

Executive Vice-President's Report

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Phoenix, Arizona

Thank you for attending the 51st Annual Conference of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners. It is my pleasure and honor to serve this organization as the Executive Vice President.

I am pleased to report that we have 1,204 registrants in attendance at the conference including 351 students, 6 veterinary technicians, 135 colleagues who are members of the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners, and 130 accompanying persons. We also have 419 exhibitor representatives from 115 commercial and educational booths in the trade show. Total attendance for the Phoenix conference is 1,646.

A major mission for AABP is support of our student members. This is made possible through the generous donations of our members, funds from the BRD symposium, and support from industry partners including Merck Animal Health, Norbrook and Zoetis. Funding is provided to students through our annual conference competitions, student chapter support, scholarships, travel stipends, externship support and education grants. For 2018, total funding will be over \$331,250. I am also pleased to announce that the Amstutz live and silent auction proceeds will total over \$70,000 and over \$10,000 from 5k registrations and support of Boehringer-Ingelheim. Thank you to the Southern Crescent Bull Syndicate (**) for purchasing the bull statue for \$11,000. Let's give our members, our students and our industry partners a round of applause.

I would like to announce that AABP was awarded a second grant from the USDA NIFA program of over \$238,000 to provide practice management workshops to recent graduates working in rural communities. Over the past two years, 113 veterinarians have taken these courses developed by the Veterinary Practice Sustainability committee. AABP will continue to assist our members to provide them resources to help them not only become indispensable to their clients but financially successful in their practice.

Continuing education is the major mission of our organization since its inception. The AABP Board of Directors approved funding online continuing education through a collaborative agreement with the Beef Cattle Institute at Kansas State University. Log on to our website and click on the BCI logo to listen and watch recordings



Dr. Fred Gingrich, AABP Executive Vice-President, delivered his annual report to the members.

from our annual conferences, the recent graduate conference and the genomics webinars. In addition, you can download the BCI conference app and listen to the recordings from your mobile device. Several of our committees are in discussion to present webinars to our members over the next year. AABP members can also utilize the literature search and document request service through Texas A&M. Finally, we will hold our 2nd Recent Graduate Conference in Columbus, Ohio February 7-9, 2019 for those AABP members who graduate between 2011-2018. If a member decided to skip Phoenix this year due to the heat, I can personally guarantee this will not be a problem in Columbus during February. That is just a small sample of the many continuing education resources available to our members and there is more to come so stay tuned!

Our membership committee will soon be rolling out a formal mentorship program available to AABP members who graduated within the past two years. Please watch for announcements from the AABP office about how you can sign up to be a mentor for those of us with a few more years since our veterinary school days. Each of us can be a mentor and make a difference in the lives of that new graduate who is joining us as cattle veterinarians.

I would like to offer thanks to many people who make this conference possible. I would like to thank all of the industry partners who support our conference social events. Without their support, we would not be able to have the meal events at our conference. Midwestern University, Bio Vet, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Elanco, Diamond V, Zoetis and Merck all generously donate funds to pay for the cost of meals and drinks at our conference this year. In addition, support from Allflex, Bovine Veterinarians, Hoards Dairyman, Newport Labs and Norbrook help us provide the many events and activities at conference. Please help me give them our thanks and gratitude for their support.

Thank you to the many volunteers on our committees, our board and our Executive Committee. Our organization can function only due to the work of many volunteers and while not possible to recognize each of

you I offer my sincere thanks. Thank you Dr. Apley for your dedicated service to AABP the past year. Part of my job is to corral him to the many events he attends at conference. I would say we were joined at the hip this past week but more accurately we were hip to shoulder due to some conformational differences in stature.

Many people come to me during conference and thank me for organizing and managing the conference. However, I am just a very small part of the behind the scenes work that makes this conference successful. It is quite mind boggling to imagine the people that are each a cog in the AABP conference machine. There are many volunteers who each take a part and I thank each of you. Thank you to the Hatcher Family for managing the exhibit hall again this year and to Dr. Bob Smith for his work with the AABP publications. Thank you to Steve Johnson for his tremendous work in managing our website, database, and all of the technical support at conference. Steve is always there to work his IT magic even on short notice when someone from the AABP office removes a link on the website and crashes the entire database preventing AABP staff from working that day. Thank you very much to Liz Johnson for once again dedicating a week of her

life to work the AABP registration desk. I would like to recognize and thank the AABP staff for the amazing work they do every day for our members in the office as well as at conference. Thank you Allison, Tabitha, Tasha and Geni. I would also like to recognize that this is Geni's 25th conference working with Bovine Veterinarian Magazine and now AABP. Geni is one of us and does so much work for our members. Thank you Geni. I ask our members to applaud the AABP staff to offer their thanks for the work they do each day for our members. I would also like to thank Dr. Riddell for being my mentor for this position and providing me advice, guidance and encouragement. Thanks Gatz. And finally, thank you to my wife Michelle for being the foundation of our family and being here with us today.

I look forward to seeing you all in St Louis in 2019. Thank you for coming to our conference and for your membership in AABP.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Gingrich, DVM
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