Mid West ARPAS Chapter
ARPAS regional update for National ARPAS meeting July 10, 2011
Summarized on June 20, 2011
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UPDATE
The Mid-West Chapter of ARPAS had their inaugural meeting on April 20th, 2011 where interim officers were elected and a vision to encompass multispecies and cover a broad geographic area was reviewed. The newly elected officers are Dr. Dwight Roseler – Interim President, and Secretary/Treasurer – Dr. Ken Zanzalari. The 4 directors to serve for different species group are Dr. Joanne Knapp (ruminant), Chad Risley (swine), Dale Hill (companion animals) and Dr. James Coomer (ruminant). Dr. Ken Cummings reviewed the preliminary bylaws for the Midwest Chapter and Dr. Bill Braman (National ARPAS President) presented information regarding the purpose of ARPAS, the benefits of ARPAS membership and then congratulated the attendees on a successful formation of the Mid-West ARPAS chapter. All current ARPAS members of the Midwest region will be granted Midwest membership for one year.

HISTORY
The organization of the Midwest Chapter owes a big thank-you to Dr. Ken Cummings who was instrumental in mentoring the Midwest ARPAS chapter to fruition with leadership from Dr. Dwight Roseler. A small group of people met at the 2010 Tri State Dairy Nutrition Conference in Fort Wayne, IN to discuss the possibility of a regional ARPAS chapter. At that time a list of member signatures was obtained which satisfied the minimum requirement for proceeding with the development of a new regional ARPAS chapter. A main focus of the Midwest ARPAS chapter was to include multispecies on their membership. An informational meeting was held at the 2010 Four State Dairy Nutrition conference that was hosted by Dr. James Coomer. A total of 48 signatures were obtained to support the Midwest Regional chapter. The ARPAS Governing council voted to charter the Midwest ARPAS on July 11, 2010. Several conference calls were conducted from June 2010 to April 2011 with key stakeholders (Ken Cummings, Dwight Roseler, Ken Zanzalari, Joanne Knapp, James Coomer, Chad Risley, Dale Hill) to discuss the formation of the new chapter, the purpose of the chapter and the preliminary development of chapter bylaws.

At the inaugural 2011 ARPAS meeting there was in attendance the following people- Bill Braman, Ken Cummings, Dwight Roseler, Joanne Knapp, Normand St. Pierre, Jonathan Townsend, Jim Edwards, Todd Owens, Timothy Johnson, Ken Zanzalari, Don Martell and Steve Adsmond.

FUTURE
The Midwest Chapter has a vision to share across species and build a communication network that can provide both informational and networking opportunities for professionalism in animal agriculture. Future leadership will be elected soon and chapter activities are encouraged grow the numbers to build a strong network of professionals.