

1993  
26th Annual Convention  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
September 16-19

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*Jumping Off the Cutting Edge*

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Local Arrangements Chairman Reilly Glore wrote that “jumping off the cutting edge” would provide direction for the ways to “jump” in providing leadership in the rapidly changing food animal industry. Albuquerque turned out to be a perfect setting where the clarity of the dry, thin air was truly enchanting. The city is known as the “Duke City”, named in honor of an authentic Spanish Duke, the 10th Duke of Albuquerque.

This was truly the year of the “changing of the guard.”

The Opening Ceremony was called to order by President Darrel Johnson following the reception among the numerous exhibits.

**The highlight of this nostalgic occasion was a tribute to Dr. Harold Amstutz, the retiring Executive Vice President, for his outstanding and dedicated service to the AABP for many years (1966-93). A videotape entitled “A Tribute to Harold”, prepared by Editor Eric Williams was presented to a large audience. President Johnson presented Dr. Amstutz with a life membership plaque and Mrs. Jo Amstutz received a Nambe bowl (also, see Endnotes). They were also presented gift certificates to attend the XVIII World Buiatrics Congress in Bologna, Italy in 1994 followed by a cruise down the Rhine.**

The AABP Research Assistantship grants were announced as follows:

Dr. Subine Gerds, Department of Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University (\$7,000) for “*Tear Protein Determination in Normal and Infectious Bovine Keratoconjunctivitis Affected Cattle*”.

Dr. Philip Jardon, Tulare, California (\$3,000): “*Calcium Level and Anionic Salts in Dry Cow Rations*”. (Neither recipient was able to attend the meeting.)

The remainder of a truly memorable evening was devoted to a stirring address by Dr. Lowell Catlett, New Mexico State University. He presented a captivating characterization of agriculture in its future opportunities. He is the author of “*Green Cows, Quag-gas and Mummies*”.

Thirty one pre-convention seminars were presented, all being in great demand.

The scientific program was split in the usual three sections: Dairy, Cow-calf and Feedlot programs. Practice tips and research summaries were well attended. There were sessions also on technology transfer, computer practice tips while an AABP software library and a technology transfer poster session were available.

**The Bovine Give-Away now consisted of 5 x \$100 prizes.**

Spouse Programs provided a variety of attractions and entertainment. While the veterinarians attended the Practice Tips and Research summaries sessions, the spouses departed to the WPA original Albuquerque airport - a lovely pueblo styled building with flagstone floors, for a New Mexican fiesta where they were serenaded by strolling Mariachis and entertained by a Flamenco dance troop. Local Spanish craftsmen demonstrated tin art, carvings of Santos and Retablos and the art of stained glass. There were several tours during the Convention.

**The Annual Membership and Business Meeting was now a Breakfast Meeting! - coffee and doughnuts etc. served in an adjacent room at 6:30 a.m.!**

President Darrel Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:20 a.m. Treasurer Roland Jeans reported that the ending balance on June 30 was \$491,242. The budget for 1993-94 was \$708,500.

**Executive Vice President Harold Amstutz presented his last report before retiring on December 31. He stated that his gift to the AABP was the addition of 475 new members, resulting from a membership drive, which reached a record membership. He warmly thanked Purdue University for the use of its facilities during his time with the AABP.**

Plaques were presented to retiring District Directors Steve Wadsworth (one) Robert Smith (seven) and Fred Koning (twelve).

**Mrs. Betty Owens was recognized for her outstanding service as secretary for 16 years.**

**Dr. Leland C. Allenstein, retiring Advertising Manager was presented a plaque for 20 years' service, for devotion to his profession and many other contributions to AABP.**

Dr. Richard Swanson, AVMA Executive Board Member and liaison with the AABP, updated the members on the AVMA's legislative initiative to amend the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to allow extra-label drug use by veterinarians under certain conditions.

President Johnson introduced Dr. and Mrs. James Jarrett, and welcomed Dr. Jarrett as the new Executive Vice President on November 1, 1993 (see also p. 133). Dr. Jarrett introduced Ms. Leigh-Ann Waits, administrative assistant effective October 1.

**Dr. L. Mac Cropsey, Parliamentarian, presented proposed amendments to the Bylaws for approval. The members were also asked to vote on increase in annual dues of \$45, bringing them to \$95 per year. Dr. Cropsey also pointed out that ratification of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws was necessary to authorize the use of AABP tax exempt funds for educational, scientific and charitable purposes. They were approved, with three members voting against the motion.**

#### **Officers for 1993-94**

President: Dr. Reilly Glore

President-Elect: Dr. Robert Smith

Vice President: Dr. Gatz Riddell

#### **Directors elected in 1993**

District one: Dr. John Ferry, Adams, NY

District four: Dr. Kent Ames, East Lansing, MI

District seven: Dr. Darrell Payne, Sedalia, MO

District ten: Dr. Gary Daley, Turlock, CA

District thirteen: Dr. Rodney Sydenham, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada (re-elected)

President Johnson addressed the members before handing the gavel to incoming President Reilly Glore. He complimented the Search Committee for a new Executive Vice President under the guidance of Dr. Gordon Atkins and Dr. David McClary. (*President Johnson's complete address was published in the Proceeding.*)

President Glore stated that the focus of his presidency would be "The Implementation of Tangible Membership Services."

