

American Association of Bovine Practitioners

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

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 Halteman, 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 technician, 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 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.