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## News & Updates

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### Update on the ARPAS Feed Management Certification Randy Shaver, PhD, PAS

Members of the National Feed Management Project are finalizing ARPAS Feed Management Certification Exam questions (general feed management and species-specific feed management questions) for submission to the ARPAS Examining Board. Feed Management Workshops, a prerequisite to taking the Exam, continue to be offered at various conferences around the country by members of the National Feed Management Project and university extension workers. November is being targeted as the date to have the ARPAS Feed Management Exam available for administering to those applying for this new ARPAS Certification. Details regarding the ARPAS Feed Management Certification can be found at [http://www.arpas.org/cert.asp?view=feed\\_mngt](http://www.arpas.org/cert.asp?view=feed_mngt)

### Report on the New "American College of Animal Sciences" ACAS President Mich Etchebarne and Colleges Reorganization Committee Chair, Kenneth Cummings, PhD, Dipl. ACAN

The ARPAS Governing Council has approved a unified college structure for board certification of ARPAS members. The old system had five separate colleges, each certifying diplomates in its respective discipline. Each college had its own constitution, bylaws, officers, board of directors, and examining committee. Initial board certification was granted in 1995 under a "grandfather" process when the colleges were formed. Any later candidates were granted board certification only through a very rigorous examination process. Because of the administrative burden imposed, the colleges, some with very low membership potential, did not add members and sustain viability as functional colleges. The number of board-certified members in all colleges peaked at 400 in 1996 and has now dropped to about 200 as members have retired or not renewed their ARPAS memberships. The college structure and the board certification process were headed for a slow death.

In 2005, ARPAS President Larry Chase appointed Past President Kenneth Cummings to form a committee to study this issue. This committee, consisting of Dale Hill and Bob Wettman, recommended that consolidation of the colleges into a single College of Animal Sciences, with board representation from each of the discipline colleges, would be a viable structure. Each discipline would still need a separate examination, but the process would be unified within the single college format. The new college would have a slate of officers with a representative from each discipline serving on the board and heading the examination process for that discipline. The Committee also recommended that the president of the College of Animal Sciences have a seat on the ARPAS Governing Council. Additionally, a more user-friendly process should be developed to encourage board certification of highly qualified individuals who had resisted the previous examination.

The ARPAS Governing Council accepted the Committee's recommendations in

January 2007 and instructed the committee to draft a constitution and bylaws for the new college by the mid-year ARPAS meeting. At the annual meeting in 2007, the Governing Council voted to accept the proposed new constitution as well as the Committee's recommendation that the current officers of the American College of Animal Sciences, the only existing college still functioning, become the initial officers of ACAS. Dr. Mich Etchebarne, current president of ACAN, will lead this new college.

The proposed new constitution and bylaws are now ready for ratification by all board-certified members of ARPAS. These documents will be posted on the ARPAS Web site, and the voting by board-certified members to accept the new constitution and bylaws will commence shortly.

The new college officers are seeking board-certified nominees or volunteers representing all five disciplines to assist in exam preparation for each discipline and to serve as the discipline representative to ACAS.

We are very hopeful that many qualified ARPAS members will elect to achieve board certification because it is an important step in enhancing the professional image of our organization and its members. It is to be noted that the status of current board-certified ARPAS members will not be affected, and they will be recognized with the new designations in their respective disciplines.

**California ARPAS Chapter  
Continuing Education Meeting, October 25–26, 2007  
Barbara A. Barton, PhD, PAS, Dipl. ACAN**

On October 25 and 26, 2007, the Continuing Education Conference will be held at Harris Ranch, Coalinga, California. This year's speakers will include Dr. Jim Russell on Ionophores in Animal Feeding Programs, Dr. Margie Lee on Subtherapeutic Antibiotics in Animal Feeding Programs, Todd Callaway on Bacterial Survival Mechanisms, Dr. Abigail Salyers on Transfer of Bacterial Resistance from Livestock to Humans, and Dr. Elinor McCartney on a European Perspective on Subtherapeutic Antibiotic Use. Visit the California ARPAS Web site at [www.arpasca.org](http://www.arpasca.org) for meeting details and updates.