For the Convention grand finale, members and spouses boarded buses and headed to Los Amigos on the Sandia Indian Reservation where everyone was given a souvenir Indian bandana. After an excellent meal and entertainment, the AABP "Barbeque" of Dr. Harold Amstutz was conducted. Several members recalled humorous incidents in Harold's life, followed by a silent auction and voice auction with auctioneers Drs. James Jarrett and M.T. Szatalowicz. Over \$27,000 was raised for the Amstutz Scholarship Fund.

## Bovine Practitioner of the Year



*Dr. Robertson, supported by members of his family, receiving the award from Dr. Terhaar, left and President Johnson.*

**Dr. Edwin G. Robertson, Harrogate, Tennessee, was named the Bovine Practitioner of the Year.** A native of Harrogate, he received the DVM degree from Auburn University in 1974 and established a private practice in Harrogate which is now a 6-veterinarian practice. He began non-surgical embryo transfer in 1977. He was President, Board of Directors, American Embryo Transfer Association in 1989-90. He was named the 1993 Tennessee Practitioner of the Year by TVMA. *(Further information on Dr. Robertson and the Award was published in the Proceedings.)*

## AABP Distinguished Service Award



*Dr. Atkins, left, presenting the Award to Dr. Anderson.*

**Dr. Neil G. Anderson, Cheltenham, Ontario, Canada received the 1993 Distinguished Service Award.** Dr. Anderson received the DVM degree from Ontario Veterinary College (OVC), in 1967 and was engaged in private practice until 1983. He joined the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food as a cattle health management veterinarian and later became manager of the Animal Health and Nutrition group. He received the M.S. degree in Epidemiology from OVC in 1989. He has served the AABP as President and on numerous committees and has written and presented several scientific papers.

## AABP Award of Excellence



*Dr. Rupp receiving the award from Dr. Noel Laing.*

**The American Cyanamid AABP Award of Excellence was presented to Dr. Gary Rupp, Clay Center, Nebraska.** Dr. Rupp received the DVM degree from Colorado State University in 1964. He also has an MS degree and is Board certified by the American College of Theriogenology. He is the Director, Great Plains Veterinary Education Center at Clay Center which conducts an outstanding beef production management seminar and also a year-long series of seminars designed to integrate important production management skills into the practice life of each participant.

*(For more information on the Awards and recipients, please refer to the Proceedings, p.xv and xvi.)*

## AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

### Dairy Program Award



*Dr. Johnson receiving the award from Dr. Jay Brown, right and AABP President-Elect Reilly Glore.*

**The Merck-AgVet Award for Excellence in Dairy Preventive Medicine was presented to Dr. Paul Johnson, Enterprise, Alabama.** Dr. Johnson received the DVM degree from Auburn University in 1980 and became engaged in a two-man mixed practice in Enterprise. He left to establish his own large animal practice in Enterprise in 1981 and became exclusively engaged in dairy practice. He is now a consultant with dairy clients in every aspect of dairy farming, teaching and advising them on everything from nutrition to dairy barn design, over several states. Dr. Johnson is also an international consultant. He represented District 3 on the AABP Board of Directors for two terms.

### Beef Program Award



*Dr. and Mrs. Oliphant receiving the award from AABP Vice President Robert Smith and Dr. Brown.*

**The Beef Program Award was presented to Dr. Rodney G. Oliphant, Offerle, Kansas.** He received the BS degree in 1961 and the DVM degree in 1963 from Kansas State University. He served two years in the USAF Veterinary Corp. and now operates two veterinary hospitals. He owns and operates a farm and a ranch and has a herd of registered Angus cattle. He is presently a full-time feedyard veterinary consultant. He is a Past President of the American Academy of Veterinary Consultants, receiving the Academy's Veterinarian of the Year Award in 1991. Dr. Oliphant has published several papers and presented many programs nation-wide.

*Further information on the Awards and recipients is available in the Proceedings; p.xvii and xviii.*

## Endnotes

The AABP Foundation was formally established as a tax-deductible education foundation to cradle the Amstutz Scholarship Fund. President Johnson called for a dramatic show of financial support of endowment of the Fund. During the past 23 years, AABP membership and a host of officers and directors have benefited from the leadership and counsel of Harold Amstutz. We make an earnest plea now for a dramatic show of financial support of endowment of the scholarship fund. Contributions are: a tangible way to recognize Harold's career-long commitment to bovine medicine and to the AABP; a way to recognize that the sharing of his Purdue University offices and his frugal leadership have allowed us enviously low membership dues; a way to encourage and support veterinary student commitment to food animal medicine; and - a way to attract outside funding to create multi-scholarship funding by demonstrating our commitment on the inside. An auction to benefit the fund will be held at the Albuquerque meeting and will provide an excellent opportunity to contribute, plus have some tax-deductible enjoyment bidding up district and individual donations of art work and get-away-weekends. For those unable to attend the conference, checks payable to the Amstutz Scholarship Fund will be accepted and acknowledged at any time.

