Minutes of the
American Association of Bovine Practitioners
Annual Business Luncheon
Saturday, September 14, 2019
America’s Convention Center
St. Louis, Missouri

The meeting was called to order by AABP President, Dr. Glenn Rogers, at 12:10 p.m. Dr. Rogers presented the minutes of the Phoenix business meeting. On motion with a second, the minutes of the 2018 Annual Business Meeting were approved.

President Rogers introduced the current AABP Executive Committee, Dr. Virginia Fajt, chair of the AABP Foundation; Dr. Pat Gorden, incoming AABP vice-president; and Dr. Fred Gingrich, AABP Executive Director. President Rogers acknowledged the program committee for their outstanding work in creating the content for the 52nd AABP Conference. Dr. Wayne Shewfelt was recognized for his service as the outgoing director for District XII. The election results for the board of directors was announced. Dr. Murray Gillies has been elected to his first term representing District XII. The following directors were elected to serve a second term:

Dr. Lee Jones from District III
Dr. Vic Cooper from District VI
Dr. Jeff Ondrak from District IX.

President Rogers acknowledged the guests that were in attendance at the Board of Director’s meeting from the British Cattle Veterinarians Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, Academy of Veterinary Consultants, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, and American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners.

The following committee chairs who have completed their term of service were recognized and thanked by President Rogers:

Dr. Dave Sjeklocha - Animal Welfare Committee
Dr. Juan Rodrigo-Pedraza - Milk Quality and Udder Health
Dr. King Hickman - Nutrition
Dr. Chuck Estill - Reproduction
Dr. Allen Hodapp - Student Activities and Membership Committee
Dr. Brian Reed – Veterinary Practice Sustainability Committee
Dr. Bryan Halteaman, AABP Treasurer, presented the treasurer’s report to the membership. He reported that the CPA firm of Irwin Financial Associates, LLP, Ashland, Ohio, completed a satisfactory combined audit of AABP and the AABP Foundation for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. They found no material weaknesses. A net loss was realized in 2018 due to decreased conference revenue, increased costs associated with implementing several member initiatives, and the transition of AABP to a 501c6. He reported that it is anticipated these losses will be recaptured in fiscal year 2019. On motion with a second, the treasurer’s report was approved.

AABP Executive Director, Dr. Fred Gingrich, presented his report to the membership on the conference. A total of 1,334 registrants were in attendance including 375 students, 11 veterinary technicians, 164 members of AASRP, 117 members of the National Mastitis Council, and 319 accompanying persons. A total of 320 exhibitors, representing 102 commercial and educational booths, were also in attendance. Total attendance for the St. Louis conference is 1,973, which is the 3rd highest attendance in recent history. Funding for students in 2019 will total over $300,000 in scholarships, externship grants, education grants, chapter support, and travel stipends.

Awards

Dr. Rogers recognized the scholarship recipients of the Amstutz Scholarships, AABP Foundation-Zoetis Scholarships, and the AABP Bovine Veterinary Student
Recognition Award sponsored by Merck Animal Health. Dr. Virginia Fajt announced that the winners of the 2019 AABP Foundation Competitive Research Grants are Dr. Alvaro Garcia Guerra from the Ohio State University and Dr. Brain Aldridge from the University of Illinois.

Dr. Keelan Lewis announced the winners of the Student Case Presentation Competition:
- Overall winner - Margaret LaFamme, University of Tennessee
- Clinical Case winner - Margaret LaFamme, University of Tennessee
- Research Report 1st place - Jessica Garcia, The Ohio State University
- Research Report 2nd place - Maddison Tyrrel, Iowa State University

Dr. Edouard Timsit announced the Graduate Student Research Summaries Awards. Prizes of $2500, $2000, and $1500 were awarded to the first, second and third place winners, respectively, thanks to a contribution of $1000 per award from the BRD Symposium.
- First place - Dr. Kathryn Bach, Cornell University
- Second place - Mr. Chris McMullen, University of Calgary
- Third place - Dr. Sam Rowe, University of Minnesota

Dr. Allen Hodapp presented the Outstanding Student Chapter Award to Lincoln Memorial University, and the Faculty Representative Award to Dr. Eric Gordon from The Ohio State University.

Dr. Rogers announced the recipients of the Huvepharma Dr. Bruce Wren Continuing Education Awards. There winners were Dr. Lauren Mack, beef, and Dr. Kendra Wells, dairy.

Dr. Rogers introduced the Boehringer Ingelheim Excellence in Preventive Medicine Award and the presenters. Dr. Eric Behlke presented the beef award to Dr. Breck Hunsaker. Dr. Mark Armfelt presented the dairy award to Dr. Gabe Middleton.

Dr. Rogers introduced the Zoetis Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Patty Scharko presented the award to Dr. Christine Navarre.

Dr. Rogers introduced the AABP Award of Excellence. Dr. Dale Moore presented the award to Dr. Sandra Godden.

Dr. Rogers introduced the James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders. Dr. Linda Tikofsky presented the award to Dr. Carie Telgen.

Dr. Rogers introduced the Merck Mentor of the Year Award. Dr. Jess McArt presented the award to Dr. Chuck Guard.

