JAVMA, February 1, 1969 had a report on the First Annual AABP Convention at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago on November 24-26, 1968. Hitherto, the annual meetings had been held in conjunction with the AVMA Annual Meetings. The report stated:

"This was the first convention in recent years where a bovine practitioner could elbow to the right or to the left and everywhere find a newly made friend to talk to about cattle. Hoping and praying for at least 200 registrants, the AABP officers were delighted to find themselves hosts to more than 350 veterinarians. Exhibitors, speakers and guests swelled the attendance to 425.

One of the highlights of every AABP Convention has been the Practice Tips Session. At the Chicago meeting there were lively descriptions of novel gadgets and procedures.

Dr. Joe Knappenberger, AVMA President, was a guest speaker. He spoke of the practicing veterinarians’ role in the future, trends which would lessen the physical strain on the practitioner by using improved techniques and specially trained assistants. He defined the future role of veterinarians as supervisors instead of skilled laborers.

Dr. Knappenberger expressed concern over the sluggishness of new product development, due to the stringent regulations imposed by the Food & Drug Administration and the Veterinary Biologicals Division of USDA. He was also concerned with the diminishing percentage of veterinarians engaged in food animal practice. He urged members to take a direct interest in the activities of their state’s representative in the AVMA House of Delegates.

The University of Calgary team is the 2019 Quiz Bowl Champion.

Enthusiastic student teams competed at the 52nd AABP Conference to earn bragging rights about who has the most ready-to-use information in their intellectual medicine chest. The first place honor was awarded to the University of Calgary.