The fourth meeting of the Northeast Chapter of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014. This was held in conjunction with the Penn State Dairy Cattle Nutrition Workshop at Grantville, PA. There were 59 ARPAS members and guests in attendance. A total of 67 had preregistered via the Penn State Extension Dairy Cattle Nutrition Workshop venue. A short annual meeting was held to nominate candidates for the upcoming year. The nominees for President Elect were Tom Nauman and William Sutliff, and for Secretary/Treasurer were Dane Schoenbaum and Thomas Hickley. Two directors are needed to fill vacancies. Nominees were David Kirk, Alden Bowman and Dorothy Pastor. Daryl Maulfair was nominated from the floor for Director. A closed ballot election for all officers was held during the meeting.

Mark Wagner reported that as of November 3, 2014 the NE Chapter of ARPAS has 100 dues paying members. This would include membership paid either in 2014 or pre-paid for 2015. This list was provided by Jeremy Holzner from the National ARPAS office. The current NE Chapter balance is $1799.60. This would include $5 membership fees, the sponsorships of past mini-symposium and outright donations to the chapter.

Kenneth Cummings, Executive VP, ARPAS discussed the membership requirements, standard code of ethics, annual CEU requirements & dues, exams and a new national ARPAS program to attract student membership. Ken stated that the national survey among ARPAS members to determine the location and affiliation with either ADSA or ASAS national meetings will be released soon. There were approximately 500 responses to the survey and equally split between joint membership holding ADSA or ASAS membership. The National ARPAS Membership is strong with approximately 400 members in the NE USA area. Ken will be proctoring ARPAS exams during the entire conference and there appears to be good interest with attendees registering to take their appropriate exams. The next exam session will be at 5 pm today with 2 exams scheduled for tomorrow.

A mini-symposium has held after the short meeting and the presenter was Dr. James D. Ferguson, VMD. Jim is a Professor of Clinical Nutrition in the Department of Clinical Studies at the New Bolton Campus of the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine. He presented his paper on the topic “Chromium and Potential Benefits to Reproduction.” This was a clinical trial conduct during 2013 is SE PA dairy herd. The results were most interesting and thought-provoking. This was the second year to hold a mini-symposium with our annual meeting. The sponsors of the symposia were; Diamond V Mills, Old Mill Troy and Kemin Industries. We appreciated these companies supporting our program.

The results of the election were Tom Nauman-President Elect, Dane Schoenbaum-Secretary/Treasurer, Alden Bowman and Dorothy Pastor as Directors. Thanks to all who expressed their interest in ARPAS by consenting to be considered for an officer’s position.

Submitted respectfully by Mark S. Wagner, Pres NE ARPAS Chapter