The seventh annual meeting of the Northeast Chapter of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists was held on November 15, 2017 in conjunction with the Penn State Dairy Cattle Nutrition Workshop in Grantville, PA. There were 65 ARPAS members and guests in attendance. President Tom Hickley presided over a short business meeting and updated on chapter planning activities, and nominate candidates to fill vacancies for the upcoming year. Nominations for offices were as follows: President Elect – Corwin Holtz and Dorothy Pastor; Director – Brian Beck and Clay Zimmerman. A closed ballot election was held during the meeting.

Dane Schoenbaum read the treasurer’s report. Account balance was $3364.13 as of 09/30/17. Current NE chapter membership stands at 143. Both numbers have increased since 12/31/16 with 22 additional members and increase in account balance of $655.

Dr. Ken Cummings, Executive VP, ARPAS, presented information from the national office. Dr. Dave Beede has agreed to fill a three-year term as editor of ARPAS journal, The Professional Animal Scientist. Currently soliciting nominations for President Elect, Secretary and NW Director. An additional NW director position has been created as a result of the increasing size of the NE chapter. Dr. Cummings will proctor ARPAS certification exams during the Penn State Dairy Cattle Nutrition Workshop.

A mini-symposium was held after the business meeting. Dr. Tyler Mark, University of Kentucky, presented: ‘Investment Decisions, Analytical Capabilities, and Big Data Learning Curves: What’s A Dairy Farmer to Do?’ Dr. Mark also delivered an ARPAS sponsored workshop during the conference titled: ‘Producers are Excited about Precision Dairy, but is the Technology Economical?’

Election results were as follows: President Elect – Dorothy Pastor; Director – Brian Beck. Current NE chapter executive committee: President – Bill Sutliff, Past President – Tom Hickley, President Elect – Dorothy Pastor, Secretary/Treasurer – Dane Schoenbaum, Directors – Brian Beck, Frank Janicki and Dave Kirk.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer NE ARPAS Chapter