travis Vlietstra	Iowa State University
Chad Wall	Cornell University

The AABP Foundation wishes to offer congratulations and best wishes to this group of deserving students.  
Glenn Rogers, DVM  
Chair, AABP Foundation Board of Directors





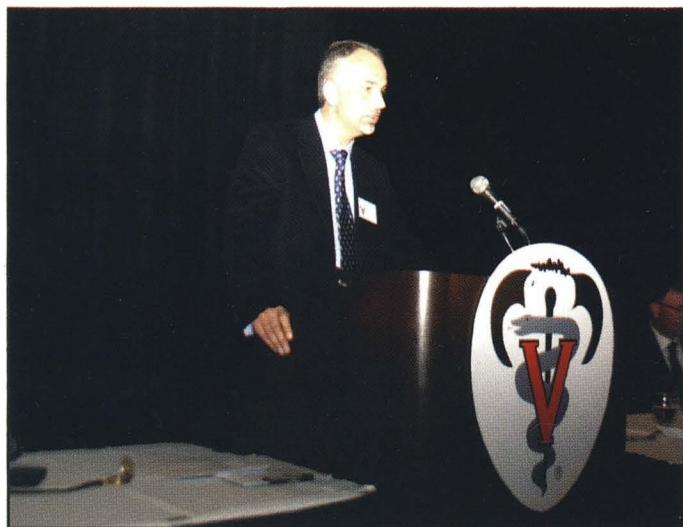


*Pictured are the 2013 AABP Foundation–Zoetis Animal Health Scholarship Award winners. Also pictured are Dr. Roger Saltman (left) and Dr. Walter Guterbock (far right), Zoetis.*



# Minutes of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners

Annual Business Luncheon  
Saturday, September 21, 2013  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



*Dr. Nigel Cook, AABP President, calls the 2013 AABP Business Meeting to order.*

The meeting was called to order by AABP's President, Dr. Nigel Cook, at 12:19 p.m. Dr. Cook then presented the minutes of the Montreal Business Luncheon for approval. On motion with second, the 2012 business minutes were approved.

President Cook introduced the current AABP Board of Directors and the VIP guests in attendance along with the attendees in each district and foreign attendees. All student members and veterinary technicians were also recognized. Dr. Cook then introduced Dr. Tom Meyer of the AVMA. Dr. Meyer complimented the board and the AABP-L discussions. He discussed connecting with consumers and AVMA's connection with veterinarians and consumers, and noted the 150th AVMA anniversary this year. AVMA is focusing their efforts in three areas: 1) building business/careers, including using economic information and looking at economics in practice. AVMA will be holding a Workforce Summit to identify issues; 2) promoting and protecting the profession through leadership development and the Future Leadership program which AABP member Callie Willingham is involved with and through the "Can you Hear Me Now" conference; and 3) helping veterinarians stay connected through tools on the AVMA website. AVMA is reviewing its governance structure for the future. Nuggets from the McDonald's

meeting Meyer and others attended include that change is accelerating.

Dr. Cook noted the relationship with Dr. Kathy Simmons and the NCBA. Dr. Cook introduced Dr. Jonathan Statham and Dr. Declan O'Rourke from the BCVA. Statham thanked AABP for its continued hospitality. He believes that many of the issues the UK is dealing with are similar or the same as those that AABP is facing, including oversupply of veterinarians, student debt, food security/safety, antimicrobial resistance, and new business models. BCVA remains committed to working with AABP.

Dr. Cook recognized the 175 runners in the 5K Stampede run earlier in the morning who raised \$4,000 for the Amstutz Scholarship.

Dr. Cook introduced the AABP's Treasurer, Dr. Brian Reed. Dr. Reed presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that the CPA firm of Machen, McChesney & Chastain, LLP, completed a satisfactory audit of AABP finances for the year ending December 31, 2011. The results of this audit showed the value of unrestricted net assets to be \$1,874,073, and an increase of \$57,294 on unrestricted revenue and other support, and a total net asset value of \$1,110,289. Dr. Cook noted that Dr. Reed will be stepping down as Treasurer and thanked him for his service. On motion, the Treasurer's Report was voted on and approved.



Dr. Gatz Riddell discussed the successful meeting and the support of the program committee, partnerships with sponsors, destination management companies and others who help. This year there was a total attendance of 1,893 with 1,369 veterinarians/students, 372 students and a great increase in AASRP registration to 138. AASRP's Dr. Joan Bowen did a duplicate AI wetlab that was full by the first of July. Attendees to AABP came from 16 countries, 108 from Canada and 26 from Denmark. A dues increase this year has added to the services such as the collaboration with Texas A&M Medical Sciences Library, and all of the recorded proceedings which will be available to members through an agreement with the Beef Cattle Institute. AABP's relationship with NCBA, AVMA, and NMPF has also been very collaborative.

The Exhibit Hall is bigger than it has been before, and the Quiz Bowl has been a success. There are many valued sponsors who supported events such as the Bayer welcome reception, Merial dessert reception, two breakfasts from Zoetis and Diamond V, the Zoetis dinner which was a great forum for the Amstutz Auction, and the ending Merck Gala and Cattle Production Veterinarian Hall of Fame. There are also many sponsors of the AABP awards.

Dr. Riddell thanked people who did not win elections for their participation in the process. Membership is doing well. Dr. Riddell thanked Patty Scharko, Dave McClary, Tyll Wuerfel, Steve Johnson, Katie O'Neal and Katherine Ham for working on the conference.

Dr. Roxanne Pillars introduced the Graduate Student Awards: first place went to Theresa Ollivett, Ontario Veterinary College; second place went to Aaron Schaffer, Kansas State University; third place went to Sara McReynolds from Kansas State University.

Dr. Nigel Cook introduced Tony Moravec from Merial who then introduced Dr. Earl Aalseth and Dr. David Rethorst. Dr. Aalseth introduced the Merial Excellence in Preventive Medicine - Dairy award winner, Dr. Scott Tripp (not present). Dr. David Rethorst introduced the Merial Excellence in Preventive Medicine - Beef award winner, Dr. Randall Spare.

Dr. Cook then introduced Dr. Brian Gerloff to present the AABP Award of Excellence to Dr. Ken Nordlund.

Dr. Roger Saltman from Zoetis introduced Dr. Robert Peterson to present the Zoetis Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Robert Van Saun.

Dr. Rick Sibbel from Merck Animal Health introduced Dr. Jen Walker to present the Merck Animal Health Mentor of the Year Award to Dr. Robert Bon-Durant

Dr. Dan Thomson presented the James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders to Dr. Ben Wileman.

Dr. Doug Ensley introduced Dr. Jim Furman to present the Boehringer Ingelheim Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award to Dr. Tom Latta.

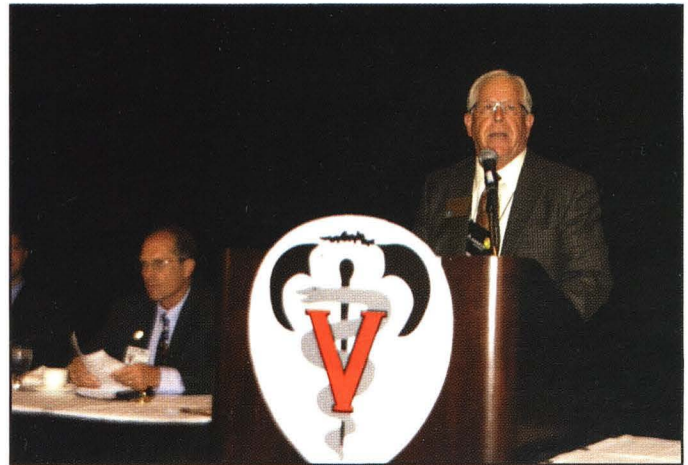
Dr. Cook introduced AABP's new Vice President, Dr. Fred Gingrich, and welcomed the recently elected Board of Directors members: Dr. Eric Behlke, District 13, who is filling an unexpired term; Dr. Dee Griffin for District 9; Dr. Wayne Shewfelt District 12; and the renewals of directors Dr. Jim Brett from District 3 and Sarah Overby from District 6.

Dr. Cook thanked those who helped him during his year as AABP's President. He noted we are a factor in providing safe food from animals we can be proud of. He sees a future where students should be inspired to enter into this profession.

