## **AABP Officers**

#### **President**



**Dr. Charlie Hatcher**, College Grove, Tennessee graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine in 1984. After practicing in Russellville, KY for 10 years, he returned home to the family farm in 1993 and established a mixed animal practice, which he continues to own and operate today. His areas of expertise include dairy and beef production medicine, reproduction and nutrition. The practice provides consultation to dairy and beef farms in Tennessee and south-central Kentucky.

In addition to private practice, Dr. Hatcher is employed on a part-time basis by the State of Tennessee as a Staff Veterinarian for the Department of Agriculture. He is the Designated Johne's Disease Coordinator for the State of Tennessee.

Dr. Hatcher served two terms as Director of District 3 of the AABP from 1998-2004. He received the Distinguished Alumni Private Practice Award from the University of Tennessee in February, 2005.

Dr. Hatcher resides on an active dairy, beef and sheep farm with his wife Sharon and son Charles. His daughter Jennifer was the first second generation graduate from the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine.

#### Crossroads-Which way do we go?

Your AABP Board of Directors recently held our annual spring Board of Directors meeting. At the meeting, I was required to give a President's Report. I included issues I thought were critical in my brief stint in office. These are "crossroad issues". The direction we choose on these issues will determine our future:

- 1. **Animal Welfare** Veterinarians are very well respected and the most qualified to address any animal welfare issues. We must be proactive in this area.
- 2. **Politics and Relationships** This starts with you and goes up and through the AABP and connects with allied organizations and groups (see previous president's message on "All Politics is Local"). The current environment is right to continue improvement in our relationships within all of agriculture.
- 3. **Membership/Profession Recruitment** Starting in elementary school and working up into the veterinary schools, we must educate kids and promote our profession.
- 4. **Diversity** Attracting a wider variety of people to our profession could result in a higher number of replacements of food supply veterinarians.
- 5. **Veterinary Workforce** Predictions suggest the greatest shortfall of the veterinary workforce may occur in public health and biomedical research careers. Private practitioners are already feeling the effects when trying to hire an associate. If you further define the supply end of the veterinary workforce problem, you can categorize possible solutions into four areas: recruitment, selection, education/training and retention. I may address this in a separate president's message at a later date.

We were fortunate to have Dr. Roger Mahr, AVMA President, in attendance at our board meeting. Dr. Mahr has been a

long time supporter of AABP, serving as AVMA's liaison to AABP for many years. He attended the board meeting to promote his "One World, One Health, One Medicine" initiative. The AABP Board has already endorsed his proposal to improve global health by unifying the veterinary profession with colleagues in human medicine, public health and environmental health sciences. After I gave my President's Report, Dr. Mahr pointed out to the board that the critical issues I had identified were similar to the critical issues the Executive Board of the AVMA had identified. Our objectives are generally the same — we can't afford for any subtle differences in objectives to divide us.

The annual convention for the National Cattleman's Beef Association was held in Nashville, TN this year. I live about 25 miles from Nashville, and attended the convention. The current president of NCBA, John Queen, conveyed to me his vision of a united agriculture. He believes all involved in agriculture should be pro-active and united in our stances. I just about gave him a "high five"! As expressed in several AABP Newsletters in the past, I feel exactly the same way. There are so few of us in agriculture that we must stand together and be united.

After listening to Dr. Mahr's presentation, talking to John Queen and preparing my President's Report for the board, it hit me. It's all about relationships, unity, making the right choices and going the right direction, while at the same time focusing on the issues crucial to our association and profession. The crossroads are coming into view. Which way will you go? Our future depends upon it!

Charlie

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#### **AABP Vice-President**



**Dr. Dick Wallace** is the Dairy Extension Veterinarian with the Office of Public Engagement at the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois. He attended The Ohio State University from 1976 through 1985 and received dual Bachelors degrees in Wildlife Zoology from the College of Arts and Science (1980) and Dairy Science from the College of Agriculture (1981). In 1985, he received the DVM degree and was given the award for Excellence in Food Animal Clinics.

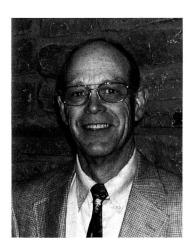
After graduation Dick started his own mixed animal practice in Centerburg, Ohio (Knox County). Desiring more work with dairy cattle, he sold the practice in 1987 and joined a three person dairy practice in beautiful Door County, Wisconsin. In September 1993, he returned to his alma mater to obtain a Master's Degree in Veterinary Preventive Medicine. While performing duties as OSU's first Food Animal Production Medicine Resident, he completed a project evaluating the epidemiology of *Staphylococcus aureus* mastitis in dairy cows. In the process an inexpensive disk assay for identification of *S. aureus* from bovine milk was developed.

In addition to his Extension responsibilities at the University of Illinois, Dick is an Associate Professor in the Food Animal Reproduction, Medicine and Surgery Section of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine. He teaches Dairy Herd Health Management, the dairy portion of Problems in Large Animal Nutrition and coordinates the senior selective Dairy Production Medicine rotation. Additionally, Dick serves as the faculty coordinator for the Dairy Cattle Research Farm and is the species veterinarian for dairy within the Agricultural Animal Care and Use Program.

On a national scale, Dick has served as the president of the American Association of Extension Veterinarians. For the National Mastitis Council, he has served on the Board of Directors, been the chair of the Education Committee and is currently on the Residue Avoidance Committee. Dick has been a member of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners since 1981. He has been one of the List Managers for the AABP-L list-serve since 1991, served on the Information Management Committee (chaired this committee for three years) and is currently on the Lameness Committee.

Dick and his wife Carrie have been married for 26 years and have three children. Sarah is a student at the University of Illinois and is majoring in Speech Communication. Katherine will be starting at U of I in fall 2007, and Ben is completing his sophomore year in high school.





**Dr. Glen Johnson** received his DVM from Michigan State University in 1976. He has owned/operated a four person, exclusively dairy practice in Reedsburg, Wisconsin since 1987. Prior to that Dr. Johnson was a partner for 10 years in a four person, predominantly dairy practice in Fowlerville, Michigan. During his 31 years of practice, Dr. Johnson has been involved in developing programs for all aspects of production medicine for his clients, including reproduction, nutrition, udder health, facilities design and ventilation. He has been a leader for more than 20 years in utilizing "on farm" computerized records and record analysis.

Dr. Johnson completed the University of Wisconsin's Dairy Herd Management Program in 2000. Because of the proximity to Madison, Dr. Johnson has enjoyed a very close working relationship with the University of Wisconsin College of Veterinary Medicine, being a long time participant in UW's ambulatory program, hosting students and faculty of the production medicine rotations on his clients' dairies, and assisting in teaching courses related to computerized record analysis. Dr. Johnson has also been enlisted as an industry consultant to trouble shoot production and dis-

ease problems on midwest dairies.

