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2004 ADSA/ASAS/PSA Joint Meeting:

Another successful meeting has come and gone. Ten people took exams on site in St. Louis and are on their way to becoming ARPAS members. Thank you to all who attended.

2005 ADSA/ASAS Joint Meeting:

Mark your calendars. The 2005 Joint Meeting will be held July 24 through 28, in Cincinnati, OH. The Governing Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 24. The date of the ARPAS Business Meeting will be announced at a later time.

ARPAS Mid-Year Governing Council Conference Call:

The Governing Council will hold its annual mid-year conference call on Friday, January 21, 2005.

ARPAS Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from ARPAS meetings are available on the web. Please visit www.arpas.org and click on "Society Information." The minutes from the July 25th Governing Council Meeting and July 27th ARPAS Business Meeting will be available shortly.

ARPAS Leadership Team:

Several new officers were installed during the ARPAS Business meeting held in St. Louis July 27, 2004. The ARPAS Leadership Team for the coming year includes:

President: Larry E. Chase, Cornell University
President-Elect: William M. Seymour, DSM Nutritional Products, Inc.
Past President: Kenneth R. Cummings, Church & Dwight Company
Secretary: John J. Wagner, ContiBeef LLC
Treasurer: L. Wayne Greene, Texas A & M University
Editor: Lowell L. Wilson, Technical Livestock Consultants

Historian: Harold D. Radloff, A. L. Gilbert Company

ARPAS is Founding Member of PAACO:

After a year of discussion and study, ARPAS has joined FASS, the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP), and the American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV) in forming an organization called the Professional Animal Auditing Certification Organization (PAACO). The purpose of PAACO is to promote the humane treatment of animals through education and certification of animal auditors, and to promote the profession of animal auditors.

Each Founding Member organization is responsible for appointing three people to serve on the Board of Directors for PAACO. The Directors appointed by ARPAS are: Kenneth Cummings (2- year term), Larry Chase (3-year term), and William Seymour (4-year term). The first Board Meeting was held in St. Louis on July 24. During the Board Meeting, William Seymour was elected to the position of Vice Chair (Chair Elect). Kenneth Cummings was appointed to the Finance Committee, and Larry Chase was appointed to the Qualifications and Standards Committee. Tom Troxel, appointed to Board by FASS and also an ARPAS member, was elected Treasurer and will also serve as Chair of the Finance Committee.

ARPAS Members Receive ASAS Awards:

During the ADSA/ASAS/PSA Joint Meeting in St. Louis, two ARPAS members were presented major awards by the American Society of Animal Science. John A. Paterson, Beef Specialist at Montana State University, received the Extension Award. Richard R. Frahm, ARPAS EVP, received the Rockefeller Prentice Award in Animal Breeding and Genetics. Congratulations John and Dick.

D. C. ARPAS Chapter has Three Award Winners:

Three Washington D. C. ARPAS Chapter members received awards at the ADSA/ASAS/PSA Joint Meeting in St. Louis. Vernon G. Purcell, USDA-ARS, received a Fellow Award from the American Society of Animal Science. Two members were presented awards by the American Dairy Science Association. Curt Van Tassell, USDA-ARS, received the Young Scientist Award, and Max Paape, USDA-ARS, received a Fellow Award. Congratulations Vernon, Curt, and Max.

Message From The President

Larry E. Chase, PAS

I look forward to serving ARPAS as President during the next year. Ken Cummings did an outstanding job last year during his term. ARPAS is currently a strong, viable and financially sound organization. We have an outstanding group of officers and Richard Frahm is serving us well as Executive Vice President.

There have been a number of changes that have taken place in the last year. Harold Radloff has agreed to serve as our Historian. All of us look forward to working with Harold in this role. The many years of service to ARPAS by Wayne Perry as Historian were a real benefit to our organization.

The growth and interest of ARPAS chapters has been encouraging. The California ARPAS group now has a representative on the Governing Council. Some other chapters are working to obtain their seat on

the council by having 50 or more members. There is also interest in new chapters being formed in areas such as the Northeast. You may want to consider forming a chapter in your area if one does not exist.

Where does ARPAS go in the next year? Even though we are doing well, there are still many opportunities to make us even better and stronger. There are a number of areas in which your officers will be focusing their efforts over the next year. One project will be revising the ARPAS member database for easier access and searching capabilities. A second area will be an examination of ways to enhance the board certification programs currently offered by our 5 colleges. We will also be involved in looking at opportunities for ARPAS to provide certification training for various groups. One example is the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding between ARPAS and NRCS.

What can you do to help ARPAS move ahead? A key area is to encourage colleagues and other professionals you work with to become ARPAS members. There are a large number of feed industry professionals who should be ARPAS members. Your help in contacting these individuals would be appreciated. We also need your help in increasing the interaction and activity with students at our colleges. These individuals are the future of our industry and many are not aware of ARPAS. Even though the composition of the student population is shifting, there are still a significant number interested in production agriculture.