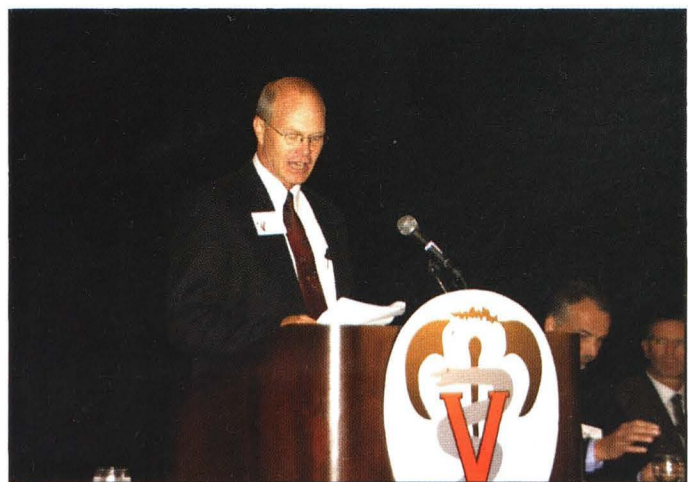
Dr. Cook introduced the incoming President, Dr. Dan Grooms. Dr. Grooms recognized Dr. Cook as immediate past president.

Dr. Grooms adjourned the meeting at 2:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie O'Neal  
AABP Administrative Assistant



*Dr. Tom Meyer, Chairman of the AVMA Executive Board.*



*Dr. Brian Reed, AABP Treasurer, describes the organization's finances.*



*Outgoing AABP President Dr. Nigel Cook (right), receiving the President's Award from Dr. Dan Grooms.*

# Executive Vice President's Report

Business Luncheon

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

September 21, 2013



*AABP Executive Vice-President Dr. Gatz Riddell presents his annual report to the members.*

The general function of the office continues with Katie O'Neal working from home two days of the week with little if any noticeable change in member interaction and association activity. The addition of Geni Wren as the Communications Specialist has increased the ability of the AABP Headquarters to support the efforts of the volunteer leadership of AABP, enhance the promotion of the Annual Conference and increase outreach to the membership via AABP-L, the website and Facebook. The decision to create the position, the selection process and the hiring of Geni has already significantly enhanced AABP's efforts regarding the Annual Conference, student communications, volunteer efforts and outreach communications.

## Communications Specialist

The general additions to member outreach with the employment of Geni Wren as Communications Specialist were outlined in the general comments above. Plans for 2013-2014 include insertion of Geni's organizational skills and training into the more volunteer intensive efforts. Two of these to specifically mention are the student programs and the Amstutz Auction. Additional resource commitment from the office will be intended to reduce the stress and frenetic activity in the weeks immediately prior to the conference. Increased and consistent communication with the faculty reps and students beginning in October is intended to lay

the groundwork for more consistent involvement in the Student Delegate program and earlier enrollment of the student quiz bowl teams. 2013 was the inaugural year for the Amstutz auction sub-committee and printed auction catalog. Geni came on Board when most of the efforts were already underway, and with a few lessons learned will be able to assist Dr. Floyd and the committee and take a significant amount of the load off of them. On many fronts, one of the items that will be stressed is the development and advertisement of and the adherence to realistic deadlines. Much of the stress and activity of both the student programs and the auction has been the tendency for everything to be put off to the last minute. It seems that a better, more productive and more consistent product will be generated with advance organization.

## Finances

The treasurer's report will provide the bulk of this information. The Board and auditor suggested policy for dual signatures on all checks continues with EVP email approvals for the issuing of single-signed checks copied to the Treasurer and filed by Katie. With the addition of a remotely located employee, the communications specialist, the AABP office has initiated direct deposit procedures after review by the accountants. The Treasurer continues to approve any expenditures greater than \$10,000.

Dr. Brian Reed completes his second and final two-year term December 31, and the Board has one applicant to consider for replacement. The Board-approved policy regarding dual signatures on all checks except paychecks (where one signatory cannot sign their own check) continues to be observed. The monthly reconciliations continue to allow Dr. Reed the ability to view the computer in the office being used for the reconciliation. This process utilizes the Adobe Connect software made available to the AABP by the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

## Membership

Two electronic dues notices in April resulted in a 14% renewal rate. The dues notices for the 2013-2014 membership year were mailed May 1, July 1 and September 1. Members with 6/30/2013 membership expiration dates will be removed from AABP-L in October. We have continued to grant students a longer period of grace.

## Director and Officer Elections

Districts 3, 6, 9, and 12 were scheduled for elections this year. Drs. Brett and Overby were re-elected by acclamation in Districts 3 and 6, respectively, as the sole nominees. Dr. Dee Griffin will be replacing Dr. Dave Rethorst as Director from District 9. The other candidates in District 2 were Drs. Jim Furman and Greg Goodell. Dr. Wayne Shewfelt will be replacing Dr. Guy Boisclair as Director from District 12. Dr. Eric Behlke was elected by acclamation in a special election to replace Dr. Egan Brockhoff, who resigned due to changing practice demands. Dr. Fred Gingrich was elected AABP Vice President for the 2013-2014 year, beginning at the close of the Annual Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon.

## General Office Activity

The activity in the office is impacted by Annual Conference, membership dues, scholarship application processes and financial accounting activities, in that order. The use of electronic delivery of many of the letters of notification of scholarships and other activities continues to reduce certain input costs.

## Liaisons and Meetings

A large variety of meetings were attended to represent AABP interests or fulfill obligations that I had coming into this position, and which have been sanctioned by the Board, include:

- April 10-13, 2013 – AVC Spring meeting, Norman, OK
- April 15-18, 2013 – NIAA Annual Conference and FMD Symposium, Louisville, KY
- April 18-20, 2013 – AVMA Executive Board meeting, Schaumburg, IL
- April 20, 2013 – SUDIA Quick Answer recording session, Atlanta, GA
- May 9-11, 2013 – AABP Executive Committee meeting, Washington, DC
- May 12-13, 2013 – 2019 Site Visit, St. Louis, MO
- May 17-18, 2013 – AABP Veterinary Practice Sustainability Committee meeting, Kansas City, MO
- May 19-21, 2013 – WICHE Advisory Board meeting, Sedona, AZ
- July 16-17, 2013 – 2013 Annual Conference site visit, Milwaukee, WI
- July 18-23, 2013 – AVMA House of Delegates meeting and Annual Convention, Chicago, IL
- July 31 - August 6, 2013 – AVC Summer meeting, Colorado Spring, CO
- August 7, 2013 – NCBA Sponsored Beta-agonist forum, Denver, CO
- August 8-9, 2013 – NCBA Summer Convention, Denver, CO
- August 26-28, 2013 – 2019 Site visits, Grapevine and Fort Worth, TX

## Honor Roll Nominees

The following AABP members have requested being granted honor roll status. They all qualify and I recommend that they be approved:

David Luhring	John Kirkpatrick
Keiichi Hirose	Gail Anspaugh

## Accountant, Bank and Attorney

The following nominations are made for the official Accountant, Bank and Attorney for the Association:

Accountant: the firm of Machen, McChesney and Chastain, Auburn, Alabama

Bank: AuburnBank, Auburn, Alabama

Attorney: Mr. Joe Seiglar, Rome, Georgia

## Summary

An important challenge to any association is providing services to members and potential members that are reasons for membership. These membership services must also be consistent with the association's mission. Reviewing the development of member services based upon AABP's mission may provide the best means to detail a summary.

The continuing education effort will be addressed by yet another innovative, leading edge Annual Conference program. The challenge with the current Distance CE effort has been and will continue to be marketing this opportunity to those members that will only infrequently, if ever, attend an AABP Annual Conference. It seems that many associations such as the AVMA, state VMAs and large meetings such as NAVC and WVC have found marketing these recordings a challenge. The offering of free podcasts has been received very well for several years, but the actual consumption of fee-based online modules, with or without CEU for licensure, has not progressed as rapidly as expected or projected.

The diverse membership of the AABP has provided significant information to the office and Board regarding what issues are facing bovine practitioners. The Board, committees and specific individuals/volunteers have been successful in providing information and responses where necessary to many of these issues. The challenge lies in continuing to demonstrate to the membership that the increasing resources and funds committed to this segment of the AABP mission is relevant and important to them in their daily practice. The issues of animal welfare, drug availability, veterinary oversight and antimicrobial resistance will continue to occupy significant amounts of association and volunteer time and resources.

Improving opportunities for careers in veterinary medicine has historically been focused on providing opportunities for students to compete for practice experience funding and scholarships. The AABP Long Range Strategic Initiative funds the AABP Externships

and Education Grants. The Amstutz Scholarship Fund has applied for and received numerous grants from the Lilly Foundation to fund Amstutz Scholarships. In cooperation with Merck Animal Health and the AABP Foundation, there are research funds available for those in academic environments. The Merck Animal Health Student Recognition Award is an additional funding opportunity, and the AABP Foundation, which shares a portion of our mission, has worked with Zoetis to fund the AABP Foundation – Zoetis Veterinary Student Scholarships. The Student Quiz Bowl and Student Delegate Programs are activities which should promote early and continued involvement with the AABP. In some fashion, all of these activities help promote careers in bovine medicine and total in excess of \$300,000. This includes the tremendous support of partners such as the AABP Foundations, numerous pharmaceutical companies and the Lilly Foundation.