In addition to being a member of AABP since graduation, Dr. Johnson is a member of NMC, WVMA, SWWVMA, and AVMA. He has recently acted as a member of the WVMA's Best Practices Task Force, addressing drug usage on Wisconsin dairies. His current passions in practice are responsible treatment decisions, capturing and using clinical disease data and animal welfare.

Glen and his wife Gail have two children; Bonnie (15) and Ben (12). When not in his vet truck, Glen can most often be found shuffling Bonnie and Ben to piano or cello lessons, 4-H, football, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Hunter Safety or Civil War Reenactments.



**Dr. Glenn Rogers** graduated from the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1980. He practiced for 11 years in North Central Texas where he owned and operated two rural, mixed practices. While in practice he served as a director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association for 10 years, President of the West Cross Timbers VMA for three years, President of the Palo Pinto County Farm Bureau, served on his local school board, was an officer in the Palo Pinto County Livestock Association, Texas Academy of Veterinary Practice, Tax Appraisal Advisory Board, church Administrative Board and participated in several mission trips to Haiti with Christian Veterinary Mission.

Dr. Rogers received his Master's from Kansas State University in 1993. From 1993-2000 he was an associate professor in Ruminant Production Medicine at North Carolina State University. While teaching at NCSU-CVM, he was presented the Outstanding Extension Service Award and was responsible for developing a student large animal externship program and numerous elective courses focusing on beef production medicine. Glenn served as the faculty advisor for a very active student AABP chapter throughout his faculty tenure. Dr. Rogers has been a Diplomate of the Ameri-

can Board of Veterinary Practitioners in Beef Cattle since 1995.

Dr. Rogers is currently a Manager of the Cow/Calf Group in Beef Veterinary Operations, Pfizer Animal Health He covers most of Texas, western Oklahoma and New Mexico. In his capacity with PAH, Dr. Rogers delivers numerous presentations on beef health management topics throughout the United States. Glenn has been an integral cooperator with the Texas Beef Partnership in Extension Program (Beef PEP), Texas Beef Quality Assurance Program, the TSCRA School for Successful Ranching and the NCBA Cattlemen's College.

Dr. Rogers has served the AABP in many capacities, including three years on the planning committee, chair of the Practice Tips session, chair of the Cow/Calf session, local arrangements coordinator, speaker, moderator and active participation in several committees, including the Animal Welfare Committee and Committee on Pharmaceutical and Biologic Issues.

Glenn is a 6th generation "ranching Texan" and is actively involved in his family's ranching operation in Palo Pinto County, Texas, where he manages a beef heifer development business. In 2005, he was awarded conservation awards from the Palo Pinto County Water Conservation District and Region V of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Texas. In addition to AABP, he is an active member of NCBA, TSCRA and several other beef and veterinary organizations. Glenn has four children: Meg, age 25 (4th year medical student); Ginny, age 23 (2nd year law student); Ben, age 8; and Leah, age 2. Glenn's wife Mandy is also a veterinarian.

**Dr. Bob Cloninger** was elected to replace Dr. Darcie Stolz as the District 2 Director. Photo and biographical information were unavailable at press time.

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# American Association of Bovine Practitioners

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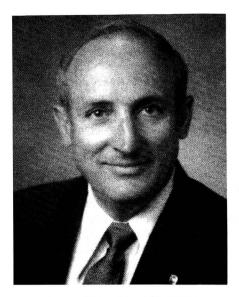
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#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

#### **American Association of Bovine Practitioners**

2007 Vancouver, British Columbia September 20-22
 2008 Charlotte, North Carolina September 25-27
 2009 Omaha, Nebraska September 10-12

### **World Buiatrics Congress**

2008 Budapest, Hungary July 6-11

## **Executive Vice-President's Report**

Saint Paul, Minnesota 20 September, 2006



The past six months have been an active period of time. Several television interviews began almost immediately after the media training sponsored by Monsanto in March. Since that time, I have been asked to serve on the DMI Dairy Today Farm Advisory Council. This should take limited time. John Ferry's idea to take the Executive Committee to Washington, DC, was extremely valuable and fruitful. Some of the effects will only be told with time, but this seems like something to make into an annual event. Being able to build some longevity into the relationships developed by having officers make repeat visits will be a definite plus. I think you again for the opportunity to work in this capacity.

#### **Finances**

The treasurer's report will provide the bulk of this information. The accounts at A.G. Edwards have been renamed, and an additional account has been set up to accurately reflect the verbiage and description in the Financial Policy. The Executive Committee reviewed the mid-year reports, and did not detect any significant variations from budget other than a Directory bill that came in after the first of the year. There was approximately \$32,000 in donations, interest and value changes in mutual funds added to the Amstutz Scholarship fund from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. Previous Board action makes 50% of this available to the committee for scholarships and promotion. The good news is that the Amstutz Scholarship Committee had to purchase additional Gold Donor Pins this year. The finances during this high cash influx time of the year are somewhat difficult to evaluate, but the reports from QuickBooks Pro are all on course for budget.

#### Membership

Dues notices were mailed May 1, July 15 and August 20. The office has just begun (9/5/06) to receive renewals from the third notice. The web-based database, with some of the options that Steve has now developed, can be very closely aligned with revenues received which are classed as 2006-2007

membership dues. The October newsletter will be the last for anyone that has not renewed, and this will be noted on the newsletter. We anticipate that total membership numbers will approach 6,000, including student members.

#### **Director and Officer Elections**

District 2 – Dr. Bob Cloninger was elected to replace Dr. Darcie Stolz.

District 5 – Dr. Glen Johnson was elected to replace Dr. Andy Johnson.

District 8 – Dr. Glenn Rogers was elected to replace Dr. Charlie Deyhle.

District 11 - Dr. Scott Waltner was re-elected to a second term.

 $\label{eq:Vice-President} \mbox{Vice-President} - \mbox{Dr. Dick Wallace was elected Vice-President}$ 

#### **General Office Activity**

With the addition of Ms. Jane Allen, the AABP office is fully staffed to the level prior to the move. It is my goal to cross-train both Jane and Linda Van Dyke for many of the tasks. Linda was doing most of the tasks prior to adding Jane, so that is already in progress. Steve Johnson is to be thoroughly thanked and totally appreciated for his efficient work and endless patience in helping us manage the website and AABP databases.

#### **Liaisons and Meetings**

Liaison activity has included numerous standard meetings, plus some acquired liaison activity which presented as phone calls, meetings or meetings within meetings, such as the allied group caucus at the AVMA House of Delegates meetings. During attendance at the AVMA Executive Board meeting March 30 - April 1, Dr. Bud Hertzog asked me to present an opinion from the food animal allied groups about Dr. Childers proposed letter of agreement between AVMA and HSUS. At that point in the meeting, there were no other food animal allied groups present, and the discussion was to take place at an executive session of the AVMA Executive Board, with me being an invited attendee. After respectfully agreeing with Dr. Childers that coalition building is very valuable, there could be no mistaking the fact that HSUS policies as driven by their current activist director would consistently be directly opposed to all animal agriculture. It was communicated that, in no uncertain terms, food animal allied groups would be diametrically opposed to such an agreement. After discussion by the Board in open session, a motion was made to discontinue discussions and retract the proposed letter of agreement.