**2007 Elections  
Will Seymour, PhD, PAS, Dipl. ACAN**

Elections for the ARPAS 2007 Governing Council have been held for President-Elect, Northeast Director, and Western Director. A total of 342 ARPAS members voted, and the following officers were elected:

President-Elect: Dr. Marit Arana, PAS, A.L. Gilbert Co.  
Western Director: Dr. Bill Sanchez, PAS, Diamond V Mills  
Northeast Director: Dr. Stephen Emanuele, PAS, Balchem Corp.

ARPAS is fortunate to have had a slate of outstanding candidates willing to give their time for the benefit of the organization. Thank you to all involved.

**ARPAS Exam Security  
Executive Vice President, Richard R. Frahm, PhD, PAS,  
Dipl. Animal Genetics**

All ARPAS members are authorized to administer exams. The ARPAS membership has been very cooperative in administering ARPAS exams, and this is much appreciated. ARPAS exams are administered at various meetings throughout the United States as well as at various individual locations throughout the year. Thus, many exams are being moved to various places and handled by numerous people. When you are sent exams to administer, a set of instructions for administering

the exams will be included. Instructions are also available upon request and can be downloaded from the Web site ([www.arpas.org](http://www.arpas.org)).

During the ongoing examination process, exam security is a critical priority. Everyone involved in handling these exam needs to be particularly aware of preserving exam security. Two aspects of security must be considered. One is to preserve the integrity of the exam diligently by not allowing any unauthorized person to see any exam. The other is to ensure that completed exams are safely delivered to ARPAS headquarters in a timely manner.

To protect exam confidentiality, it is very important that any unused exams be returned to the ARPAS Business Office or be carefully shredded.

Completed exams and applications should be returned to the ARPAS Business Office just as soon as possible. It may be possible to send these with a member of the FASS staff. Be sure the package of completed exams is clearly labeled so they are not inadvertently misplaced. More likely, you will be sending them via first-class mail. The fixed-rate priority mail works well, and a tracking label can be used to track the arrival of the tests.

In the unlikely event that the exams and applications become lost in transit, it is important to have a record of the individuals who took the exam so they can be contacted. The examiner should make a list on a single sheet (or more as needed) of each person taking the exam, along with contact information (e-mail and telephone), exam taken, and form of payment of the exam fee. The organization with which the individual is associated may also be included. The examiner should keep a copy of this listing and send it, via fax or e-mail, to the ARPAS Business Office [Susie Rahn, fax (217) 398-4119, [susier@assoqh.org](mailto:susier@assoqh.org)].

### **ARPAS Historian Retires President-Elect, Marit Arana, PhD, PAS**

Harold D. Radloff, PhD, PAS, has retired as ARPAS Historian. Harold has also retired from A.L. Gilbert Co., where he was a nutritionist. He plans to do more traveling with his wife Kay and family and spend more time on the golf course whenever possible. I would like to thank Harold for his years of service to our organization.

### **2008 ARPAS Symposium Livestock Pharmaceuticals: The Past, The Present, The . . . President-Elect, Marit Arana, PhD, PAS**

The 2008 ARPAS Symposium to be held during the Annual Joint Meeting of ASAS and ADSA has been approved by the Meeting Organizing Committee. The Symposium is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, July 9, 2008, and will be preceded by the ARPAS business meeting. The Symposium will include the following presentations:

- ARCAS-ARPAS: Then and Now—Dr. Virgil Hays, Dipl. ACAN, Professor Emeritus, University of Kentucky
- 50 Years of Pharmaceutical Technology and Its Impact on the Livestock We Produce—Dr. Rodney Preston, Colorado
- Does Ionophore Resistance Risk Human Health?—Dr. James Russell, USDA-ARS, Plant Soil, Nutrition Laboratory, Cornell University
- How are we making bacteria more resistant to antibiotics?—Dr. Todd Callaway, USDA-ARS, Southern Plains Agricultural Research Center, Food & Feed Safety Research, Texas A&M University

- **Revenge of the Microbes: Are Antibiotics an Endangered Species?—Dr. Abigail Salyers, University of Illinois**

Please include the ARPAS Symposium in your plans for the 2008 Joint Meeting in Indianapolis.

