Past President Dorothy Pastor called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm and passed the chair to our new President, Dane Schoenbaum. The meeting took place following the Penn State Nutrition Conference planning meeting at the Hershey Lodge. Officers present for the meeting were: Dane Schoenbaum, Dorothy Pastor, Brianna Bond, Larry Frey and Cliff Ocker. Brian Beck joined by phone for part of the meeting. Cliff Ocker read the secretary and treasurers report, announcing 150 NE members and a balance of $2935.71 in the treasury as of Sept. 30, 2019.

Old/Unfinished Business:

I. Discussion of Secretary and Treasurers reports
   a. Confirmed that last year’s speaker has been remunerated

II. Grad Student Poster Contest at PSU Conference discussion
   a. Brian Beck to set up initial outline for our review
   b. Potentially headed up/carried out by Kevin Harvatine with help from Adam Lock
   c. Solicit sponsors for awards, rooms for students, travel (driving/mileage only) and registration
   d. Invite students to ARPAS luncheon
   e. Advertise that ARPAS exam fees will be waived for participants of the poster contest
   f. Potential Judges: Brad Oldick, Kevin Harvatine, Allan Chestnut, Limin Kung or someone from DelVal. Potentially allow top sponsor to chose or be a judge.

III. Socials
   a. Skip a social at NEAFA Herd Health for this year
   b. NE Dairy Challenge
      i. Work with Mark McCulloh
      ii. Hold an Ice Cream Social with participants to promote ARPAS awareness and membership.
      iii. Company sponsorships will help fund this event

New Business:

I. Fund Raising
   a. Promote company sponsorship
   b. Dane to put together a paragraph/letter to discuss changes/activities of NE ARPAS Chapter
c. Potential sponsorship levels:
   - Friends of ARPAS: $100 to 199
   - Bronze Level: $200 to 499
   - Silver Level: $500 to 999
   - Gold Level: $1000 to 1999
   - Platinum Level: >$2000

d. Platinum sponsors able to provide a judge and hand out awards for poster contest.

II. Communication/Promotion
   a. Consider a 1x/year newsletter outlining events for the year
   b. Cliff to check on a NE ARPAS email account
   c. Consider a notebook for Grad students and Dairy Challenge winners
   d. Advertise sponsors of NE ARPAS in notebook and/or newsletter with gold and platinum sponsors shown with a larger logo in print.

III. Annual Membership Meeting in Nov. 2020
   a. Speaker – Kim Bremmer? Cliff contacting
   b. Sponsor – RRL? Cliff checking

Meeting was adjourned by President Dane Schoenbaum