Surprisingly, tail docking continues to be an issue of importance. Our newly acquired membership in the Animal Agriculture Coalition (AAC) has generated numerous discussions with John Adams, co-chair of AAC and CEO of the National Milk Producers Federation. Their concern relates to the AVMA position statement on tail docking, which is entirely negative. A group discussion developed which involved AABP,

our USAHA Liaison Dr. Chris Ashworth, NMPF and AVMA. A course of action has been plotted that will result in Dr. Ashworth presenting a resolution at the USAHAAnimal Welfare Committee meeting in October that endorses the AABP position statement.

In the Spring of 2005, the AABP Reproduction Committee provided to the membership several charts relative to synchronization programs. These charts were the product of a regional group comprising both veterinarians and animal scientists, including the Chair of the Reproduction Committee.

The AABP was invited to participate in a 2007 Farm Bill policy formulating meeting at the AVMA Governmental Relations Division (AVMA-GRD). AASV, AAEP, AAAP and the Food Hygiene Veterinarians were also invited participants at this meeting, which was designed to develop AVMA policy. The AVMA-GRD staff invited numerous stakeholders to meet with and present to the group. Dr. Mark Spire and I represented AABP. The NCBA, NMPF, National Chicken Council, American Horse Council, National Turkey Federation, the Animal Agriculture Alliance, AAC, American Farm Bureau and the National Pork Producers Federation presented various concerns and possible legislative positions to the group, and an allied group discussion was directed at developing policy. The opportunity to liaise with this number of groups in a two day meeting provided a very concentrated exposure to numerous important groups in a short period of time.

I attended the PAACO Board meeting on July 8. The changing face and purpose of PAACO was visited as they have gone from certifying auditors to certifying audits and training auditors. The one pivotal certified audit or vote of credibility from the retail side of the food chain is still on the horizon, but it may be getting closer.

The AVMA meeting in Hawaii provided another opportunity to strengthen relationships with the allied groups. Because of a resolution on the floor which represented the activist agenda by asking for AVMA to rank welfare over economics, the allied group caucus (which includes such groups as the Feline Practitioners, Theriogenologists, Student AVMA, AAEP, etc.) provided an opportunity for the AABP to help propose (Spire) and craft (Riddell) a resolution to come to the floor of the House of Delegates. This resolution merely affirmed that the Veterinarian's Oath was consistent with the use of animals for companionship, research for human and animal improvement, and food and fiber. This was unanimously approved by the allied groups, and passed with one or two dissenting votes in the HoD.

The AABP Executive Committee meeting was mentioned by Dr. Ferry. Suffice it to say that the chance to meet with FDA-CVM, NMPF, USDA-APHIS, USDA-FSIS and personal meetings with the executive committee's senators and representatives in a two-day period, as well as take care of Executive Committee Business, was time well spent. I have expressed AABP's appreciation to the AVMA-GRD for facilitating this meeting.

John Adams, with NMPF, has become a vocal ally of the profession. Following discussions between John Ferry and John Adams at an AAC sponsored meeting, a conference call about the New York State Cattle Health Assurance Program was attended by Dr. Ferry and myself. John Adams is wanting this program, and specifically its Welfare Audit module,

to be considered as a model for dairymen nationwide. NMPF feels that this would get veterinarians on the farm for numerous purposes, but mainly for national herd monitoring and health assessment. The NYSCHAP Welfare Module has been forwarded to the AABP Animal Welfare Committee for review and consideration of presenting it to PAACO as an independent "audit" for auditors to apply to on-farm welfare auditing. This seems to fit with PAACO's newly expanded roles.

At the specific request of the AABP Virginia-Maryland faculty representative, I will be meeting with their FAPC group at their first meeting of the year, September 6, in Blacksburg, VA. This is a good opportunity to make contact with our student members. This doesn't meet Dr. Ferry's initiative to contact those not yet brought into the food supply fold by early contact, but it's a start.

There have been innumerable other phone calls which allowed the AABP office to be the conduit for other activities which benefit animal agriculture, and which promote many of the coalitions and issues that the Board has approved and supported.

#### **AABP Newsletter Review**

Ms. Geni Wren, Dr. Kathy Gloyd and Dr. Harold Amstutz have been contacted to assist the office in a review of the format and presentation of the AABP Newsletter. Following a member comment regarding the outdated appearance of the AABP newsletter, with Dr. Ferry's advice and Dr. Amstutz's blessing, the office will be looking at changes in design, paper type, newsletter layout and format, but not content.

#### **Honor Roll Nominees**

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

Norman K. Bailey John N. Black Donald R. Cihak Harry James Willis G. Parker Darrell C. Payne Daniel W. Schamper Samuel E. Strahm William A. Wolff

#### Summary

The upcoming year will provide numerous opportunities for increasing relationships with all aspects of the cattle food production systems. The Program Committee has developed a program which will provide some very current and forward thinking information. The AABP committee structure continues to show the ability to respond to demanding situations on relatively short notice. Lastly, the Board has been very supportive while being open and innovative in communicating what is expected of the AABP office. Once again, I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to work in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted, Gatz Riddell, DVM, MS Executive Vice-President

SPRING, 2007 — REMONTO ARE EMILY OF EMI

# Minutes of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners

Business Luncheon 23 September 2006 Saint Paul River Centre Saint Paul, Minnesota

The meeting was called to order by AABP President John Ferry at 12:00 p.m. President Ferry began by welcoming those in attendance, and holding a moment of silence for those members who had passed away since the last business meeting.

Dr. Ferry then presented the minutes of the Salt Lake City for approval. On motion and second, the 2005 Business Meeting minutes were approved.

President Ferry introduced the current AABP Board of Directors and VIP guests, along with each District Director and members in attendance, by district. Students were also recognized. Dr. Ferry thanked the officers and volunteers for their service during the past year and thanked the Program Committee Chair for the excellent 2006 program.

Dr. Mark Wustenberg presented the treasurer's report, describing AABP's current finances in positive terms. He reported the AABP has assets of \$1.1 million and equity of \$860,000. He reported that the move to the new office in Auburn was a smooth transition. On motion the treasurer's report was approved.

Dr. Gatz Riddell gave the Executive Vice-President's report. He thanked everyone who had helped him through the year, especially his family. The 39th Annual Conference had a record attendance. The AABP membership has increased over the past year. Dr. Riddell introduced the AABP Board of Directors, and recognized the four newest board members: Bob Cloninger-District 2, Glen Johnson-District 5, Glenn Rogers District 8 and Dick Wallace as Vice-President.