The Veterinary Practice Sustainability Committee and Project Leader Dr. David Welch continue to strive to develop a successful practice model for rural America and make available business tools to assist those currently in or considering a career in rural practice. An ongoing survey has been implemented with the results to be evaluated in the near future. These are all logical next steps in improving the opportunities for careers in bovine medicine.

The AABP continues to be welcome at almost all levels of the profession and in the beef and dairy industries. The AABP Board of Directors owes a vote of thanks to all of the volunteers that work on behalf of the bovine practitioner.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gatz Riddell, DVM, MS, DACT  
20 September 2013

# 2013 AABP–Boehringer Ingelheim Bovine Practitioner of the Year



*Dr. Tom Latta (center) receives the Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award from Dr. Doug Ensley (left) and Dr. Jim Furman.*

Dr. Doug Ensley, *Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica*, described the AABP–Boehringer Ingelheim Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award. “The Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award has been awarded annually since its establishment in 1978. Since its inception, this award has been sponsored by Syntex Animal Health, Fort Dodge Animal Health, and now *Boehringer Ingelheim*. The award consists of a diamond ring and commemorative plaque. The award winner exhibits those qualities that exemplify the AABP and its members. Candidates are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Must be a bovine practitioner in active practice;
- The quality of veterinary service provided as judged by his or her peers;
- Participation in organized veterinary medicine, such as AABP, as well as activity on veterinary boards, such as licensing, specialty, etc.;
- Contribution to the knowledge of the profession through case reports, scientific reports and continuing education; and,
- Achievements and activities which have an impact on the cattle industry and bovine practice.

On behalf of *Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica*, I would like to express our appreciation for allowing us to participate in recognizing one of your outstanding members. To present the winner of the 2013 AABP–Boehringer Ingelheim Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award, please welcome Dr. Jim Furman.”

Dr. Furman introduced the 2013 award winner: “Like many of us in this room, this veterinarian is a member of many professional and industry organizations and has served in many capacities of leadership.

After graduation from *Oklahoma State University* in 1968, like many of us, he went into private mixed animal practice.

After a time, his focus became more and more fixed on cattle and helping the beef industry prosper. From about 1990 to the present, he has spent most of his time as a consultant in the beef side of cattle practice, in all phases . . . cow/calf, stocker and in feed yards.

He consulted with a dairy development yard and managed the health and regulatory aspects of exporting the first dairy cattle to Russia since the cold war. He presently is very active in the profession with his consulting business. He is currently owner/operator of a 1000 head grow yard, and is a partner in *Veterinary Research Associates*.

He will gladly help any veterinarian or student who asks for advice, and has mentored over 150 veterinary preceptors over the past 40 years. He has been there to help me when I had a question, especially about 10,000 three-weight Holsteins that were shipped to one of my feed yards unexpectedly.

He and his lovely wife of 48 years, Linda, have established a yearly scholarship at his alma mater, *Oklahoma State University*, for veterinary students interested in production medicine. He and Linda also have four daughters, accounting for seventeen grandchildren. He enjoys golf, when there is time, and the cattle business.

He is not a stranger to awards. He was presented the *AVC–Pfizer Animal Health Consultant of the Year* award in 2006, as well as others.

For those of you who are not familiar with Dr. Tom Latta, I highly suggest you get to know him. He is one of my true friends who has my unending respect for all that he has accomplished in his highly successful professional career. He is well deserving of this highest award in bovine practice, the AABP–Boehringer Ingelheim Bovine Practitioner of the Year award. Please help me congratulate Dr. Tom Latta from Spearman, Texas.”



# AABP–Merial Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Tony Moravec, Merial, described the awards. “The awards were established in 1982, and consist of a \$1500 general scholarship contribution made in the name of the recipient to his/her veterinary college of choice and a specifically designed plaque given to the recipient. The awards recognize individual member practitioners or practices that have developed outstand-

ing preventive medicine programs. One award is given to recognize an outstanding program for beef production and another is given to an outstanding program in dairy production. We, at Merial, are proud to have been the sponsor of this award for the last 31 years, and wish to congratulate the 2013 winners.”

## Beef Award



*Dr. Randall Spare (center) receives the AABP–Merial Award for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine–Beef from Dr. David Rethorst (left) and Dr. Tony Moravec.*

Dr. David Rethorst introduced the 2013 beef award recipient: “When I received this award four years ago in Omaha I was very humbled because I felt there were practitioners who deserved the award much more than I did. Today I have the privilege of honoring one of those veterinarians.

I first met this year’s recipient in the spring of 1986 in a calving barn at the Meat Animal Research Center. After that meeting I made a mental note to myself, “this is one you need to keep track of”. After graduation, he took a job in central Kansas for one year before moving to Offerle, Kansas, where he was employed by one of the pioneers of beef cattle production medicine, Dr. Rodney Oliphant. Here he learned what I refer to as the “Oliphant Practice Model” that ties production medicine to dispensing and the resulting profit centers.

Over the years the veterinary practice in the small town in southwest Kansas where I grew up was a solid one to two veterinarian practice. However, in 1990 this practice was not operating as it had been struggling for several years and was owned by one of the local banks. As the recipient inquired about this practice he was told, “it won’t work, the community will not support the practice”. But, he bought it anyway! He developed a mission statement of “Veterinary services exceeding our client’s expectations”, and today this practice is a busy four veterinarian practice that serves beef clients in five states, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado. The recipient also serves as a consultant for the Bryansk Beef Project in Russia...all from a town of less than 900 people in southwest Kansas.

This practice model could well serve the Rural Practice Sustainability committee on how to make rural practice survive and thrive. Further evidence of the practice philosophy is found on the practice’s website, “As veterinarians, we continue to invest in continuing education and apply the advancing science and technology in our practice”.

When I contacted a client of the recipient and asked why the practice had done so well over the last 23 years, I received two comments—“He cares” and “He is a great veterinarian and a better man!”.

Ladies and gentlemen, the recipient of the 2013 AABP–Merial Award for Excellence in Preventive Medicine–Beef, from Ashland, Kansas, is Dr. Randall Spare.”

## AABP–Merial Award of Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine – Dairy Award



*Dr. Scott P. Tripp, AABP–Merial Award for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine–Dairy.*

Dr. Earl Aalseth introduced the 2013 dairy award recipient: “It gives me great pleasure to introduce this years recipient for the AABP–Merial Award for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine–Dairy.

The award winner has been a AABP member since 1989 and is a Utah native. He received a BS degree in veterinary science in 1978 from Utah State University. He earned the DVM degree at Colorado State University in 1982. From there it was on to Bridgerland Cache Animal Hospital in Logan, Utah, where he was a staff veterinarian in the mixed animal practice for 9 years. He even found time to teach the food animal rotation for Ross University Veterinary School. In 1992 this awardee started his own practice in Richmond, Utah. Then in 1996 he was employed by Monsanto Dairy business. His sales team went on to become one of the most successful in the US for convincing dairies to adopt Posilac. There were many opportunities for him to contribute to this growing dairy management technology. This included developing an award winning website, converting literature to Spanish, and forming distance education opportunities for dairy professionals at the University of Illinois and the University of Minnesota. Most memorable for many was the creation of “isolation

trips for dairy professionals”. He took us through all the significant Colorado River rapids on these trips . . . where I first met this awardee. Along with his influential professional friends John Fetrow and Gordie Jones, he persuaded me to become much more of a dairy consultant and less of a technical veterinarian. Eventually with support and encouragement I sold my practice. This was an excellent decision for my clients and my practice for which I am very grateful. Preventative medicine was a prime focus of these Monsanto Isolation trips that this award recipient put together.

He was also instrumentally involved in the Posilac response trials. Monsanto was most helpful in facilitating a better understanding of dairy management, and this was facilitated by the “Farm Visit” book that guided their professionals on what to observe and measure on dairies. He created this “Farm Visit” book.

Today he works for DHI Provo in a consulting and professional services capacity. This gives him significant exposure to dairy management, especially while assisting all of the professionals using this management software to expand their practices, and thus preventive medicine and good dairy management for their clients. He is the creator of the cohort analysis approach that substantially refines and controls much of the variation affecting dairy metrics. The predictions derived from these analytics have provided much more reliable dairy management information for both professionals and dairymen.

