

ARPAS Newsletter

December 30, 2002

Here are a few important and timely topics that should be of interest.

(1) First of all, best wishes for happy holidays and Happy New Year to all members of ARPAS and friends - from everyone serving ARPAS as officers, Governing Council, Editorial Board, and the staff at Savoy!

(2) Announcements from Jim Males, President:

New Executive Vice President

ARPAS is pleased to announce that Richard Frahm is joining us as Executive Vice President. Dick is a Nebraska native. His graduate training was in genetics at North Carolina State University. Dick progressed through the Professor ranks at Oklahoma State University and was Head of the Animal Science Department at VPI (Virginia Polytechnic Institute) from 1987 - 1992. Since 1992 Dick has been the National Program Leader for Animal Genetics with USDA-CSREES. Dick and his wife Joyce are moving back to Blacksburg, Virginia after the first of the year.

Dick brings great experience to ARPAS and the Executive Committee felt that he was an excellent choice to replace Bill Baumgardt. We are facing some great opportunities for ARPAS and we look forward to having Dick on board to help us take advantage of the opportunities that are there. Dick's contact information is shown here - please make note of it. His mailing address in Blacksburg is active now. His phone and email should be active January 6, 2003.

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Thank you Bill Baumgardt

I want to take this opportunity to thank Bill Baumgardt for the wonderful job he did as the first EVP for ARPAS. Bill came on board at a time when ARPAS as an organization was in trouble. Bill's dedication, hard work for little pay, and commitment have helped to turn ARPAS into an organization that is ready to meet the needs of the future for certified Animal Scientists. All of us who believe in ARPAS owe Bill Baumgardt a great big thank you.

Jim Males, ARPAS President.

(3) Administrative Support for ARPAS in Savoy Office:

Jennifer Gavel will be on maternity leave starting sometime in January. Her replacement will be Lorraine Halderman (lorraine@assoqh.org). I know you will want to join us in wishing the very best to Jennifer and also to welcome Lorraine. She has been working with Jennifer and is quite ready to assume the role with ARPAS.

(4) Ken Olson joins FASS:

Dr. Kenneth Olson has joined FASS in a new position as the Director of Education and Information Resources. Ken has excellent experience with both academia (University of Kentucky, Dairy Extension) and animal agriculture industry (American Farm Bureau Federation). Working as a private consultant in 2002 he led to the FASS-ARPAS project funded by Animal Agriculture Alliance with the goal of developing Criteria by which species animal care guidelines can be evaluated. One of the first projects for Ken in his new role with FASS is to provide leadership for the training and examination of auditors for the ARPAS program auditors for the United Egg Producers animal care audit program.

(5) Comments from Bill Baumgardt:

Greetings to all! It has been my honor and pleasure to have served as the Executive Vice President of ARPAS for the past four + years. I had agreed to serve for three to five years and Elaine reminded me of that commitment (to her as well as ARPAS)! So I had informed the Governing Council in July 2002 of my desire to relinquish to bulk of responsibilities at the end of 2002. Let me assure you that I am not going to just disappear. I have told the Executive Committee that I want to work with Dick Frahm to ensure a smooth transition. In addition, I will be on call for any special needs where I might be helpful. I will be continuing my work with ADSA as Coordinator of the Discover Conference series. Best wishes.