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## **A Message from the ARPAS President Darrell Johnson, PhD, PAS**

Greetings from Kentucky. I am honored and humbled to serve as your President for the next year. Dr. Wayne Greene left some big shoes to fill, but fortunately, he will stay on the Executive Council for the next year to keep me on the straight and narrow. It is a pleasure to serve an organization that is dynamic and enthusiastic about its future. We currently have more than 1,500 members and more requests for tests every week.

Dr. Steve Schmidt assumed the role of Examining Board Chairman on July 1 and is working diligently to fill positions on this board. Testing is the cornerstone of our organization, and he will be searching for members to represent all species. Please consider serving if you are asked. Keeping our tests current and developing a study guide to prepare applicants for the test are two of the main charges of this committee. All input and suggestions are welcome.

Unfortunately, we were presented with two resignations during our board meeting in San Antonio. Harold Radloff, who had served as Historian for a number of years, decided to make his retirement complete. We appreciate his service and wish him all the best. I am happy to announce that Dr. Bill Price, who finished his three-year term as Northeast Director, has agreed to continue serving ARPAS as our new Historian. Bill has done an excellent job in revitalizing our newsletter, and we look forward to having him as the Historian.

Dr. Dick Frahm announced his intention to resign as Executive Vice President on December 31. Dick will have completed his fifth year of service, and his leadership will be greatly missed. Being the guiding force in an organization of volunteers takes a special person, and Dick has done an excellent job. I would love to convince him to stay on, but we appreciate his desire to pursue other interests. The announcement of our search for a new Executive Vice President is posted on the Web site. We will accept applications until September 1 and hope to have someone selected by November 1 to give that person some overlap time with Dick. If you are interested in the position or have someone to suggest, please contact anyone on the Executive Council.

Where does ARPAS go from here? We have maintained steady growth and become financially sound. Our future direction is in the hands of our members. We need to continue seeking new members and corporate sponsors to stay strong. In working with farmers over the last 20+ years, I have learned that they often value the opinions of their peers more than the "experts" they hear at meetings. I don't think we are any different. ARPAS puts forth considerable effort to recruit new members, but the bottom line is that success in recruitment will depend on each of us selling our peers on the benefits of membership. Any ARPAS member can administer the exam. Please contact Susie Rahn in the ARPAS office if you know someone who is interested in joining.

There are two areas of emphasis I would like us to promote in the coming years. One is local chapters. We were fortunate to have added two new chapters in the last year. Anyone who is involved in a state organization, such as a cattleman's group, will realize that the heart of the organization lies in the county chapters. ARPAS is no different. It takes only 15 members to form a local chapter. A chapter with 50 members may have a seat on the Executive Council. Local chapters can be critical in retaining and recruiting members. Many members may not be able to attend the national meetings but could attend local meetings within a one- or two-

state region to obtain their continuing education credits. This would add to the benefit of being an ARPAS member.

A second area of emphasis is to promote what it means to be an ARPAS member to those we serve. How many of our customers, clients, and students know what PAS on our business card means? The benefits of being an ARPAS member will increase greatly if our clients ask potential consultants if they are members of ARPAS. It is important for our clientele to know that being an ARPAS member signifies a high level of ability and professionalism. Dr. Dwain Bunting wrote an excellent article in *Feedstuffs* a couple of years ago dealing with our professional ethics. I urge you to give us other ideas on how to convey to our clientele the value of being in this organization.