Today he is directly involved with the management of several dairies. But still this recipient finds time to present at ADSA on Culling Death Loss and its Impact. He also assists pharmaceutical companies with dairy field trials. It is also no surprise that he contributes as a member of the AABP Technology Committee.

In his free time you might find him rappelling into a slot canyon.

This year’s recipient of the AABP–Merial Award for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine–Dairy is Dr. Scott P. Tripp.”

# AABP–Zoetis Distinguished Service Award



*Dr. Robert Van Saun (center) receives the AABP–Zoetis Distinguished Service Award from Dr. Robert Peterson (left), and Dr. Roger Saltman, Zoetis.*

Dr. Roger Saltman, Zoetis, described the award: “The award was established in 1989. It consists of a commemorative plaque and a certificate of appreciation. It also includes a \$1,000 donation to either the school of the recipient’s choice or the Amstutz Scholarship Fund. Candidates for the award are those individuals who, through long and continued service, have promoted the goals of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) and whose accomplishments have served as a model for service to bovine agriculture through organized veterinary medicine.

Selection criteria include the following:

- A career of self-effacing commitment to excellence in bovine medicine as evidenced by conscientious involvement in the affairs of the AABP;
- Demonstrated leadership in keeping organized veterinary medicine abreast of the times;
- Peer recognition as an effective spokesman for the bovine practitioner.”

Dr. Robert Peterson introduced the 2013 award winner: “Today the AABP will honor one of our members who has truly made significant contributions to cattle health, nutrition, welfare, and production. This year’s winner of the AABP–Zoetis Distinguished Service Award is a native of New Jersey, but began his college career

farther west, earning the Bachelor of Science, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and Master of Science degrees from Michigan State University. He was awarded the DVM degree in 1982.

Upon graduation our award winner headed east, working in a nine-person predominately dairy practice in Lowville, NY. Later he was employed in a three-person practice in Carson City, Michigan, where he also did nutritional consultation. Along the way he completed a residency in theriogenology at Michigan State, working on his Master’s degree at the same time, and received the PhD degree in ruminant nutrition from Cornell University in 1993. He is a diplomate of the American College of Theriogenology and the American College of Veterinary Nutrition.

In addition to private practice, our award winner has earned recognition as a distinguished academician. He was an ambulatory clinician at Oregon State University for eight years, and has been on the faculty at Pennsylvania State University since 2000, where he is now a Professor of Veterinary Science and Extension Veterinarian. In addition, he has been actively involved with international extension activities in consultations with the dairy industry of the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

During his academic tenure, our awardee has authored over 40 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 10 book chapters, and nearly 200 scientific proceedings manuscripts. Currently he is serving as the Guest Editor of an upcoming issue of *Veterinary Clinics of North America Food Animal Practice*. He was recognized for teaching excellence at both Penn State and Oregon State. His research spans across dairy and beef cattle, small ruminants, and horses.

He has also made highly significant contributions to the AABP. He has served on the Nutrition Committee from 1990 to present (chair for three terms), served on the Reproduction Committee for six years, and served

as speaker at numerous AABP conference and pre-conference seminars over the past 15 years. He is also the AABP Liaison to DAIReXNET.

Candidates for this award include those who, through long and continued service, have promoted the goals of the AABP, and whose accomplishments have served as a model for service to bovine agriculture through organized veterinary medicine. Today's award winner is committed to excellence as evidenced by his long and storied contributions to bovine medicine and production and his service to the AABP. The 2014 recipient of the AABP-Zoetis Distinguished Service Award is Dr. Robert J. Van Saun."

# AABP Award of Excellence



*Dr. Ken Nordlund (left) receives the AABP Award of Excellence from Dr. Nigel Cook.*

Dr. Brian Gerloff described the award. “This award was first established in 1989. Candidates for the award must be nominated from teaching, research, industry, or government. The nominee’s professional activities must have had a consistent and direct influence on daily activities of veterinarians in bovine practice. Eligibility also includes a degree in veterinary medicine and membership in the AABP.

This year’s recipient had a somewhat unusual path to veterinary medicine. He originally wanted to work as a photographer for LOOK magazine, and as an undergraduate, in addition to animal science, studied journalism and art. However, upon his graduation from the University of Minnesota, he received his draft notice requesting his service in Vietnam. By the time his army career had ended, LOOK magazine was gone. Our profession and organization is lucky that he got to pursue his second career choice—becoming a veterinarian.

After his graduation from the University of Minnesota in 1977, he began 12 years in private veterinary practice in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. In 1989, John Dahl recruited him to be one of the first food animal clinicians at the fledgling University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine—a somewhat radical step for someone with no formal advanced training beyond veterinary

school. History I think has shown this decision to be extremely wise. At Wisconsin, Dr. Ken Nordlund has helped to mold the Department of Food Animal Production Medicine into one of the outstanding centers for teaching veterinary students, serving producers and veterinarians, and conducting practically relevant research for the dairy industry.

I first had the privilege of hearing Dr. Nordlund speak at the AABP Conference in Nashville in 1982. He spoke as a practitioner, talking about the role of nutritional consulting within his practice, including the struggles and pitfalls that he had encountered as he began implementing it. As a resident and graduate student, newly returned to the university to further my own nutritional education, and as someone trying to figure out how to integrate it into practice, I came away enlightened and somewhat awestruck that this young veterinarian had grappled with the same issues I had, but was about 4 steps ahead of me in figuring out how to solve them. Some might say that pretty well sums up my practice career.

Over these last 30 years, I have continued to be awestruck by how often Dr. Nordlund has identified relevant problems faced by producers and practitioners, developed elegant solutions for those problems, and

then quietly and effectively gone about disseminating that information throughout the industry and profession. His ideas and insights have truly permeated the practice of dairy medicine during my practice career. One of Dr. Nordlund's great geniuses is the ability to take an essential intuitive concept and determine a way to translate that concept into a specific, concrete, and quantifiable measure or practice that can then be objectively applied, and tested rigorously and accurately for its truth. These concepts can then be used effectively in daily practice, not just in research. The list of his insights and innovations includes the development of the concept and calculation of Management Corrected Milk, the delivery of DHIA records analysis to all size herds, identification of facility and management factors affecting both lameness and transition cow health on dairies, the Transition Cow Index, and most recently, an effective solution for poorly ventilated facilities with well-designed tube ventilation systems.

I think it would also be accurate and fair to describe Ken's work as having a deep and profound impact on the welfare of dairy cattle. I still remember one AABP general session lecture, probably more than 15 years ago, when he asked the question of us, the practitioners in the audience, "Who speaks for the cow?" That question and that sensibility have clearly informed his research and teaching, his work, and his life.

Over the years, I certainly have not been alone in my admiration for our awardee. One veterinarian

I know once told me that "When Ken Nordlund talks, it's like he is looking into my soul as a practitioner, and helping me to improve". Another once said, "A lot of us are pretty good copiers – We can see something that works, and figure out how to use it. But Ken Nordlund is an innovator – he can think of new things that the rest of us can copy."

I have no idea how many times Dr. Nordlund has presented a seminar or a lecture at AABP. I am pretty sure it is probably upwards of 25 times, and suspect he may hold the record – another indicator of how truly deserving he is of this award. I have been told Ken has a host of other talents. I personally know of one. I have had the good fortune of receiving a Christmas newsletter from the Nordlunds for a number of years now. My wife Carole does not know Ken, but after the second or third year of our marriage, she enjoyed his letters so much, she suggested we ask Ken to ghost write our Christmas letters. So Ken, in your retirement, if you would like some supplemental income, consider that possibility.

Ken Nordlund has the great good fortune of being married to Jean, his best friend. They are the parents of four sons, and a brood of grandchildren which are a source of great joy.

Today, I have the great good fortune of presenting this year's AABP Award of Excellence to a truly deserving recipient, Dr. Ken Nordlund."

# AABP–Merck Animal Health Mentor of the Year Award



*Dr. Robert BonDurant (center) receives the AABP–Merck Mentor of the Year Award from Dr. Rick Sibbel and Dr. Jen Walker.*

Dr. Rick Sibbel, Merck Animal Health, described the award. “The AABP–Merck Mentor of the Year Award is presented annually to an AABP member who has been engaged in the field of veterinary medicine for at least 25 years and has served as both advisor and role model to pre-veterinary students. This award was instituted in 2007 and is conferred annually to a member that embodies this spirit whether in practice, the clinic, or the classroom. The recipient is presented with a commemorative plaque at the annual business luncheon.”

The 2013 award winner was introduced by Dr. Jen Walker. “Everyone can change the world in some way. The winner of the 2013 Merck Animal Health Mentor of the Year Award has done it many times over. His research has enhanced our knowledge, his service on committees has impacted our profession, but it is his mentoring of young minds that has made the greatest impact on the world.