AVMA president Dr. Roger Mahr thanked the members



Dr. John Ferry, AABP President, calls the 2006 AABP Business Meeting to order.

of AABP for their support of issues that members are involved in and for their service on various committees that affect our industry. AVMA is celebrating its' 40th year. The AVMA speaks as a unified voice for the industry.

Dr. Dan Grooms announced the winners of Graduate Student Presentation Awards in the Research Summaries Sessions. First place was awarded to Julie Severidt of Colorado State University, second place was awarded to Cynthia Todd, University of Guelph and third place was presented to R.O. Rust of Kansas State University.

Dr. Dale Grotelueschen, Pfizer Animal Health, introduced Dr. Mike Spire who presented the AABP Pfizer Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Rich Meiring.

Dr. Bruce Nosky introduced Dr. Kee Jim, who presented the AABP-Merial Award for Excellence in Preventive Medicine (Beef) to Dr. Calvin Booker.

Dr. Bruce Nosky then introduced Dr. Steve Wikse. He presented the AABP-Merial Award for Excellence in Preventive Medicine (Dairy) to Dr. Al Harper.

Dr. Denny Hausmann, Alpharma Animal Health, introduced Dr. David McClary to present the AABP-Alpharma Award of Excellence to Dr. Jan Shearer.

Dr. John Schnackel, Fort Dodge Animal Health, intro-



duced Dr. Jenks Britt, who presented the AABP-Fort Dodge Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award to Dr. Randall Hinshaw.

 $\mbox{Dr.}$  Darcie Stolz was honored as Best Dressed Bovine Practitioner.

Dr. Reneé Dewell received the first James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders.

Dr. Ferry thanked his wife, Diane, for her support during his year as president, and thanked the AABP office staff and Dr. Riddell for all the work they do.

In closing, Dr. Ferry welcomed AABP's new officers and new directors: Dr. Charles Hatcher, President; Dr. Michael Bolton, President-Elect; Dr. Richard Wallace, Vice-President; Dr. Robert Cloninger, District Two Director; Dr. Glen Johnson, District Five Director; and Dr. Glenn Rogers, District Eight Director.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Van Dyke Administrative Assistant, AABP





Dr. John Ferry, right, recognizes Dr. Grant Dewell as Retiring Chair of the Committee on Pharmaceutical and Biological Issues.



Dr. John Ferry, right, thanks Dr. Lee Jones for his service as Chair of the Reproduction Committee.



Dr. John Ferry, right, recognizes Dr. Andy Johnson's service as Director of District 5.



Dr. John Ferry, right, congratulates Dr. Darcie Stolz, retiring Director of District 2.



 $\label{eq:Dr.Def} \textit{Dr. John Ferry, right, congratulates Dr. Charlie Deyhle, retiring Director of District~8.}$ 



Dr. Mark Wustenberg presenting the Treasurer's Report, and describing the AABP's financial position.



 $Dr.\ Roger\ Mahr,\ AVMA\ President,\ addresses\ the\ AABP\ Membership.$ 



Student case presentation award winners Molly Murphy, University of Georgia, Destinee Bearden, Auburn University, and Morgan McCarty, Colorado State University.









Dr. Charlie Hatcher presents the President's Award to outgoing President, Dr. John Ferry.



Dr. Charlie Hatcher, incoming AABP President, describes his vision for AABP for 2006-2007.

## James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders



Dr. John Ferry presenting the Young Leadership award to Dr. Renee Dewell.

President John Ferry introduced the 2006 award winner.

"When you hear people reminiscing about Dr. Jim Jarrett, there is a common story about being at an annual meeting for the first time, feeling kind of intimidated and out of place. The story will tell how Dr. Jarrett gave such a warm, individual welcome that the newcomer felt they'd found a new lifelong friend, which indeed they had. To honor Jim's love for young people and for the AABP, the Board of Directors voted to establish the James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders. This award isn't meant to be given out every year, but only on those occasions when it is truly deserved.

When this year's recipient graduated from Colorado State University, they likely never thought that they would be serving AABP the way they have or that they would be receiving an award recognizing their commitment to AABP. They attended their first AABP meeting in 1999 to present a research abstract. At the 2000 meeting, because "they didn't have anything better to do" on Thursday morning, they elected to sit in on a committee meeting to see what was going on. After perusing the possible choices they decided on the Animal Welfare Committee. After the meeting they were asked to join the committee and

thereby began their service to AABP. As part of their work with the Animal Welfare Committee they organized and moderated a General Session on Pain Management for the 2003 Annual Conference.

In 2004, after being encouraged by members of the Board of Directors, they became AABP's liaison to the National Institute of Animal Agriculture (NIAA). Each April they represent AABP at the NIAA annual meeting and report back to AABP any pressing issues of concern for the membership. Their involvement with NIAA increased their awareness of the risk of biological pathogens to bovine populations. Additionally, in 2005, our recipient was on a Department of Homeland Security Task Force to determine the Department's response to a Foreign Animal Disease, such as Foot and Mouth Disease. At the first meeting they were surprised that DHS had not sought a representative from AABP. They were instrumental in having Drs. Meiring and Riddell invited to participate.

After working with the DHS taskforce, they developed a conviction that Biological Risk Management and Preparedness are critical to the cattle industry, and that AABP needed a committee focused on these issues. Unfortunately they couldn't make this presentation to the AABP board in person at last year's meeting as they were in southern Mississippi providing disaster relief in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Nevertheless the board agreed with the concept and this spring a new committee was formed with our award recipient as the chairperson to address Biological Risk Management and Preparedness issues for the membership.

Our recipient's short tenure with AABP has been very active. They have dedicated a lot of time and effort to both grow in their knowledge of bovine medicine from the superior CE available from AABP, as well as contribute back to the organization. It is members like this that make AABP an exceptional organization and ensure the future of the organization.

Dr. Renee Dewell, thank you for all you do, and congratulations on being the inaugural recipient of the James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders!"

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## **Board of Directors Meetings**





















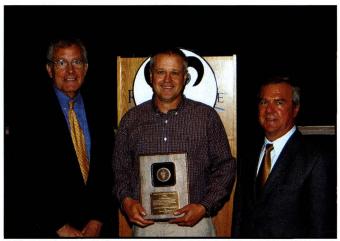






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## 2006 Bovine Practitioner of the Year



Dr. Randall Hinshaw, center, receives the AABP-Fort Dodge 2006 Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award from Dr. John Schnackel (right), Fort Dodge Animal Health, and Dr. Jenks Britt

Dr. John Schnackel, Fort Dodge Animal Health, described the AABP-Fort Dodge Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award. "The Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award has been awarded annually since its establishment in 1978. 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 bovine practitioners 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 Fort Dodge Animal Health, 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 2006 AABP-Fort Dodge Animal Health Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award, please welcome Dr. Jenks Britt."

