

1987  
20th Annual Convention  
Phoenix, Arizona  
November 10-13

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*Theme: Motivating People Towards Excellence*

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**It was predicted long ago that a great city would arise from the Hohokam ruins as the Egyptian Phoenix bird arose from the ashes -such a place is the modern City of Phoenix which began as a small settlement on the banks of the Salt River in 1860.**

**It was also fitting that, in the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, our AABP President came from the rolling farm lands of Northern Virginia, namely Dr. George E. Washington.**

Pre-Convention Seminars continued to grow with much emphasis on nutrition, microcomputers, basic and advanced embryo transfer, problem solving and the now popular total living seminars. Auto tutorials were gathering momentum. Dr. Sam Hutchins III continued his excellent service with more exhibits each year; with the addition of several educational exhibits.

**To add elegance to the Pre-Convention fiesta, the President and his wife, Patti, were dressed in true President Washington era style.** There was a luscious buffet of Southwest food specialties to the delightful music of a strolling mariachi band, courtesy of the Upjohn Company, MSD AGVET dir. of Merck and Co. Inc, and American Cyanamid, all planned by the local arrangements committee led by Dr. Bob Doster and Dr. Michael Kerfoot (District 10 Director).

The AABP was pleased to welcome JoAnn Smith, Past President, National Cattlemen's Association spoke on Motivation and Communication at the opening session which was also attended by the spouses. Other activities for spouses included a talk on the history and love of Southwestern Indian arts and crafts, a visit to the world famous Heard Museum of ancient Indian art and crafts followed by a tour of Taliesin West which is the famous working foundation of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, a tour of the Desert Botanical Gardens and Phoenix Zoo plus - of course! a shopping spree at the fabulous Fifth Avenue - Borgata area. A marvelous week was rounded off with a seminar on "A Guided Fantasy - Daydreams for Adults."

The highlight of the social events for registrants was a bus ride to a Wild West Wahoo - an evening of fun in the desert, where they dined on 16 oz. cowboy T- bone steaks, salad, cowboy beans and trimmings at the end of a hayride and entertainment by traditional gunfights and gambling.

There were three Post-Convention tours - an overnight trip to the Grand Canyon, a visit to the Higley and Gilbert area in Maricopa County which had over 60,000 dairy cows with dairies ranging from 200 to 4000 cows and a 2-day tour in cow-calf country in the highlands of East Central Arizona.

The Annual Membership Luncheon Meeting was presided by President Washington.

**Dr. Amstutz stated that an IBM computer had been purchased to which the membership role and other data were being inserted. He added that the AABP was now unquestionably recognized as representing the health interests of the cattle industry.**

President Washington reported on his interesting year in office, including site visits for future meetings and the livestock health news conference in Minneapolis, co-sponsored with the AVMA, AASP and AASPC.

**Editor Eric Williams stated that he would be retiring from Oklahoma State University on December 31, "which will give me more time to do what I enjoy most, namely working on our favorite journal."**

Dr. Arnold Hentschl, Chairman, AVMA Executive Board and a loyal AABP member was introduced.

Appreciation plaques were presented to retiring Directors Dr. Gene Sellick (D.1), Dr. Keith Sterner (D.4) Dr. Harry James (D.7) and Dr. Michael Kerfoot (D.10).

**Officers and a newly elected or re-elected Directors for 1988 included:**

- \*President: Dr. Donald Hudson, N. Platte, NE
- President-Elect: Dr. Keith Sterner, Ionia, MI
- Vice President: Dr. Thomas Fuhrmann, Tempe, AZ
- Exec. Sec.-Treas.: Dr. Harold Amstutz: re-elected.  
(\*automatic move up from Pres. Elect)

**Directors:**

- District one: Dr. Steve Wadsworth, Enosburg Falls, VT
- District four: Dr. Lawrence Heider, Columbus, OH
- District seven: Dr. Robert Smith, Stillwater, OK
- District ten: Dr. Fred Koning, Alta Loma, CA
- District thirteen: Dr. Gordon Atkins, Calgary, Alberta, Canada (re-elected)



*Dr. Fred Koning*



*Dr. Steve Wadsworth*

**President Washington passed the gavel to Incoming President Donald Hudson who urged all members to be good role models for new graduates and present a positive approach to bovine medicine.**

**Bovine Practitioner of the Year**



*President George Washington, Mrs. Judy Darlington, Dr. Darlington and Dr. Larry Hollis, Syntex Animal Health.*

**Dr. Robert L. Darlington, Snohomish, Washington received the Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award.**

Dr. Darlington is a native of Everett, WA. He received the D.V.M. degree from Washington State University in 1961 and was employed in general practice at Walla Walla for two years before purchasing the one-man practice in Snohomish. The practice now has nine veterinarians. Dr. Darlington was one of the original group who founded the AABP and has served as District 11 Director, AABP and several committees.

*Further information on the Award and the recipient was published in the Convention Proceedings, p. xii.*

## Awards For Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

### Dairy Program Award



*Dr. Edward Boraski, MSD-AGVET,  
Dr. Fred Troutt and Dr. Keith  
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**Dr. H. Fred Troutt, Tulare, California was the recipient of the Dairy Program Award.**

Born in Philadelphia, PA, Dr. Troutt received the V.M.D. degree from the University of Philadelphia in 1962, the M.S. degree from Purdue University in 1970 and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Missouri in 1970. He is currently (1987) Director of Veterinary Medicine and Teaching Research Center at the University of Davis, Tulare. Dr. Troutt has published many papers on preventive medicine and presented a large number of seminars.

### Beef Program Award



*Dr. Edward Boraski, MSD-AGVET,  
Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Shirbroun and Dr.  
Donald Hudson.*

**Dr. Richard E. Shirbroun, Coon Rapids, IA received the Beef Program Award. Born in Coon Rapids, he received the D.V.M. from Iowa State University in 1952.**

Dr. Shirbroun's entire practice has been generated from preventive medicine, with cost effective programs which he installed when he started practice. Dr. Shirbroun was instrumental in starting the Iowa Bull Fertility Program and the Iowa Pre-conditioning Program. He served as Director of District 6, AABP.

*Further information on the Awards and the recipients is available in the Convention Proceedings, p. xiii and xiv.*