Thank you for letting me serve as your President, and please let me know of any suggestions or criticisms you may have. I can be reached by phone at (859) 936-6304 or by e-mail at [djohnson@burkmann.com](mailto:djohnson@burkmann.com). An organization is only as strong as its individual members, and I value your input.

### **From the Past President L. Wayne Greene, PhD, PAS**

I serve this year as your Past President with a sense of relief, knowing that ARPAS is in excellent hands with Dr. Johnson's leadership at the helm. My year as President in 2006–2007 provided a significant opportunity for me to serve this organization, which gives so much to our profession. I appreciate all the support given by the members across the nation in serving on numerous committees and in decision-making processes. The Executive Committee has risen to the occasion in all situations in conducting the business of our registry. The Executive Vice President, Dr. Dick Frahm, a long-time colleague, was a tremendous asset during my tenure as President in conducting the day-to-day business of our organization. I continually looked to him for his sound advice and direction as we moved forward with the business of ARPAS. Dr. Keith Lusby, serving as our Treasurer, brought significant experience to the Executive Committee from his previous roles as President-Elect, President, and Past President. His prior leadership was a model to follow in my job as President in 2006–2007. Periodically, between Executive Committee conference calls, I solicited his input on a number of items important to the Registry. In addition, Dr. Will Seymour, serving as the Past President, was a tremendous asset in providing advice and counsel during 2006–2007. Dr. Darrell Johnson brought significant insight into ARPAS matters as he served as President-Elect and previously served as Southern Director on the Governing Council. I feel very comfortable that Dr. Johnson's leadership will guide ARPAS into new endeavors this year as the Executive Committee works for the Registry. His commonsense approach to problem solving will serve you well. Dr. Randy Shaver provided significant continuity to the Executive Committee as Secretary and was extremely valuable as he worked with Dr. Joe Harrison in the development and formulation of the new Feed Management Certification program. The election of Dr. Marit Arana as President-Elect this year continues to add continuity to the Executive Committee because she worked with the Governing Council for many years as the Examination Chair. Without the dedicated support of these individuals, my role as President would have been impossible to carry out.

With the help of the Executive Committee, Governing Council, numerous committees, and the Registry itself, we accomplished a great deal in 2006–2007. One of the highlights of the year included the opportunity to travel to California to attend the California ARPAS Chapter annual meeting. I believe that our local and regional chapters are the foundation of the national Registry, and the long-standing history of the California Chapter is a model for others to follow. Another major highlight was the approval of two new chapters, North Central Plains and Southern Plains. All chapters will continue to add growth to our Registry. A significant hurdle we crossed this year was the hiring of a new Editor-in-Chief for the *Professional Animal Scientist*. The quality of the journal continues to increase as Dr. Kellogg provides this leadership. The development of the Feed Management Certification was another major accomplishment that will serve our members in

the future. The Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization continues to grow stronger as more and more emphasis is placed on animal care and welfare in animal production, and serving on this board has been enlightening. A major step forward for ARPAS in 2006–2007 was hiring an Examination Board Chairman. Our examination process is the foundation of the certification process, and as the new chairman works to develop the Examination Board and develop study guides for potential members, as well as to enhance the quality of our testing process, these endeavors will provide strength to ARPAS for years to come.

Of all the accomplishments and tasks performed as ARPAS President in 2006–2007, the one that has given me the most pride in my position is seeing our professional members at work providing leadership to the animal agriculture sector when using the PAS designation after their names on national and international scientific programs, on TV show documentaries, and in pieces of literature in the arenas of research, university extension, and outreach. Our Registry is having a positive impact on animal agriculture. It has been a distinct pleasure to serve the Registry as your President, and I look forward to a relaxed term as Past President in 2007–2008. The Registry is in good hands with the work of all as we continue to provide valuable programs to professional animal scientists across the nation. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to many more years of serving ARPAS in different capacities.