Dr. Britt's description of this year's award was as follows:

"Our Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award winner for 2006 is a native of North Carolina, but graduated from the University of Georgia School of Veterinary Medicine in 1982, and thus far has spent his professional career in the state of Virginia. He has been active in an exclusive bovine practice for over 24 years, serving needs in ambulatory medicine, surgery and production medicine. For the past 15 years, he has been solely involved with bovine embryo transfer.

Our award winner has been a practice owner since 1987, and is involved daily in the practice which employs seven full-time and one part-time veterinarian. He also serves as adjunct professor at the VA-MD School of Veterinary Medicine, and has 6-8 of their students serve preceptorships at his practice each year.

Our winner also dabbles with academia and has worked very closely on several meaningful and practical bovine reproduction projects with Dr. Bill Beal at Virginia Tech.

He is very active in professional organizations. He belongs to the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association, and has served on its Food Animal Practice Committee, as well as working through the ranks of the Academy of Food Animal Practice to serve as its President.

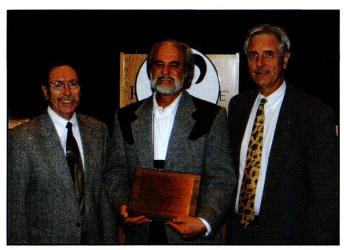
By now, several of you have already guessed that our winner is Snow Camp, North Carolina's finest veterinarian – Randall Hinshaw. Randall's service to our profession is best exemplified by his tireless service as a board member and President of the American Embryo Transfer Association from 1997 to 2002. As President, Randall led the AETA through some very rocky waters when it was discovered that the management company serving as its Executive Secretary had embezzled all of the AETA funds, as well as five other professional groups for whom they provided management services. As President, Randall rallied the Board of Directors and membership to right the sinking ship and now – four years later – AETA is stronger and more viable than ever. For his leadership, Randall was awarded the President's Award for Exceptional Service in 2005.

Randall's competency is evidence by his research projects, papers and programs he has participated in. He has been a frequent speaker at AETA meetings and a participant and speaker at the AABP's annual embryo transfer seminars. His contributions are not only scientifically accurate but they are practical, adding valuable, take-home information for the embryo transfer industry and for bovine reproduction medicines.

Randall's wife, Linda, is also involved part-time in the E.T. business and is with us today. Randall owns and practices at Ashby Animal Health in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where he and Linda reside with their three daughters – Rachel, 21, Whitney, 19 and Morgan, 18. The three future Hinshaw weddings may be Randall's greatest life challenge.

I'm privileged to present Dr. Randall Hinshaw -2006 AABP-Fort Dodge Bovine Practitioner of the Year."

## AABP-Alpharma Award of Excellence



Dr. Jan Shearer, center, receives the AABP-Alpharma Award of Excellence from Dr. Denny Hausmann (left), Alpharma Animal Health, and Dr. David McClary.

Dr. Denny Hausmann, Alpharma Animal Health, described the award. "This award, established in 1989, consists of a ring and a plaque. Candidates for the award must be nominated from teaching, research, industry or government areas. The nominees' 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 AABP membership." The 2006 winner was announced by Dr. David McClary.

"It is a distinct pleasure to introduce the 2006 AABP-Alpharma Award of Excellence winner. I would like to first express my appreciation to Alpharma for their continuing support of this prestigious award. As we review the past recipients of this award it truly reads like a "who's who" of bovine medicine. Prior recipients include such names as Hoffsis, Studer, Leslie, Reneau, Rupp, Upson, Perino, Flack, Cortese, McGuirk, Riddell, Apley, Braun, Griffin, Wikse, Hull, and last years recipient John Fetrow.

Certainly this year's recipient deserves a place among this distinguished group. In fact as I reviewed the individual's resume I wondered why he had not been previously recognized. I have known our recipient for a number of years and consider him to be one of my very best friends. Although the winner is from the midwest and a graduate from a midwest college of veterinary medicine, I consider him to be a fellow southerner.

Our winner has received honors and recognitions too numerous to list here. He has authored or coauthored over 160 refereed publications, 11 book chapters, two books, and hundreds of lay publications and manuals. He has presented over 400 lectures in the US, Canada and 18 foreign countries.

I guess the thing that impresses me most about this year's recipient is his diversity. When I first met him he was considered an expert in the field of mastitis and milk quality. Later he became recognized as a specialist in calf and young stock rearing and an authority on heat stress in dairy animals. Today he is considered an internationally recognized authority in the field of lameness and foot health of both dairy and beef cattle. And after mastering all of these healing arts he is now considered an authority in the killing arts, serving as chair of the AABP Animal Welfare Committee, which is developing manuals and posters in English and Spanish on the proper methods of euthanasia of cattle.

They say that behind every successful individual there is a supporting spouse, and that certainly is true of our 2006 recipient. This couple is inseparable, whether you see them working together at the North American Veterinary Conference, where our recipient has been actively involved with planning the food animal program since the inception of this conference; conducting a bovine lameness seminar; or working together at their own cattle operation.

It is my honor to introduce to you the 2006 recipient of the AABP-Alpharma Award of Excellence, a 1975 graduate of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and current Professor and Dairy Extension Veterinarian at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Florida, and Leslie Shearer's husband... Jan Shearer."

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## AABP-Pfizer Animal Health Distinguished Service Award – Merit Award Series



Dr. Rich Meiring, center, receives the AABP-Pfizer Animal Health Distinguished Service Award from Dr. Mark Spire (left), and Dr. Dale Grotelueschen, Pfizer Animal Health.

Dr. Dale Grotelueschen, Pfizer Animal Health, 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, thorough 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. Mark Spire will introduce the 2006 award winner."  $\,$ 

"This year's recipient of the AABP-Pfizer Animal Health Distinguished Service Award has been an active member of our professional community for the past 34 years. He has been a progressive private practitioner, dairy consultant, academician and spokesman for food animal veterinary medicine. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University during the age of glass—when they still used glass slides in class for overhead projectors, glass syringes in clinics, and Woody Hayes used to punch opposing players to check for glass jaws.

He is a bona fide expert on milk quality, who constantly strives to improve himself, our profession and his client's management profitability and quality of life. At a point in his career when most people have begun to reflect on their accomplishments, he weathered the storm of adult continuing education and learning to study all over again by sitting for and successfully passing the requirements for certification in the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. He has served in numerous local, state and national professional and civic organizations. Having served with him in leadership roles within AABP, it is easily seen that he is a true gentleman and scholar, highly deserving of this recognition. Distinguished guest and fellow AABP members, let me present the 2006 recipient of the AABP-Pfizer Animal Health Distinguished Service Award, Dr. Rich Meiring."

