ARPAS Annual Business Meeting
Indianapolis, Indiana
11:00 AM July 26, 2001

President Lusby opened the meeting and welcomed ARPAS members to the annual business meeting. Lusby commented that the past year has been a very good year because of the decisions that were implemented over the past few years. The financial condition of ARPAS is much improved, membership has increased appreciably there are many new opportunities for the association to consider. President Lusby commended Executive Vice President Bill Baumgardt and Editor Lowell Wilson on their leadership in their respective areas and for their successes throughout the year.

Secretary’s Report: Secretary Gary Tibbetts reminded the group that the minutes of the previous years meetings and of the Governing Council meetings are posted on the ARPAS.org web site. He noted that more a more complete report of financial statements, reports from affiliated societies, reports from the ARPAS Colleges, and reports from local ARPAS chapters can be found as appendix additions to the Governing Council minutes.

MOTION – Gary Lane made the motion that the minutes be approved

Motion seconded by David Meisinger

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Jim Aldrich summarized the overall financial condition of ARPAS as being much improved. He highlighted items in the 2002 budget were the expected 100 person increase in membership and the increase in revenue from the journal, based on an increase in number of printed pages and an increase in the page charge from $85.00 to $95.00. Aldrich stressed that one of the financial goals of the organization was to build back a reserve of 50% of estimated annual operating expenses. He said that the 2001 budget estimated a $39,340 increase in ARPAS reserves.

FASS Report: Chuck Sapp first commented on the differences in the financial situation of ARPAS in just one year. Sapp introduced Jennifer Gavel as the primary ARPAS administrative contact within FASS. Comments were made on the ongoing work to make the FASS member data base more member accessible.

Membership Committee Report: Ray Hinders reported that ARPAS membership was 974, 1015 and 1131 in years 1999, 2000 and 2001. He stressed the importance of local chapters in meeting the needs of members in a specific region.

New Business

Changes In ARPAS By-Laws: President Lusby discussed proposed changes in the ARPAS By-Laws that would allow the Governing Council to establish new membership categories. The current and proposed by-laws are below.
CURRENT
ARTICLE I. Membership in Registry
Section 3. General Requirements for Membership. There shall be two general categories of membership (PAS and RAS/RPAS) and two types of membership within each category, Associate and Full.

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CURRENT
ARTICLE IV. Code of Ethics
Section 2. Rights and Obligations.
   a. Members are authorized to identify themselves, as appropriate, as PAS, Associate PAS or Emeritus PAS, and to proclaim Board Certification by discipline (e.g. PAS. Dpl. ACAN) after name and degree.
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MOTION – Gary Lane made the motion that that the proposed changes in ARTICLE I. Membership in Registry be approved

Motion seconded by David Meisinger

Motion passed by a vote of 40 to 0

MOTION – Gary Lane made the motion that that the proposed changes in ARTICLE IV. Code of Ethics be approved
**Motion seconded by David Meisinger**

**Motion passed by a vote of 41 to 0**

**New Accreditation Opportunities for ARPAS:** President Lusby and EVP Baumgardt introduced several new opportunities that have been presented to ARPAS. These include environmental training and assessor positions with Environmental Management Solutions, animal care facility accreditation and animal production process accreditation. Please see the minutes of the Governing Council, July 24, 2001 for a complete discussion of each area.

**Introduction of New Officers:** President Lusby introduced the new officers as Jim Males, President Elect, Kenneth Cummings, North East Director and Mitch Etchibarne.

**Comments by Incoming President David Meisinger:** Meisinger commended the work of President Lusby. He said that his priorities for the coming year include retention and recruitment of members, establishing an ongoing business plan and continuing to build a solid financial base.

Meeting was adjourned by President Meisinger