**From the Executive Vice President  
Richard R. Frahm, PhD, PAS, Dipl. Animal Genetics**

Congratulations and thanks to Wayne Greene for his superb leadership this past year as President of ARPAS. There has been considerable activity within ARPAS this past year, reflecting what a dynamic organization it is. Wayne was very dedicated and was effective at keeping the Executive Committee involved and well informed about the various activities. Thanks to all the members who served so faithfully on the Governing Council and committees. Everyone working together resulted in a very successful year.

We welcome Susie Rahn as the new administrative assistant for ARPAS. She assumed these responsibilities when there was much activity in preparing for the annual governing council meeting and the annual business meeting. She has proven to be a very quick learner and somehow got everything done for the meetings in superb fashion. Susie has demonstrated a high level of professionalism as an administrative assistant and is a pleasure to work with. I believe she will serve ARPAS well, and we are fortunate to have her services. Likewise, we welcome Dr. Steve Schmidt from Auburn University as the first paid Examining Board Chair. He assumed his responsibilities on July 1. He is busy identifying people from the different specialty areas to serve on the Examining Board. This board will have the important responsibility of reviewing, editing, and enhancing the exams being administered by ARPAS, and also preparing study guides and offering guidance on how to prepare for the exam. The success of these endeavors will be a key to the future of ARPAS.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as the Executive Vice President of ARPAS for the past 4.5 years. When I accepted this position, I made a personal commitment to put forth my best efforts to serve ARPAS for 5 years, which will be up December 31, 2007. After much soul searching, I have reached a difficult decision. At the San Antonio meetings, I informed the Executive Committee that it was time for the organization to seek a new Executive Vice President. I subsequently announced to the Governing Council and attendees at the Annual Business meeting my intent to resign as Executive Vice President effective December 31, 2007. There is much going on, and I intend to stay fully involved with these activities during the final few months. I have no doubt that several very capable ARPAS members will be interested in this position. ARPAS will benefit from someone with new ideas and energy. Thanks to all of you for this wonderful opportunity to serve.

**From the Secretary  
Randy Shaver, PhD, PAS**

Minutes recorded for the ARPAS Governing Council Mid-Year Teleconferences and Annual Summer Governing Council and Business Meetings going back 10 years can be found at <http://www.arpas.org/society.asp?view=minutes>

**From the Treasurer  
Keith Lusby, PhD, PAS, Dipl. ACAN**

ARPAS ended the 2006 fiscal year with total assets of \$326,936.37, of which \$315,432.79 was cash and investments. Total revenue and support for 2006 were budgeted at \$216,200.00, compared with actual revenue and support of \$237,678.35. Total expenses for the same period were budgeted at \$189,330.00, whereas actual expenses were \$175,629.95. The resulting net change in assets for 2006 was \$62,048.40, compared with a budget estimate of \$26,870.

The fiscal year 2007 budget includes estimated revenue and support at \$218,700 and estimated expenses of \$210,955, which would result in a net change of assets of \$7,745.

The Board approved the 2008 budget. Estimated revenue and support are \$218,400, and estimated expenses are \$225,205. The new budget includes a one-time allocation of \$4,000 for the American College of Animal Science to set up its management structure. In addition, \$5,000 has been allocated to support travel for ARPAS representatives to the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization and a stipend of \$5,000 has been created for the new position of Examining Board Chair, plus \$1,500 for Examining Board Chair travel. A deficit of \$6,805 is anticipated. However, ARPAS has a large reserve, and the board views the additional expenditures as investments for future growth in ARPAS. This investment should improve service to the membership, resulting in membership growth and thereby increasing revenue.