Dr. Rogers introduced the Boehringer-Ingelheim Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award. Dr. Rogers presented the award to Dr. Arn Anderson.

Dr. Rogers delivered his president’s address to the membership. He thanked all volunteers, the board, and the executive committee for their service to the organization. He discussed the importance of mentorship, acknowledging one of his mentors, Dr. Ben Harrington. Dr. Rogers also discussed the importance of the veterinarian in rural communities and why veterinarians are well positioned to serve as leaders in their communities.

Dr. Rogers introduced the next AABP President, Dr. Calvin Booker. Dr. Booker thanked Dr. Rogers for his exemplary service and presented him with the president’s plaque. Dr. Booker delivered closing remarks to the membership and asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon motion and a second, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.
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.

AABP and AVMA counterparts join forces at AABP’s first annual meeting held in Chicago, Nov. 24-26, 1968. Left to right: Dr. Don Williams, Ada, OK, president of AABP; Dr. Joe Knappenberger, Olathe, KS, president of AVMA; Dr. R. A. Vie, Follett, Texas, president-elect of AABP; and Dr. John B. Herrick, Ames, IA, president-elect of AVMA. Dr. Vie took over as president of AABP for 1969.

The 2019 AgriLabs Dr. Bruce Wren Continuing Education Award winners were Kendra Wells (dairy, left) and Dr. Lauren Mack (beef). Photo courtesy of Geni Wren.

Dr. Keelan Lewis (center) congratulates winners of the AABP Clinical Research Report winners Jessica Garcia (left, 1st place) and Maddison Tyrrel (2nd place).

Lincoln Memorial University received the AABP Student Chapter Award for 2019. Pictured are (L-R) Morgan Garcia, Mariah Fischer, Nicholas Shen, and faculty advisor Dr. Jerry Roberson. Dr. Keelan Lewis (center) congratulates winners of the AABP Clinical Research Report winners Jessica Garcia (left, 1st place) and Maddison Tyrrel (2nd place).

Research Summary Award winners Mr. Chris McMullen (2nd place) and Dr. Kathryn Bach (1st place).

Outgoing President Dr. Glenn Rogers (left) receives a plaque in appreciation for his service to AABP from incoming President Dr. Calvin Booker.

Margaret LaFlamme (right), University of Tennessee, overall winner of the AABP Student Case Presentation/Research Award, is congratulated by Dr. Keelan Lewis.
2019 AABP-Amstutz Scholarships
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During the 2019 AABP Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, seven outstanding third-year veterinary students were each awarded $7,500 scholarships from the Amstutz Scholarship Fund. These students were selected by the AABP-Amstutz Scholarship Committee from a large candidate pool of exceptional applicants from numerous North American veterinary schools. This brings the total number of scholarships awarded to 289 for a total of nearly $962,500 since inception in 1996. The sources of scholarship funds are individual member donations and returns on the Amstutz Scholarship investment fund. In addition, the Amstutz Committee held silent and live auctions during this year’s meeting that generated $84,336. The 5k Run, also known as “The Stampede”, which was sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim and held Saturday, September 14, raised an additional $5,910, plus $3,485 from the raffle. The Amstutz Scholarship Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous support of this important and worthwhile program.

The recipients of the 2019 AABP-Amstutz scholarships and their respective schools are:
- Dr. Mark Alley, Michigan State University
- Dr. Mark Armfelt, Iowa State University
- Dr. Michael Capel, Washington State University
- Dr. Jerome Gaska, University of Pennsylvania
- Dr. Lloyd Wright, University of Florida
- Dr. Jessica McArt, Colorado State University
- Dr. Liliana Sotomayer, Texas A&M University
- Dr. Randall Spare, University of Wisconsin

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

In addition, the Amstutz Scholarship Committee recognized 19 new Gold Level scholarship fund donors. The Gold Level Donor recognition identifies individuals who have contributed at least $1,000 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. Mark Alley
- Dr. Mike Apley
- Dr. Mark Armfelt
- Dr. Calvin Booker
- Dr. Michael Capel
- Dr. Scanlon Daniels
- Dr. Jerome Gaska
- Dr. Mark Hilton
- Dr. Lloyd Wright
- Dr. Hunter Lang
- Dr. Jessica McArt
- Dr. Jennifer Rowntree
- Dr. Liliana Sotomayer
- Dr. Randall Spare
- Dr. John Wenz

Including these recipients, AABP has now recognized a total of 131 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.

A new level of recognition was introduced four years ago--donors who have contributed $10,000 or more are now recognized as Platinum Level Donors. In 2019, AABP recognized two new Platinum Level Donors, Dr. Glenn Rogers and Dr. Marvin Smith. Including these recipients, AABP has recognized 6 Platinum Level Donors.

The AABP-Amstutz Scholarship program was established over 20 years ago to help support the education of worthy veterinary students who are interested in bovine medicine. The AABP wants to identify all Gold and Platinum 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 visit http://aabp.org/foundation/donate.asp.

Respectfully submitted,
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Chair, AABP Amstutz Scholarship Committee