# AABP–Merial Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Bruce Nosky, Merial Limited, 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 out-

standing 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 24 years and wish to congratulate the 2006 winner."

#### Beef Award



Dr. Calvin Booker, center, receives the AABP-Merial Beef Award for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine from Dr. Kee Jim (left), and Dr. Bruce Nosky, Merial Limited.

Dr. Kee Jim introduced the 2006 beef award recipient.

"Our award winner received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1989, and his Master of Veterinary Science in 1992, from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He completed an internship at the Ambulatory Clinic at Cornell University, and a residency at the Field Service Clinic, Western College of Veterinary Medicine. He collaborated on research efforts with Feedlot Health Management Service since 1992 as an epidemiologist, data analyst, and production consultant. He is currently a partner in the firm, with responsibilities that include management of the research department.

Those who know him agree he is a deserving recipient of this award – he is the "gold standard" of the

new generation beef cattle veterinarian who utilizes leading edge epidemiological and statistical skills to solve "real world" problems in feedlot production.

Like many accomplished bovine practitioners and previous winners of this award, he has been a significant contributor to continuing education. For example, since 1995 he and his associates have offered feedlot externships to students from 12 colleges of veterinary medicine in Canada, the United States and England on multiple occasions. He has also served as Coordinator/Faculty, Applied Epidemiology Pre-Conference Seminars at the Annual AABP Conferences since 2004; Chair of the Integrated Herd Management Curriculum Committee at the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Calgary; peer reviews manuscripts; and has served as a Feedlot Technical Expert for the Canada Beef Export Federation (CBEF) and the Canada Food

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Inspection Agency (CFIA) Technical and Trade Mission National and International Tours. The list goes on and on.

Our award winner is a member of several organizations, such as the AABP, the Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, and the International Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics, to name a few.

Just as important, he shares his talents with others in the profession by publishing his research—the list of publications he has authored or co-authored fills many, many pages in his CV. In addition, he is a speaker at this AABP Conference — and I might add he is an accomplished speaker, and presents evidence-based information.

A gentleman, a scholar, and accomplished member of the veterinary profession, I am pleased to introduce to you the 2006 AABP-Merial Beef Award for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Calvin Booker."

## **Dairy Award**

Dr. Steve Wikse presented the 2006 recipient of the AABP-Merial Dairy Award for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine.

"This year's winner received his DVM in 1981 from the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis. He has owned and operated a dairy practice in Dublin, Texas since 1989. He has dairy clients throughout Texas and in several other states.

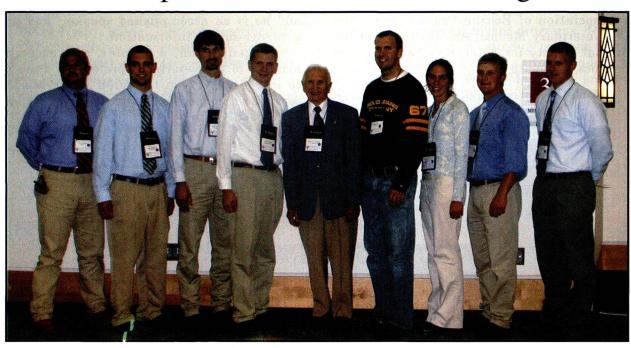
This veterinarian strives for excellence in his practice. In order to accomplish that goal he has raised his professional skills to a higher level by obtaining a Masters in Preventive Veterinary Medicine from the University of California, Tulare. If a client has a need for services beyond his own expertise, he has no hesitations to call in a more qualified expert. His emphasis is to provide the very best services possible to his clients.

Our honoree is a very strong leader in client edu-

cation. He has regular client education meetings and has developed a milker's school. He oversees one of the best milk quality services in the nation.

He has contributed greatly to the veterinary profession through mentorship. He has generously given his time to nurture young veterinarians. He readily shares his approaches to dairy health and reproduction with recent graduates and collaborates with them to implement those management practices in dairies served by them. He has helped develop many young veterinarians into successful dairy practitioners who now practice in several states. He was described by his nominator for the award as an outstanding role model for mentoring. Please help me congratulate the winner of the 2006 AABP-Merial Award for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine-Dairy, Dr. Al Harper."

# AABP Scholarship Grants Tops \$250,000 with 20 New Recipients at 2006 AABP Meeting



Left to right: Levi Plunkett, Gabe Middleton, Ryan Wonderlich, Leo Vranich, Dr. Amstutz, Brent Volker, Rebecca Whitcomb, Randall Plaisance and Justin Kieffer.

During the Opening Ceremonies at the 2006 AABP meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota, 20 worthy third-year veterinary students were each awarded \$2000 scholarships. These students were selected by the AABP Amstutz Scholarship Committee from a list of outstanding applicants. This brings the total number of scholarships awarded to 167, for a total of nearly \$253,000 since the award first was given in 1996. The sources of funds for these awards are individual AABP member contributions, and an annual generous contribution from the Eli Lilly Foundation through Elanco Animal Health. The Lilly Foundation has supported the scholarship program since 1997, with a current annual contribution of \$30,000 per year. AABP recently received word that the Lilly Foundation would continue to support the scholarship fund for an additional three years at \$30,000 per year.

This year we would also like to express our appreciation to Novartis for their contribution of \$2700 through a registrant participation activity held at their booth in the Exhibit Hall during the meeting, and Historical Medical Art for their contribution from the sale of their bovine art pieces.

Certainly we cannot forget the numerous contributions from AABP members which will allow us to continue to provide scholarships to qualified third-year

veterinary students for years to come.

The recipients of the 2006 AABP Amstutz Scholarships and respective schools are:

Matthew Bartlett
Andrea Barton
Keith DeDonder
Erin Goodrich
Dan Hagman

Bailie Inglish Justin Kieffer

Amanda Kreuder Gabe Middleton Armando Nieto Randall Plaisance Levi Plunkett

Heather Rahmlow Koby Reitz Jared Sare Brian Vander Lay Brent Volker Leo Vranich

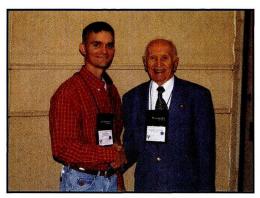
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University of Minnesota
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Iowa State University Iowa State University Virginia Tech University Ontario Veterinary College

**Auburn University** 

Nine of the 20 scholarship winners were among the 300-plus students in attendance at the Opening Session of the St. Paul meeting. Eight of the students are

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Scholarship recipient Koby Reitz with Dr. Amstutz.

pictured with Dr. Harold Amstutz, the individual for whom the scholarships are named, and another is pictured separately with Dr. Amstutz.

AABP and the Scholarship Committee wish to offer the hearty congratulations to this group of deserving students.