ARPAS is your organization. Please contact me (lec7@cornell.edu) or other officers with your thoughts, comments and concerns relating to ARPAS. Your input is very important to us if we are to increase the strength and financial situation of ARPAS. We are doing good but can do better with your help.

From the Executive Vice President
Richard R. Frahm; Ph.D., PAS, Diplomate-Animal Genetis

ARPAS is a dynamic organization that is becoming increasingly relevant to animal agriculture. Seventy six members have joined ARPAS during the first six months of 2004. Currently there are 26 Corporate and two Organizational Sponsors of ARPAS

We owe a very big **THANK YOU** to the Officers and Directors, and especially **Kenneth Cummings** as President, for their devoted and effective leadership of ARPAS during the past year. Through their efforts, ARPAS has continued to develop in positive ways.

Special recognition was given to **Wayne Perry** during the Governing Council and ARPAS Business Meetings in St. Louis for his 20 years of devoted service to ARPAS through its entire history. He has served as Director, Secretary, and for the past several years as Historian. His wise counsel and devoted service has been of great service to ARPAS. The Executive Committee had a dinner meeting, hosted by **Kenneth Cummings**, to honor Wayne's outstanding service. A plaque was presented to Wayne at the Annual ARPAS Business Meeting. We know Wayne will continue to be interested in ARPAS and his counsel will always be welcome.

In addition to responding to numerous daily e-mail messages and telephone calls and updating the calendar of events listing on the web site monthly, a chronological summary of my activities since January 1, 2004 is provided below:

January 16. Participated in the ARPAS Governing Council Mid-year Teleconference.

February 15-17, Tulsa, OK. Operated the ARPAS booth at the ASAS Southern Section Meeting. Administered 12 exams and had 1 reinstatement.

March 1-3, New Orleans, LA. Represented ARPAS on the Nutrition Council at the AFIA Spring Forum.

March 15-17, Des Moines, IA. Operated the ARPAS Booth at the ASAS/ADSA Midwest Section Meeting. Administered 6 exams. (note-a major snow storm hit on the first day which may have affected attendance. Several had pre-registered to take an exam, but failed to show).

March 22-24, Crystal City, VA. Represented ARPAS at the Animal Ag Alliance Stakeholders Summit on Animal Welfare's Importance to the Food Chain.

April 6-7, Bozeman, MT. Attended the Montana Nutrition Conference and administered 23 exams.

April 22, Beltsville, MD. Represented ARPAS and spoke at the Annual Symposium sponsored by the Washington, DC ARPAS Chapter.

April 27-28, Ft. Wayne, IN. Arranged for Bill Baumgardt to represent ARPAS and administer exams at the Tri-State Dairy Nutrition Conference.

April. As a culmination of numerous conference calls and much e-mail correspondence to develop Bylaws, ARPAS joined FASS, AASV, and AABP as Founding members of a new organization, Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO).

June 16-17, Dubuque, IA. Arranged for Bill Baumgardt to represent ARPAS and administer exams at the 4-State Professional Dairy Management Seminar.

ARPAS, with leadership provided by Ken Olson, continues to conduct poultry audits as part of the United Egg Producers auditing program. Feedback from companies using ARPAS auditors was very positive. Auditing for 2004 began in late spring and is still in progress. It is hoped the number of companies using ARPAS auditors will increase this year.

It is with much pride that I represent ARPAS at important animal agriculture events throughout the year.

UEP Audit Update
Ken Olson, Ph.D., PAS

This year's audits for the United Egg Producers (UEP) Animal Care Certified program are progressing well. The start of this round of audits was delayed, but they should be completed by the end of September or early October. We have picked up business with several additional companies and have not lost any of last year's business; however, we are certainly looking for more. UEP has provided us with contact information for several companies that are due to be audited so that we can contact them to make them fully aware of ARPAS services. We are in the process of doing this, so will hopefully have additional business for ARPAS auditors. If you have contacts with layer companies, help us make them aware of this service that is available from ARPAS. You can direct them to the ARPAS website www.arpas.org for more information on the program.

One recent addition to the website under UEP Audits/ Company Information is a listing of all currently certified ARPAS auditors along with their state of residence. There is a good distribution of auditors across the nation, so we are well positioned to provide service for any company. We do have short bio's for several auditors on the website and will be adding more. This is one way that we try to help companies learn more about ARPAS and encourage their business.

One additional piece of audit information, we have been working with one of the companies that was audited earlier this year in an effort to gain recognition from SYSCO, for the ARPAS audits. SYSCO is a major supplier for the food service industry and they require their suppliers to comply with the UEP Guidelines. Through the company we are working with, it was learned that they have recognized the USDA audits, but apparently were unaware that ARPAS was also authorized to conduct them. UEP is assisting with the effort to have our audits recognized. If approval is gained for ARPAS audits, it will be a positive for us as we seek to increase visibility and recognition of our service.

As always, we appreciate hearing from members, whether it be questions, concerns, or suggestions. Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you.

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