In Greek mythology, Mentor was the son of Hercules and was entrusted with the education of Telemachus, the son of Odysseus. The name has since been adopted in English as a term defined by Webster as ‘a trusted counselor or guide.’

I have always been proud to be part of a profession that not only encourages mentorship, but recognizes that the future of our profession depends on it. As the

cornerstone of a bovine practitioner’s success, a mentor can and does make all the difference, from the beginning of the journey to its end.

This year’s winner has made and continues to make a difference in the lives of so many students, residents, and faculty during their journey, and it is a pleasure to share with all of you today exactly what makes him so exceptional and endeared by so many as a mentor.

My journey with this year’s winner began while working as a post-graduate research assistant at UC-Davis, while trying to get accepted into veterinary school, then on my fourth (yes, fourth) application. During those two years, I had the good fortune to watch and work with this person on several research projects. In spite of the fact that I was neither this faculty member’s student nor responsibility, this mentor took the time and made the effort to make sure that, first of all, I did not give up, and second, my fourth application would be my last! When I was convinced veterinary medicine was out of my reach, I was sat down and assured, with a quiet confidence, “If I didn’t honestly think you should be doing this I would tell you”.

From there, the mentorship continued and still does to this day, through veterinary school, to private practice, again at the university for a residency, and through a PhD program. This mentor’s interest is always

genuine, his evaluation always true, and his advice always, somehow, remarkably on point.

I will admit that upon deciding to take on this endeavor on behalf of this year's winner, I knew it would be easy to get a few letters of support from people who have had the pleasure of working with this individual or have been lucky enough to be mentored by this person, or both.

What I underestimated was the response I would get as evidenced by the virtual weight of the nomination we assembled. I also underestimated the effect it would have on me and my understanding of this year's winner as a professional, as a gentleman, and most important as a mentor. It was a real pleasure to read the letters from former students, residents, and faculty. Reminiscing with friends and classmates, I believe I have actually reached a new understanding of the kind of mentor that this individual really is, more than generous, more than patient, undeniably exceptional.

Over his 30+ year career, this year's winner has played a key role in mentoring countless undergraduate and veterinary students in addition to over 50 residents, as well as nearly 30 graduate students in both the veterinary and animal sciences from every corner of the globe, not to mention the many faculty that credit him with their standard of teaching and mentorship, as well as their success. It is this individual's ability to have mentored so many, each in a unique yet substantial way, that makes him the exception. Each of us felt lucky to have him in our corner or by our side. Each of us felt like he was looking out for us, wanting only the best, setting up each of us for success. Therein lies the beauty of this year's winner's innate talent as a mentor. When it came to mentoring, it was not about a student, it was about every student. Every student was given the time, energy, patience, and gentle push he or she needed along with a bit of humor as a standard for good measure. The 'master of the teachable moment', it was clear to everyone who watched him work, whether in the lab, the mobile classroom of a herd health rotation, or as chair in department meetings, that teaching was his priority and students never came second to research.

In sharing stories with folks who have worked with this individual you reveal a narrative that speaks of a dedication to students, a level-headed, calm leadership, integrity, an incredible work ethic, and sense of humor. These qualities are the hallmark of this individual's professional and personal life. He is a gentleman who has invested as much or more in the people around him as he did in himself. For those of you who have not yet had the pleasure of getting to know this individual I

believe you would envy each of his supporters for the mentorship he has given. And he went beyond veterinary students, from arranging field trips for his son's kindergarten class to a goat farm to coaching soccer team, his selfless and generous approach to life was constant. Without knowing him, you also would not appreciate the remarkable tenacity and grace that he demonstrated as he continued to mentor students and faculty while he battled the effects of Parkinson's disease. Always looking up and never one to complain, making the best of a situation and demonstrating great leadership and professionalism, he managed the course of his disease in such a way that we all seemed to take for granted what a challenge it must have been.

Precisely how he managed to make each and all of us feel as if we were his 'special project' I do not know. What I do know is that he was able to see in each of us a potential that we may have doubted, unrealized or simply not tapped. And whether we were a herd health technician aspiring to be an extension agent, a burgeoning geneticist, dairy nutritionist, theriogenologist, embryologist, aspiring faculty, or a dairy veterinarian who would become the chairman of the most progressive and renowned dairy farm in the country, this year's winner gracefully and brilliantly helped each of us succeed. In the process, he instilled in so many of us a commitment to quality and dogged determination, balanced with compassion and a deep passion for learning, discovery and for doing the same for the next generation of bovine practitioners.

While his contributions to veterinary medicine as a scientist are indeed remarkable, whether through his study of bovine trichomoniasis, reproduction in water buffalo, or transgenics . . . it is what makes Dr. BonDurant such an exceptional mentor that deserves recognition.

Dr. BonDurant quietly and gracefully gave each of us a 'template for successful mentoring'. Mentorship is Dr. BonDurant's legacy!

So many of the people offering support of this nomination asked, "Why didn't we do this sooner?" I do not know that I can offer a reasonable answer other than Dr. BonDurant made it look too easy. Or perhaps we simply overlooked all that he had done for others as we reflected only on our own, personal experience with Dr. BonDurant. I think the most likely answer is that Dr. BonDurant simply is not best described as mentor of the year. Dr. BonDurant is best described as a Mentor of a Lifetime.

Please join me in congratulating the 2013 AABP-Merck Animal Health Mentor of the Year, Dr. Bob BonDurant."



# AABP–Merial James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders



*Dr. Ben Wileman receiving the award from AABP President-elect, Dr. Dan Grooms.*

The James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders recognizes members of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners who have made significant contributions to ensuring the current success and the future viability of the AABP. The award will be presented at the AABP Annual Meeting to AABP members who have been nominated by another current AABP member and who have been determined to be deserving of the award by the AABP Board of Directors. The award will be limited to deserving AABP members who have graduated within ten (10) calendar years of graduation from veterinary school. Recipients will have given extraordinary service to the AABP in a manner that significantly enhances the mission of the organization. The award will consist of a commemorative plaque and a commemorative ring. This award was established in 2005 and will be presented only when a deserving individual has been nominated and selected. This year's award winner was introduced by Dr. Dan Thomson.

"It is with great honor that I introduce Dr. Ben Wileman for the James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders. Dr. Wileman is a person of high moral character with a passion for bovine practice and continuing education. Dr. Wileman is a 2005 graduate of Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. I have known and worked with him since July of 2008. You would be hard pressed to find a young leader more worthy of this award than Dr. Wileman.

Ben was raised on a ranch in western South Dakota. He attended South Dakota State University where he received the BS degree in biology. He then attended veterinary school at Iowa State University. In 2003, he led an effort for the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association to design and develop the student NCVEI practice management and price benchmarking outreach program. He visited over 100 veterinary clinics in leading this effort that has now been widely adopted by several states across the US. He was also very active in leadership in the student chapter professional societies at Iowa State such as AABP, SCAVMA, and AVC.

After veterinary school, Dr. Wileman returned home to practice in West River, South Dakota. His passion for production medicine and doing the best for his clients was obvious. He was an active member of the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association. Diagnosticians at the SDSU diagnostic laboratory expressed that Dr. Wileman was one of the most progressive cow/calf practitioners in the state of South Dakota. His ability to lead clients and beef producers started with his knowledge of the subject, clarity of directives to improve the health and well-being of cattle, and ended with his hard work to help them follow through on the ranch. Dr. Wileman is a finisher! I have yet to see him start one project that he did not finish with a very high quality.

Veterinary practice and working with producers is very natural for Ben. However, in 2008, he decided to

relocate to Kansas State University and work on a PhD degree in beef production medicine. This is where I got to see his leadership skills in action. From the first day, Dr. Wileman was a leader within the Beef Cattle Institute research group. He mentored veterinary and graduate students. He was the lead author or supporting author on over 50 abstracts and delivered over 25 invited talks for CE to veterinary medical and beef producer organizations. Dr. Wileman also worked directly with the KSU veterinary students on personal finance. He developed a spreadsheet and lecture series for students to understand their personal debt load and financial need. The students had a high level of respect and admiration for Dr. Wileman due to his hard work to help them with their projects and personal finance issues.

Dr. Wileman received many awards while at the KSU CVM. These awards include winning first place in the AABP Graduate Student Research Summary in 2010, and the Douglas A. Armstrong Memorial Scholarship from the Academy of Veterinary Consultants in the same year. Also in 2010, Dr. Wileman was the winner of the Governor's Graduate Research Summit Competition not only for all research on the Kansas State University Campus, but also was announced the winner for all universities in Kansas. On a local level, Dr. Wileman was the winner of the Clinical Sciences/Applied Sciences Oral Presentations for Phi Zeta Research Day in 2010, and the Mahlon Vorhies Production Animal Award in 2009 at the KSU CVM.