**From the Editor-in-Chief, *Professional Animal Scientist*  
D. Wayne Kellogg, PhD, PAS**

The *Professional Animal Scientist* (**PAS**) continues to grow. Recent issues of PAS have contained more pages (February = 82, April = 96, June = 129, and August = 155) than in past years. This was partially due to catching up from some smaller issues last fall; however, it appears that we will be able to sustain the larger issues. This necessitated a different binding, which I prefer because the issue is visible in the bookcase.

The annual "Information to Contributors" in the February Issue was revised with input from several members of the Editorial Board. It seemed to me that the PAS abbreviation list should be more similar to the one used by the *Journal of Animal Science*, so we added many abbreviations to our list.

With permission from the Executive Committee, proposals were solicited for on-line submission of manuscripts. Staff members and I were unanimous in recommending that the Board adopt the system of Manuscript Central (**MC**). This required budgeting about \$2,000 for a one-time cost of site configuration plus \$450 to upload a user database from *Journal of Animal Science*, and will require approximately \$3,036 annually (about \$30 per manuscript). The ARPAS Board approved the proposal.

Some of the benefits of using MC outlined by Susan Pollock are as follows:

- It provides overall organization for the submission and peer-review processes. The editor-in-chief (**EIC**) and editorial office can track the status of individual manuscripts from submission through final decision, run reports on

- different milestones, and refer to correspondence related to each manuscript.
- It facilitates transition to a new EIC. All manuscript files, status reports, and correspondence are stored in an organized system for retrieval, reassignment, and review.
  - It provides security. Manuscripts submitted via e-mail or postal mail can get lost or caught in a spam filter. Size limitations on electronic files and mailing multiple hard copies can frustrate authors, EICs, and reviewers.
  - The MC system is familiar to PAS authors and reviewers who also submit to or review for the *Journal of Dairy Science*, *Journal of Animal Science*, *Poultry Science*, or *Journal of Applied Poultry Research*.
  - Users not familiar with the system will have well-trained FASS staff to support their needs.
  - It has the potential for an increased number of submissions from the United States and overseas.
  - It is easier to use reviewers in Canada and overseas without affecting review times or incurring postage costs.
  - Reviewers are assigned from a database that tracks the quality and timeliness of reviews and the number of papers assigned to each reviewer.
  - It is easier to make new reviewer assignments to a paper when reviewers decline or are late returning reviews.

After several weeks of planning, MC was initiated on March 28. Forty-one new manuscripts have been submitted since then. Thus, PAS is stabilized, and on-line submission is attracting new authors. Additional changes are not anticipated, although we continue to work on acceptance by abstracting services.

I especially appreciate the support of staff members Lisa Hamilton, Susan Pollock, Lisa Krohn, Louise Audrieth, and Jeremy Holzner. Collectively, they should be credited with smoothing the mid-year transition. I also appreciate the support of the ARPAS Board in implementing the many changes that were accomplished. Finally, the Editorial Board members and invited reviewers have worked diligently to publish the Journal, and I sincerely appreciate their excellent assistance.

### **From the Membership Committee Warren Gill, PhD, PAS**

The membership report is good, but could be better. The current membership status is as follows:

- The ARPAS Membership is listed at 1,507, with 1,384 having renewed for 2007. This is a 92% renewal rate, with 123 nonrenewals to date. This compares with 1,508 total members, with 116 nonrenewals on June 20, 2006. This is a net loss in paid membership of 8 compared with last year at this time (1,384 vs. 1,392 paid memberships).
- Since January there have been 123 new applications, with 71 having been completed and 54 pending.
- We continue to have a significant number of late renewals between January and July. The 92% renewal as of June 25 is similar to last year and much better than in the years before that, but we need to continue seeking ways to encourage early renewal.