During the past year a special task force has been developing a short (13 minute) videotape, primarily for producers, to highlight the Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship (VCPR). The task force, in targeting producers, chose to narrowly define the VCPR within the context of a partnership working in the interests of animal health while recognizing the underlying regulatory environment that speaks to responsible medicine as a social mandate. The videotape is now available for distribution. We are proud of the coalition that cooperated in the funding and development of this video-tape. The organizations involved are the AABP, AVMA, AASP, NCA, NPPC, and NMPF. The AABP was the lead organization and has copyrighted the distribution rights to this video. The Convention Proceedings has numerous color photographs a new trend for our publication.

The AABP Policy and Procedures Manual prepared by Dr. Gordon Atkins and Dr. L. Mac Cropsey was now available; also a videotape on the veterinarian/client/patient relationship produced by the AABP Video Task Force.

For the first time a computerized version of the Proceedings would be available for purchase at a cost of \$25 each - each sale netting \$2.50 to the AABP.

At the Board meeting Dr. Jarrett reported on the construction of the new AABP office in Rome, Georgia and showed a videotape of the new 1,000 sq. ft. facility and surrounding area. The Board approved a three-year lease agreement for the facilities at a cost of \$8.50 per sq. ft.

Dr. Jarrett announced that the duties of advertising manager would be merged into his office after the 1993 Conference. The Board approved a one-day per diem (\$135) for AABP Committee chairs at the 1994 AABP Conference.

Non-veterinarians would be allowed to attend the general and scientific sessions of the Convention but not the seminars.

Evaluations for Editor Eric Williams and Exhibits Manager Sam Hutchins were conducted at the Convention.

## Changing of the Guard

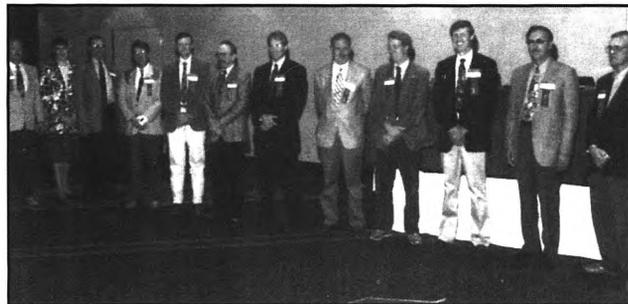


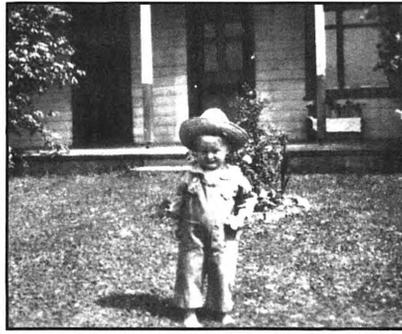
*Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett with Leigh-Ann Waits*

**Dr. James Augustus Jarrett, Rome, Georgia became the new AABP Executive Vice President on November 1, 1993, having started on a part-time basis on July 1. The new address is 79 Pioneer Way, Rome, Georgia, 30161. P.O. Box 1755. (zip code 30162) Telephone No. 1-800-COW-AABP (269-2227) Fax No. (706) 232-2232. Mrs. Leigh-Ann Waits became the administrative assistant on October 1, 1993.**



*Betty Owens retires*





*A Salute To Harold!*

**Harold E. Amstutz,  
DVM**  
*AABP Secretary-  
Treasurer, 1966-71  
Executive Secretary,  
1971-91  
Executive Vice President,  
1991-93*



## New AABP Headquarters Rome, Georgia



On November 1, 1993, Rome Georgia became the home of AABP's new headquarters at 76 Pioneer Way when Dr. James Jarrett succeeded Dr. Harold Amstutz as Executive Vice President.

Located in Floyd County in the rolling foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Rome, founded in 1834 is about an hour's drive from Atlanta and two hours from Birmingham, Alabama.

The Board of Directors met at the Renaissance Hotel near Atlanta Airport on March 25-27. On the Saturday afternoon they traveled to Rome to visit the new HQ and also attended an e-mail training session at Coosa Valley Technical College. They were entertained to dinner at Coosa Country Club, guests of the Monsanto Company hosted by Dr. Ashby Green.



*AABP Board of Directors and Staff: Front row: Leigh-Ann Waits, President Reilly Glore, Directors John Ferry, Deborah Stark, J. Mac Cropsey (Parliamentarian), Roland Jeans, Treasurer and Director Jacob Hines; Second row: Director Rodney Sydenham, Vice President Gatz Riddell, Jr., Directors Darrell Payne, Michael Anderson, Jerome Harness, Robert Corbett, Gary Daley, Kent Ames, Executive Vice President James Jarrett, Director Paul Johnson and Past President Darrel Johnson; Back row: President Elect Robert Smith, Directors Andrew Overby and Delbert Miles.*