Dr. Wileman has, and continues to serve AABP and other professional groups. Dr. Wileman has served on AABP's Membership Committee since 2008. He has also personally provided CE offerings at all AABP meetings since 2008 in research summaries or other sessions. Dr. Wileman has also helped direct the recording of AABP's online distance education offerings in cooperation with Steve Johnson and the BCI students. Dr. Wileman does not seek the spotlight, and has been a great person to work behind the scenes to make AABP a better organization. Dr. Wileman is a leader in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and serves on their cow/calf welfare committee where he lead the group to write the first cow/calf BQA self-assessment tool.

At the end of the day, Ben Wileman is a leader because of his dedication, hard work and high moral standards. Dr. Wileman is a person that relates well with people from all walks of life. I was his mentor for his PhD program and quite honestly, I might have learned more from him than he did from me. When I think of a young leader that is making things happen for AABP now, I think of Dr. Ben Wileman. When I think of someone who will take our organization to the next level in the future, Ben Wileman is one that surfaces to the top immediately. My support of Dr. Wileman for the James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders is unconditional. Please help me congratulate the 2013 winner of the James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders, Dr. Ben Wileman."

# 2013 AABP Research Summaries Graduate Student Awards



Dr. Theresa Ollivett, Dr. Roxanne Pillars, and Aaron Schaffer.

This year, AABP recognized the top research presentations by graduate students at the 46th Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Twenty-nine oral presentations were presented as part of this competition.

The top presentation, titled *Ultrasonographic progression of lung consolidation after experimental infection with Mannheimia haemolytica in Holstein bull calves*, was made by Dr. Theresa Ollivett from the University of Guelph. Second place went to Mr. Aaron Schaffer, from Kansas State University, with his presentation *Effects of BRD in Holstein dairy calves during the first 120 days of life on subsequent production, longevity, and reproductive performance as cows*. Third place in the competition was won by Dr. Sara McReynolds from Kansas State University with her presentation *Impact of uncertainty in foot and mouth disease indirect transmission probability on outbreak duration and herds depopulated*. The standard awards for first, second and third place of \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500 were each supplemented by \$1,000 grants from the BRD Symposium Organizing Committee. Congratulations on a job well done. The AABP thanks the BRD Symposium Organizing Committee for their support of the graduate student awards.

Dr. Roxanne Pillars and Dr. Jeff Ondrak  
Research Summaries Coordinators

## 2013 Presentation Winners Student Case Competition

Ten students were selected to participate in the 2013 Student Case Presentation Competition at the 46th Annual Conference of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners. Drs. Chris Cripps and Sarah Holland volunteered their time as judges assisting in the initial presentation selection process. Drs. Rich Meiring, Lowell Midla and Dale Moore served as competition judges. Their valuable contributions of time and effort are very much appreciated. Students could present a clinical or a research case. First and second place presentations were selected in the research category and a first place presentation was selected in the case presentation categories. In the research case category, Andrew Kryzer from the University of Minnesota was awarded first place with his presentation, *Effect of us-*

*ing the perfect Udder® System to heat-treat colostrum on colostrum characteristics*. Second place was awarded to Casey Cazer from Cornell University presenting *Associations between Mycobacterium avium subsp. paratuberculosis antibodies in bulk tank milk, herd characteristics and management factors*. The first place winner in the clinical case category was Lauren Smith, Auburn University, presenting *Intra-articular morphine injection as an alternative to NSAIDs and steroids in dairy cattle*. The first and second place awards recipients received \$1,500 and \$750, respectively. Thanks to all submitters, presenters and judges.

Dr. Eric Gordon  
Student Sessions Coordinator

# President's Reception

At the end of the Conference, a reception was held to honor **Dr. Nigel Cook** for his service as President of the AABP in 2012 and 2013.



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# AABP Gateway Gala and Dinner

Saturday, September 21, 2013  
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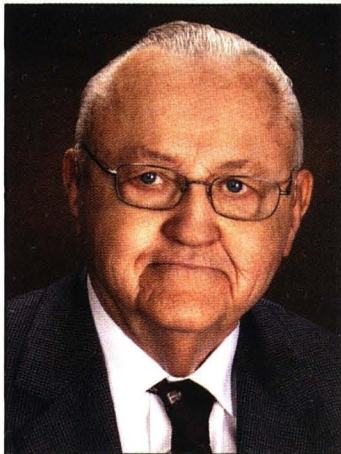
## Cattle Production Veterinarian Hall of Fame Awards

Two distinguished veterinarians – Don Williams, DVM, and Elmer Woelffer, DVM – have been inducted into the Cattle Production Veterinarian Hall of Fame (CPVHOF), recognizing their exceptional contributions to the practice of veterinary medicine in the beef and dairy cattle industry.

CPVHOF was established in 2011 to recognize the rich traditions of production veterinary medicine and honor the distinguished individuals who have made lasting contributions to the profession. It is sponsored by the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP), the Academy of Veterinary Consultants (AVC), *Bovine Veterinarian*, Merck Animal Health and Osborn Barr.

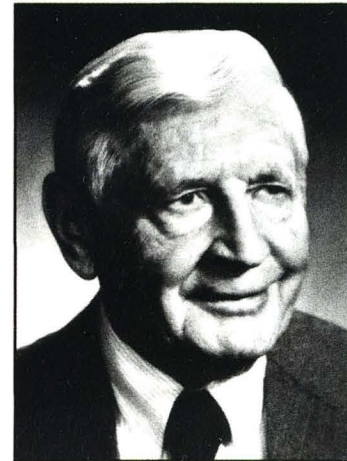
“Drs. Williams and Woelffer are role models for all of us, and we are honored to induct them into the hall of fame,” said Rick Sibbel, DVM, director of beef technical services for Merck Animal Health, who served as emcee of the induction ceremony. “Their vision, standard of excellence and ability to make a difference in the beef and dairy veterinary community is something we can all aspire to.”

The new inductees were honored at the AABP Annual Conference and were selected by their peers, including members of AABP and AVC.



Don Williams, DVM, is a Texas native and received his veterinary medical degree from Texas A&M University and master's degree from Oklahoma State University. After 18 years in private practice in Texas and Oklahoma, he became the first company veterinarian for Hitch Enterprises in Guymon, Oklahoma, and later moved into feedyard management for Henry C. Hitch Feedlot.

Dr. Williams developed the first national preconditioning program and was an early researcher of the cause of sudden death syndrome in feedlot cattle. Dr. Williams was the 45th member to join the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP), served on the organizing board of directors and was elected president at the first annual meeting in 1969.



Elmer Woelffer, DVM, grew up on a family farm in rural Wisconsin and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his veterinary medical degree from Cornell University.

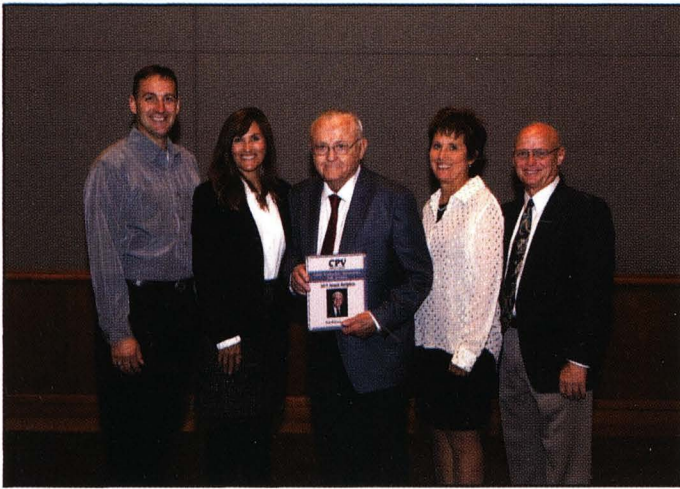
After graduation, he worked as a farm manager and veterinarian for H.P. Hood & Sons and Pabst Farms. He then entered private practice, retaining Pabst Farms as a client. He remained a private practitioner in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, focusing on theriogenology until his death in 1995.

Many consider Dr. Woelffer the father of bovine reproductive programs. He integrated sound scientific principles into reproductive programs and authored a herd-health column in *Hoard's Dairyman* for more than 30 years.