Remember:

1. 2007 dues were due by January 1, 2007. If you have not yet paid the 2007 dues you may still maintain your membership by paying your 2007 dues and submitting the required 16 CEU. Failure to do so by December 31, 2007 will result in the termination of your membership. After that date you will have to follow reinstatement procedures (form is on the web [www.arpas.org](http://www.arpas.org)).
2. If you have been expired for more than a year, you will have to pay an

- additional \$20 reinstatement fee and provide CEU information.
3. If you are retired, the story is even better. If you were a member for at least 3 years prior to retirement, you are eligible for Emeritus status. You can be reinstated by simply paying the dues (CEU's are no longer required if you are retired).
  4. The best idea for retired ARPAS members may be to pay Life Emeritus Dues. By simply paying 2.5 times the yearly dues, you can be paid up for life. This would be \$255 for 2007.

**If you have ideas on recruitment or how to get all current members to renew, please contact me at [wgill@utk.edu](mailto:wgill@utk.edu) or any of the Membership Committee members: Mark McCann, John Peterson, Gerald Horn, Ron Kincaid, Cathy Bandyk, and Erin Peterson.**

### **From the Professional Relations Committee Carl Hunt, PhD, PAS, Dipl. ACAN**

The Professional Relations Committee of ARPAS seeks to develop a positive relationship with corporations and to act as liaison with other professional organizations. Bill Sanchez, the newly elected Western Director, takes on the chairmanship of the committee as part of his duties to ARPAS. His committee members are Joe Carrica, Mike Brown, Chet Fields, and Steve Emanuele. One specific responsibility of the Professional Relations Committee is to recruit financial support for ARPAS from corporations and organizations that are committed to the high professional and ethical standards that ARPAS promotes. The following are the four levels of ARPAS corporate sponsorship: Platinum, \$2,500; Gold, \$1,500; Silver, \$1,000; and Bronze, \$500. The corporate sponsorships are very important to ARPAS because they provide about 15% of the revenue needed for operation of the organization. One benefit of corporate sponsorship is the opportunity to display the company logo, with a link to the company Web site from the ARPAS Web site. As the outgoing committee chair, I am proud to say that there are currently 22 corporate sponsors, and we encourage you to take some time to link to some of the corporate sponsor Web sites from the ARPAS Web site. I also encourage you to take the time to thank our current sponsors as appropriate, and to actively recruit new sponsors. If you have some good ideas on recruitment, please contact Bill Sanchez at [bsanchez@diamondev.com](mailto:bsanchez@diamondev.com) or any of the other Professional Relations Committee members.

### **From the Examination Board Chairman Steve Schmidt, PhD, PAS**

First, let me introduce myself as the new Examination Board Chairman as of July 1. I am Steve Schmidt, Professor of Animal Sciences at Auburn University. My area of specialization is beef cattle nutrition. I look forward to working with the Governing Council and the ARPAS membership. According to the job description published in the April Newsletter, "...the Examination Board, led by the chairman, will be responsible for the continued development and updating of examination materials. The Examination Board will be responsible for the development and maintenance of study guides that are made available to potential ARPAS members for their preparation in becoming ARPAS members."

My first task as the chairman is to appoint a committee of at least 18 members as stated in the by-laws. To help me get a diverse committee that represents the 12 areas of specialty, I have asked members of the Governing Council to suggest names of ARPAS members who might be willing to work on this committee. **I would like to extend an invitation to all ARPAS members to suggest names of fellow members who would be willing to serve on the examination board.** Don't be afraid to nominate yourself if you would like to serve! My e-mail address is [schmisp@auburn.edu](mailto:schmisp@auburn.edu).

Once the Examination Board has been established, I am considering selecting a "chair" person from board members for each of the 12 areas of specialization in

animal science and have that person select a sub-committee to review the current bank of questions and possibly write more questions for each area. Another high priority of the Examination Board is to develop study guides for each of the areas of specialization. I envision pulling together information into topic modules so potential members can selectively review topics. Having study guides will provide individuals an opportunity to review material and give them confidence in taking the exam.