#### AABP Amstutz Scholarship Gold Level Donor Recognition

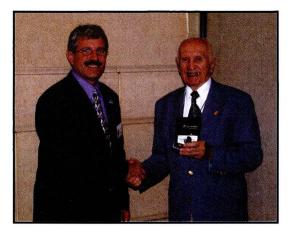
During the Opening Session of the AABP Conference, the AABP Amstutz Scholarship Committee and AABP recognized nine new Gold Level scholarship fund donors. The Gold Level Donor recognition identifies individuals who have contributed at least \$1000.00 to the scholarship fund.

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 five new Gold Level Donors recognized at the 2006 meeting are:

Dr. Gary Rupp Dr. Michael Bolton Dr. Les DeGroff

r. Michael Bolton Dr. Darcie Stolz

Dr. Mark Spire



Pictured with Dr. Harold Amstutz are Gold Level Donors Dr. Michael Bolton (above), Dr. Darcie Stolz, and Dr. Mark Spire. Photos courtesy of Dr. David McClary and Dr. Bob Smith.

With the addition of these five, AABP has now recognized a total of 32 Gold Level Donors.

The AABP and the Scholarship Committee wish to express our deepest gratitude to the generous donations of our members, and especially those recognized as Gold Donors.

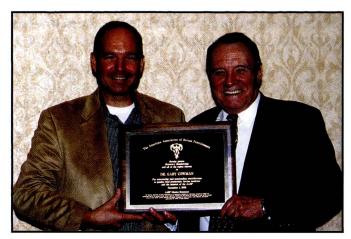
The AABP Amstutz Scholarship program was established over 11 years ago to help support the education of worthy veterinary students who are interested in bovine medicine. AABP wants to identify all Gold Level qualifying members as well as encourage new contributors to this support milestone. If you would like to make a contribution to the AABP Amstutz Scholarship Fund, please contact David McClary, phone — 334-887-7878, d.mcclary@lilly.com or the AABP office.

Members of the AABP Scholarship Committee are: Dr. Art Donovan (Vice-chair and BOD representative to the committee), Dr. Harold Amstutz, Dr. Hilda Mitchell, Dr. Brian Gerloff, Dr. David Hamilton, Dr. Sheila McGuirk and Dr. David McClary (Chair).





## 10th Honorary Member of AABP Named



Dr. Charlie Hatcher, left, presents the 2006 AABP Honorary Membership Award to Dr. Gary Cowman.

Dr. Charlie Hatcher described the award and the 2006 award winner:

"Today we will honor a distinguished individual by awarding only the 10<sup>th</sup> Honorary Membership in the history of the AABP. The AABP By-laws states, "Honorary members shall be those persons who have made noteworthy and outstanding contributions to bovine practice. Unanimous approval of the Board is required for this category of membership." Obviously this award is not given every year, and today we will honor only the second person who is not a veterinarian.

Today's award winner is not a veterinarian, but is a long time friend of veterinary medicine, who has had an enormous impact on the beef and dairy beef industries. He is a true ally of the bovine practitioner—a friend of the AABP!

He is a farm boy from west central Illinois, who received the Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from the University of Illinois, the Master of Science degree in Ruminant Nutrition from Montana State University, and a PhD degree in Animal Nutrition from Kansas State University. During his storied career he taught animal science courses at Western Illinois University for 12 years, followed by a 13 year stint with TransAgra International, where he was involved in research and development of probiotic type products for the livestock industry. In this position he traveled extensively around the world.

It was in 1989, however, that our honoree took on a new role that transformed the beef industry from cattle producers to quality food producers—he was employed by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) with primary responsibility to provide staff leadership for the development and growth of the industry's Beef Quality Assurance Program. At that time, there were only three states with BQA programs, and when he re-



Dr. Gary Cowman with his wife, Renann (bottom left), members of the NCBA BQA Advisory Board in attendance, and guests from the NCBA staff.

tired 17 years later, nearly all states had well organized Beef Quality Assurance training programs. In the early years, he organized the BQA Advisory Board, comprised of producers, animal scientists, veterinarians, and others associated with the beef industry. Under our award winner's leadership, the BQA Advisory Board and the industry tackled numerous issues—injection site lesions, residue avoidance—no quality defect neglected. As an example, nearly 25% of top sirloins had injection site lesions when the first audit was done in 1991, and through research and education of animal health product users, the incidence dropped to below 2% in a few short years.

Our award winner strongly believed in getting producers at the grassroots level involved—let them take ownership. To do so, he organized the annual State BQA Coordinators Conference, which has been held in Memphis or Kansas City each summer for a number of years. This meeting has been highly successful, and brings together an amazing amount of energy, enthusiasm and talent for the benefit of the beef industry.

He is a man with a great sense of humor, one who has amazing recall of people's names, places, events, and scientific issues. He can bring diverse groups together and research consensus on solutions to problems. He has a deep love for the cattle industry, cattle veterinarians, and life itself. His passion for BQA and the industry has resulted in stakeholders working together to solve problems that saved the beef industry millions of dollars, and improved the quality and safety of the beef supply.

I am pleased to introduce to you the Father of Beef Quality Assurance, the 2006 Honorary AABP Member, Dr. Gary Cowman."

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## Welcoming Reception

Wednesday, September 20, 2006 Saint Paul, Minnesota

Sponsored by **Bayer Animal Health**, the welcoming reception for the 39th 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 Minneapolis/St. Paul area and event planners were present to answer questions.











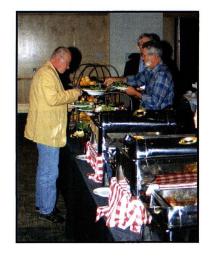














## "Just Desserts" Reception

Wednesday, September 20, 2006 St. Paul, Minnesota

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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## "Come Join Us for Dinner" Buffet Reception

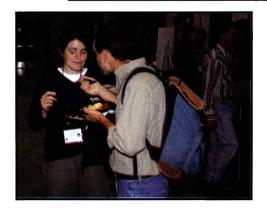
## Exhibit Hall Thursday, September 21, 2006

AABP registrants were treated to excellent food in the exhibit area, **courtesy of all exhibitors**, prior to gathering for the fun and informative "Matter of Facts for Cattle Veterinarians: Top Practice Tips and Smart Techniques." Tricks of the trade were shared by Drs. John Day, Dan Thomson, Jim Hartman, David Anderson, Keith Witts and Hugh McCampbell. Keeping the program on schedule and managing the speakers was Moderator, Dr. Jim Brett.

















## AABP's "Evening at the Museum"

# Science Museum of Minnesota Friday, September 22, 2006

On Friday evening, AABP members had the opportunity to eat, drink and enjoy the Science Museum of Minnesota. Museum exhibits ranged from the human body to dinosaurs to the world's weather. There were hundreds of interactive displays and more than two million artifacts to satisfy everyone's curiosity and imagination. Thanks to **Pfizer Animal Health** for hosting this memorable evening.



