*Don Williams, DVM*

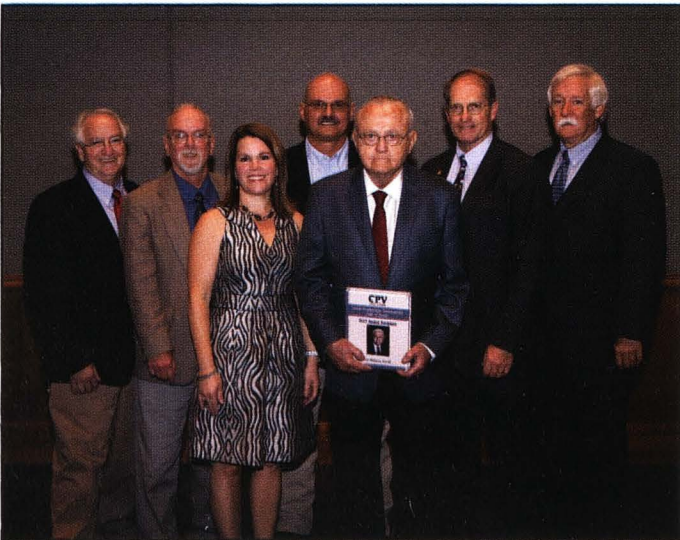
Recognized with two AABP awards, he received the Award for Excellence in Beef Preventive Medicine and the Amstutz-Williams Award. He also was a founding member of the Academy of Veterinary Consultants and served as president of the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association and the National Cattlemen's Foundation.

Dr. Williams is retired and lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

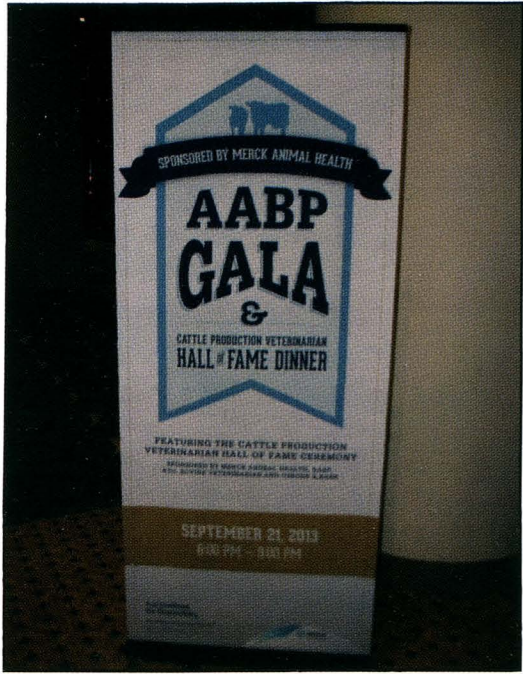


*Elmer Woellfer, DVM*

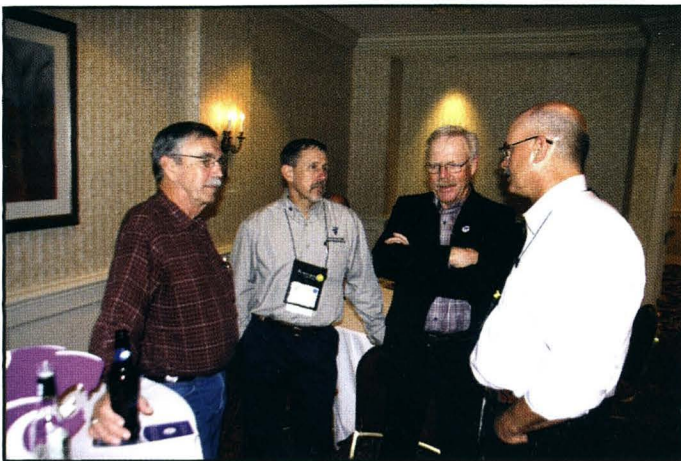
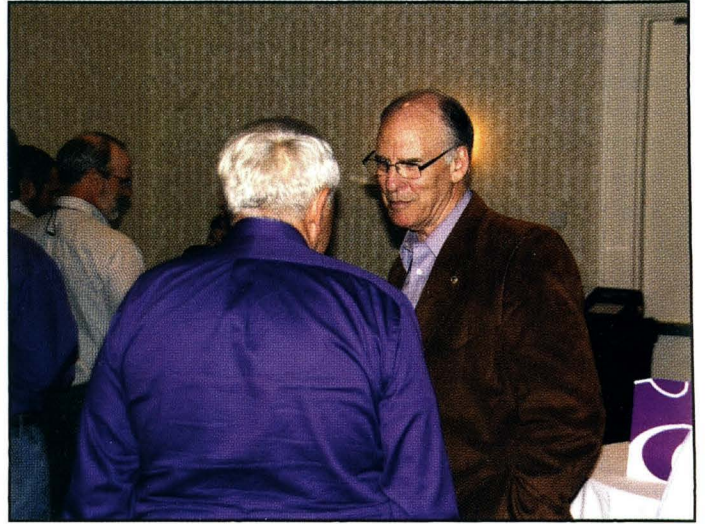
He was a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association Executive Board and Professional Liability Trust. He received numerous awards, including the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) Award for Excellence in Dairy Preventive Medicine and the Amstutz-Williams Award. He also was an honorary lifetime member of the AABP.



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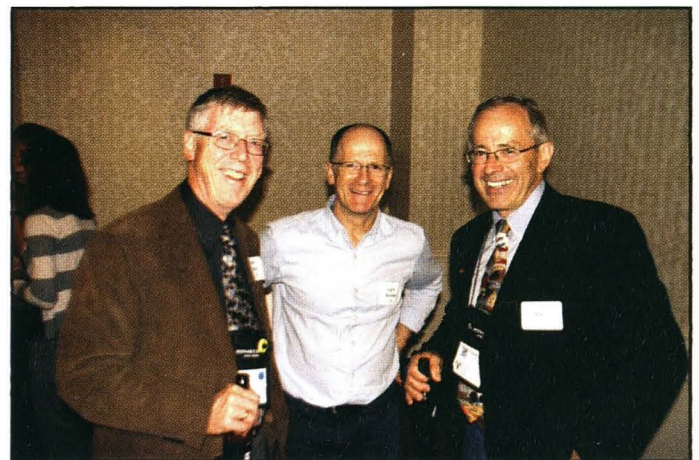
# K-State Beef Cattle Institute Holds Sixth Alumni Reception in 2013



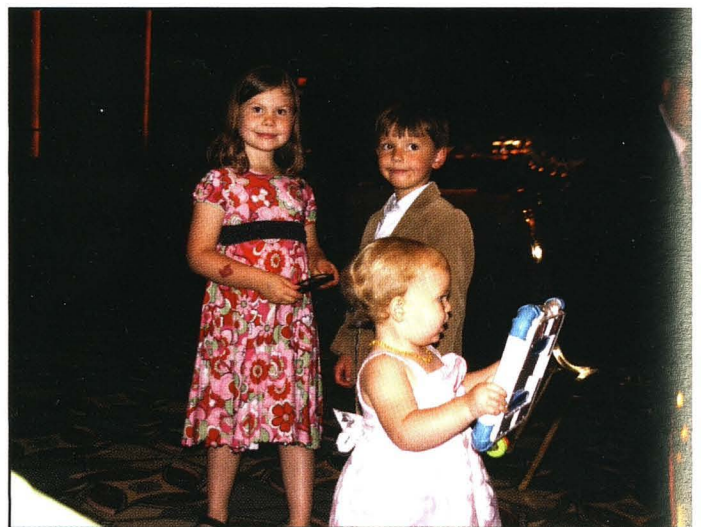
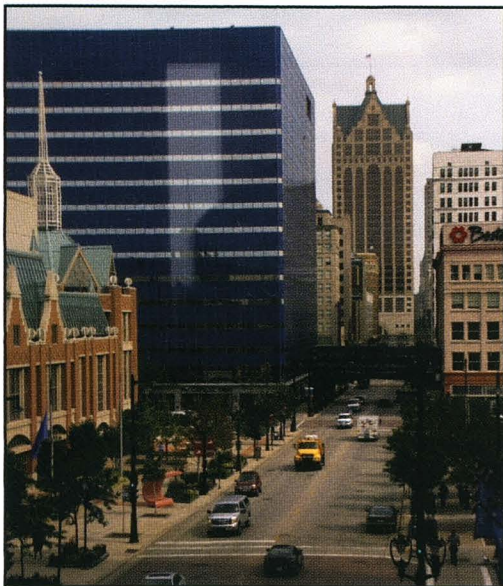
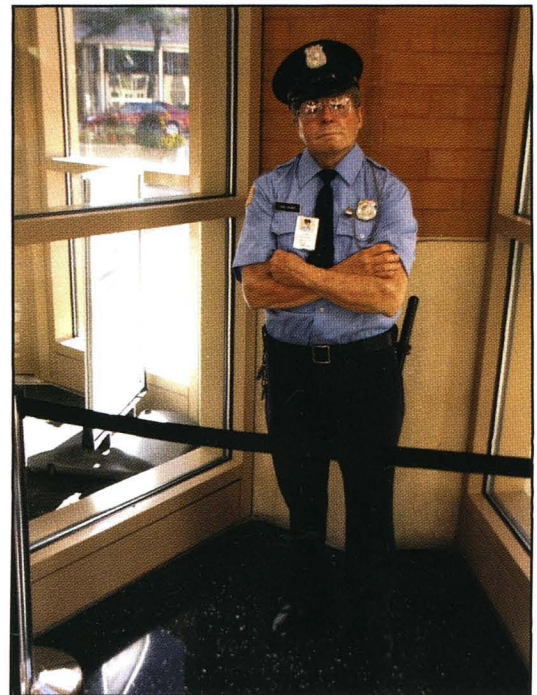
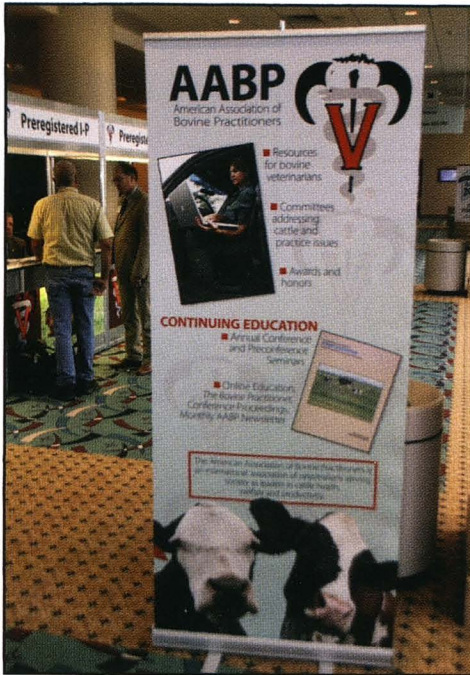
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# Canadian Association of Bovine Veterinarians Hold Reception at 2013 Conference