### **From the FASS Chief Executive Officer Jerome F. Baker, PhD, PAS, Dipl. ACAG**

Is what you do important? The staff at the Federation of Animal Science Societies believe what you do is important. The employees that work at FASS understand that their purpose is to facilitate science. It has been encouraging to me to hear the employees describe the satisfaction they get from helping you, the members of ARPAS. It always gives us a positive sense of accomplishment when you, the members, are served and your paper is published, your exams are graded, your membership demographic information is updated, or any number of other services are provided in a satisfactory manner.

The general public also seems to think what you do is important, or at least prestigious. A recent Harris Poll measured public perceptions of 23 professions and occupations. Firefighters, scientists, and teachers were ranked as the most prestigious jobs held by adults in the United States. Many of the members of ARPAS might fall into both the scientist and teacher categories. Farmers were ranked ninth among the 23 occupations included in the survey.

Having an occupation that is considered prestigious carries with it important responsibilities. It is becoming critical that animal scientists provide clear, factual, and objective information to the public concerning issues associated with the environment, animal care, food safety, and biotechnology. I recently had an opportunity to go back and read the "Code of Ethics" for a Professional Animal Scientist, and it reminded me how important our role is as professionals in serving the public with information on animals used for food, fiber, work, and companionship. There are simply too many well-funded organizations willing to push their biased agendas without being truthful with the public.

It might be of interest that the five occupations that received the lowest scores for prestige included stockbroker, union leader, entertainer, real estate broker, and actor. It might be easy for a well-known actor or entertainer to be quoted about animal agriculture issues, but ARPAS members have the credentials and occupational prestige to speak with authority and conviction.

FASS exists to serve as a science-based voice for animal agriculture, animal products, and food systems. We continue to make investments in staff training, equipment, and software to help us serve you and members of other societies in a professional manner. If you have suggestions for ways we can improve our services to you or provide them more efficiently, please contact us. We look forward to serving you and the science of animal agriculture.

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### **Report on the Equine Science Society Symposium Betsy Wagner, PhD, PAS**

The Twentieth Equine Science Society Symposium was held June 5–8, 2007, in Hunt Valley, Maryland, hosted by the University of Maryland. One hundred thirty-seven papers and posters were presented in the areas of nutrition, exercise physiology, reproductive physiology, production and management, and teaching and extension, including 30 papers in the graduate competition and 8 undergraduate competition presentations. Invited speakers included Dr. Larry Johnson of Texas A&M University (reproduction), Dr. Matthew Gibbons of Dakota Gold (production and management), and Dr. Mike Davis of Oklahoma State

University (nutrition). Banquet attendees were treated to a presentation by Dr. Dean Richardson of New Bolton Center, School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, on the treatment and care of Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro. Colorado State University will host the Equine Science Society Symposium in 2009.

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### **From the Publications Committee Bill Price, PAS, Dipl. ACAN**

Things are changing. With the election, Stephen Emanuele is the new Northeast Director and with that comes the chairmanship of the Publications Committee, which is responsible for publishing this Newsletter. His committee members are Karin Bump, Barbara Barton, Lisa Holden, Luis Solorazan, Bill Price, and Betsy Wagner.

This edition of the Newsletter was compiled by the former Publications Committee and is packed with news from the annual meeting, which was very exciting this year. ARPAS has many talented people who volunteer to carry on the business of the organization. Sometimes it takes some prodding to get people to write reports and articles, but it is worth it. I certainly have enjoyed my term as Northeast Director and Publications Committee Chair. I volunteered to stay on the committee to help Dr. Emanuele as he moves into organizing the newsletter. I certainly have appreciated Dick Frahm's input and his help in assembling the newsletters. Dr. Frahm is retiring at the end of this year, and his influence certainly will be missed. We do have Susie Rahn, the new administrative assistant in the FASS Office, who has been assigned to work with us, and she is great. So the Newsletter will go on. However, I remind ARPAS members that it is up to everyone to supply Dr. Emanuele with information for the newsletter. If you have items of interest, make sure he or Susie gets them.

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