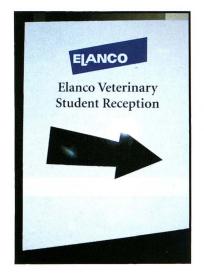




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## **Student Reception**

For the 12th year, the AABP and **Elanco Animal Health** hosted a reception for all student AABP members at the Annual Conference.





















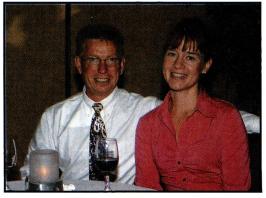




## President's Reception

At the end of the Conference, a reception was held to honor Dr. John Ferry and his wife, Dr. Diane, for their service to AABP.



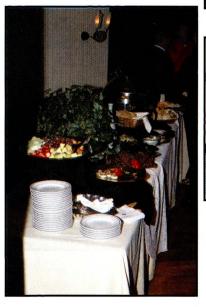












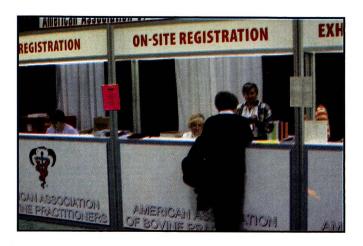




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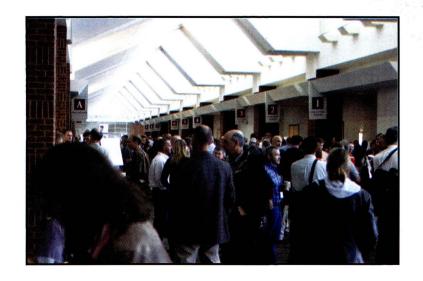
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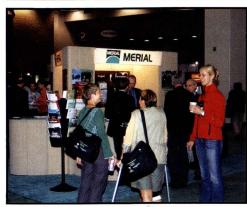




## **Exhibits**

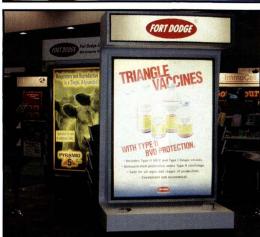
















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## Scientific Meetings

















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## Media Luncheon













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## Rollin' on the River

### Mississippi Riverboat Dinner Cruise Saturday, September 23, 2006

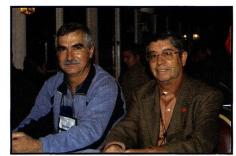
On Saturday evening Conference attendees had the opportunity to board the Anson Northrup and Betsey Northrup to enjoy drinks and a delightful, relaxed full-course dinner as they cruised down the mighty Mississippi River. This event provided a way to visit with friends and "wind-down" after a busy week. Thanks to **Schering-Plough Animal Health** for sponsoring this memorable evening.

















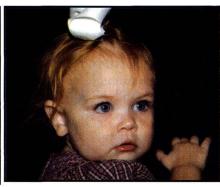




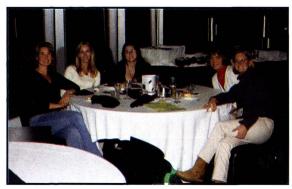


## Friends and Family















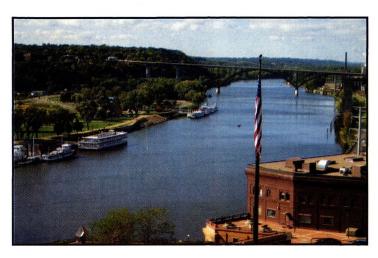




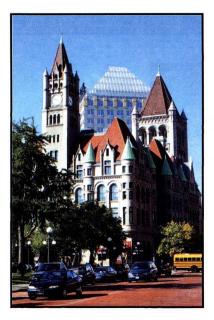


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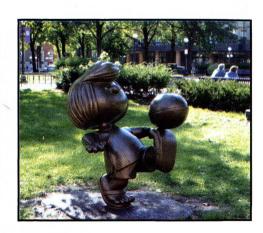
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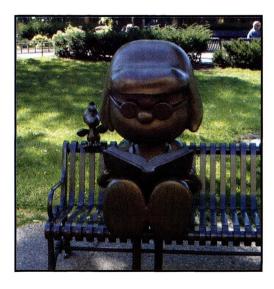


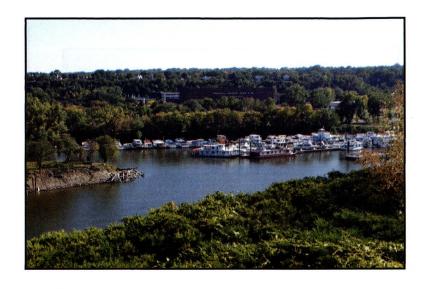






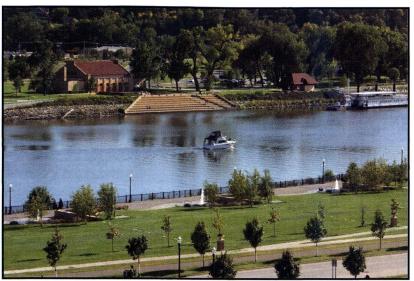


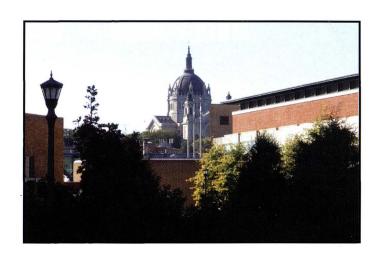


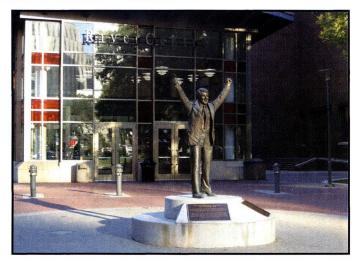












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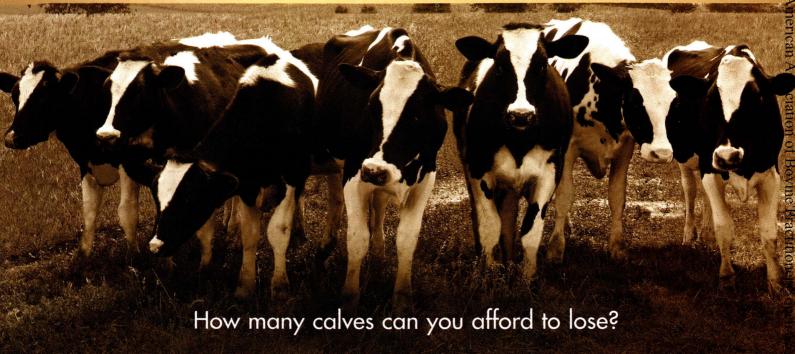
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