# A Look Back at Milwaukee



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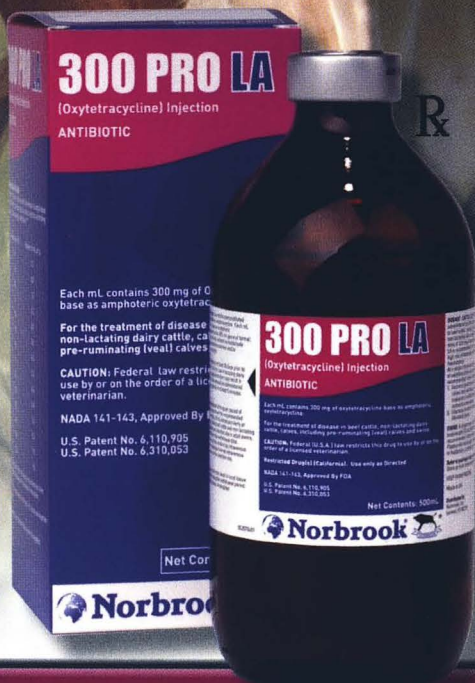
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#### INTRODUCTION:

300 PRO LA (oxytetracycline) Injection is a sterile, ready to use solution of the broad-spectrum antibiotic oxytetracycline dihydrate. Oxytetracycline is an antimicrobial agent that is effective in treatment of a wide range of diseases caused by susceptible gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria.

300 PRO LA should be stored at room temperature 56°-86°F (15°-30°C). The antibiotic activity of oxytetracycline is not appreciably diminished in the presence of body fluids, serum or exudates.

#### INGREDIENTS:

300 PRO LA Injection is a sterile, pre-constituted solution of the broad-spectrum antibiotic oxytetracycline dihydrate. Each mL contains 300 mg oxytetracycline as base, 40% (v/v) glycerol formal, 10% (v/v) polyethylene glycol 200, 2.7% (w/v) magnesium oxide, 0.4% (w/v) sodium formaldehyde sulphoxylate (as a preservative) and monoethanolamine (as required to adjust pH).

#### INDICATIONS:

300 PRO LA is intended for use in treatment for the following diseases when due to oxytetracycline-susceptible organisms: *Beef cattle, non-lactating dairy cattle, calves, including pre-ruminating (veal) calves*; 300 PRO LA is indicated in the treatment of pneumonia and shipping fever complex associated with *Pasteurella* spp., and *Histophilus* spp. 300 PRO LA is indicated for the treatment of infectious bovine keratoconjunctivitis (pink eye) caused by *Moraxella*

*bovis*, foot-rot and diphtheria caused by *Fusobacterium necrophorum*; bacterial enteritis (scours) caused by *Escherichia coli*; wooden tongue caused by *Actinobacillus lignieresii*; leptospirosis caused by *Leptospira pomona*; and wound infections and acute metritis caused by strains of staphylococcal and streptococcal organisms sensitive to oxytetracycline. Also, it is indicated for the control of respiratory disease in cattle at high risk of developing BRD associated with *Mannheimia (Pasteurella) haemolytica*.

#### Swine:

300 PRO LA is indicated in the treatment of bacterial enteritis (scours, colibacillosis) caused by *Escherichia coli*; pneumonia caused by *Pasteurella multocida*; and leptospirosis caused by *Leptospira pomona*. In sows 300 PRO LA is indicated as an aid in control of infectious enteritis (baby pig scours, colibacillosis) in suckling pigs caused by *Escherichia coli*.

#### PHARMACOLOGY:

Oxytetracycline is derived from the metabolic activity of the actinomycete, *Streptomyces rimosus*. Oxytetracycline is an antimicrobial agent that is effective in the treatment of a wide range of diseases caused by susceptible gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria. The antibiotic activity of oxytetracycline is not appreciably diminished in the presence of body fluids, serum or exudates.

Studies have shown that the half-life of oxytetracycline in blood following intramuscular treatment with 300 PRO LA at 5 mg per pound of bodyweight is approximately 23 hours in cattle and 18 hours in swine. Studies have shown when 300 PRO LA is administered once intramuscularly to cattle or swine at 9 mg per pound of bodyweight, blood oxytetracycline concentration of greater than 0.2 mcg/mL have been observed for 3 to 4 days.

Studies have shown when 300 PRO LA is administered once intramuscularly or subcutaneously to cattle at 13.6 mg per pound of bodyweight, blood oxytetracycline concentration of greater than 0.2 mcg/mL have been observed for at least 7 to 8 days.

#### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION:

*Beef cattle, non-lactating dairy cattle, calves, including pre-ruminating (veal) calves*: A single intramuscular or subcutaneous dosage of 13.6 mg of oxytetracycline per pound of bodyweight, 300 PRO LA is recommended for the control of respiratory disease in cattle at high risk of developing BRD associated with *Mannheimia (pasteurella) haemolytica*.

At a single intramuscular or subcutaneous dose range of 9 to 13.6 mg of oxytetracycline per pound of bodyweight, 300 PRO LA is recommended in the treatment of the following conditions:

(1) Bacterial pneumonia caused by *Pasteurella* spp (shipping fever) in calves and yearlings where retreatment is impractical due to husbandry conditions, such as cattle on range, or where their repeated restraint is inadvisable

(2) Infectious bovine keratoconjunctivitis (pink eye) caused by *Moraxella bovis*.

For other indications 300 PRO LA is to be administered intramuscularly, subcutaneously or intravenously at a level of 3 to 5 mg of oxytetracycline per pound of bodyweight per day. In treatment of foot-rot and advance cases of other indicated diseases, a dosage level of 5 mg per pound of bodyweight per day is recommended. Treatment should be continued 24 to 48 hours following remission of disease signs, however, not to exceed a total of four (4) consecutive days. If improvement is not noted within 24 to 48 hours of the beginning of treatment, diagnosis and therapy should be re-evaluated.

Do not administer intramuscularly in the neck of small calves due to lack of sufficient muscle mass. Use extreme care when administering this product by intravenous injection. Perivascular injection or leakage from an intravenous injection may cause severe swelling at the injection site.

#### ADVERSE REACTIONS:

Reports of adverse reactions associated with oxytetracycline administration include injection site swelling, restlessness, ataxia, trembling, swelling of eyelids, ears, muzzle, anus and vulva (or scrotum and sheath in males), respiratory abnormalities (labored breathing), frothing at the mouth, collapse and possibly death. Some of these reactions may be attributed either to anaphylaxis (an allergic reaction) or to cardiovascular collapse of unknown cause.

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