ARPAS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Tuesday, July 10, 2007
12:30 pm

President Wayne Greene opened the meeting at 12:30 pm and led attendees in a moment of silence in remembrance of Lowell Wilson.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Secretary Randy Shaver stated that minutes of the July 2006 ARPAS Governing Council Meeting were approved at the Midyear Conference Call on January 18, 2007 and that the minutes of the January 18 Conference Call were approved at the July 8, 2007 Governing Council meeting. He said an extensive list of minutes going back for several years is posted on the ARPAS website. Addenda are included with the minutes.

Motion to accept the Secretary’s report: Marit Arana
Seconded by: Stephen Emanuele
Motion passed unanimously.


Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report: T. Wayne Perry
Seconded by: Marit Arana
Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT: FASS Business Office CEO Jerry Baker thanked attendees for the opportunity to attend. He introduced Susie Rahn, new administrative assistant for ARPAS, and said that FASS is committed to making needed improvements in serving ARPAS with quality service. He invited members to communicate when services issues arise. He said that continuing education is a priority for FASS employees, and he explained improvements in FASS operations, efficiency, and financial stability.

Greene extended appreciation on behalf of ARPAS for the FASS office’s assistance in making ARPAS a success and said he looks forward to working with Rahn.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Executive Vice President Dick Frahm said that ARPAS is strong and getting stronger, and he extended thanks to the ARPAS officers, Dr. Wayne Greene, Dr. Will Seymour, Dr. Darrell Johnson, Dr. Randy Shaver, and Dr. Keith Lusby. He stated that ARPAS is dynamic, and although there is a long way to go, the organization is gradually and continually enhancing the image of professional animal scientists and is increasing being recognized by the public. As the new PAS Journal editor, Dr. Wayne Kellogg is enhancing the Journal by computerizing the process, and exciting things are happening there. The membership continues to grow. Frahm said that when it became unfortunately evident that
Our board certification program was becoming stagnant, the ARPAS Governing Council asked Dr. Kenneth Cummings and his committee to examine what was needed to revitalize the program. Under a new constitution, existing independent colleges will be folded into a single society (American College of Animal Science) and will continue to have an examining board with a director for each discipline. He said the new plan will rapidly be put into place and added that their board will have a voting membership on the ARPAS Governing Council.

Frahm stated that examinations are the heart and soul of what ARPAS is as a certification body. A lot of effort was needed to get the examination process in place; however because our profession is dynamic, our current exams do not reflect that. He stated that Dr. Steve Schmidt of Auburn University has been selected as the new examining chair to bring about needed improvements. Dr. Schmidt will also be working on badly needed study/resource guide materials, and he will need to call upon the input of the membership for assistance with the important updates in the examination process.

As one of the founding organizations, ARPAS continues to support and be involved in the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO), an organization formed to meet a need that is probably going to occur in the industry.

Frahm said that when he began his position, he committed to himself to do his best to serve the organization for five years, and he has now notified the Governing Council that he will resign effective December 31, 2007. He thanked the organization for the opportunity to serve.

President Greene thanked Dr. Frahm for his valued leadership and the continuity that he has provided to ARPAS, saying that the sound financial status of the organization is largely due to the efforts of those who have been in the critical position of Executive Vice President. He stated that the ARPAS Executive Committee will begin the process to solicit and review applications for this critical position.

**PROFESSIONAL ANIMAL SCIENTIST EDITOR’S REPORT:** Editor Wayne Kellogg said that he had assumed the editing responsibilities in early September 2006 after the sudden death of Dr. Lowell Wilson. Kellogg reviewed efforts undertaken, accomplishments completed thus far, and the future direction planned for the Journal. He expressed appreciation for the support and assistance of FASS staff and said that the Governing Council had approved new editorial board members.

Greene expressed appreciation to Dr. Kellogg for the work he is doing with the Journal.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Chair Warren Gill could not be present, and President Greene presented the membership report compiled by Dr. Gill. Greene said that for current members, ARPAS has 40 associate members, 208 board certified members, 43 emeritus members, 2 life emeritus members, and 1097 professional members, giving a total of 1384 members for 2007. There are 12 corporate sponsors, 23 institutional subscribers to the PAS Journal, and 57
complimentary subscriptions of the Journal sent to poultry and animal science departments around the country for undergraduate student reading.

Greene invited questions about the report and also said that Dr. Frahm would be giving exams at the Joint Annual meeting. He said Frahm had traveled to many places in the country to administer ARPAS exams. He mentioned the changes in the examination committee will put in place in the testing process will enhance membership.

Discussion took place about using ARPAS exams as an assessment tool for graduating seniors. Greene said this has been discussed by the Governing Council and that, as the exams are written, they are not necessarily the proper tool for this process. The examination board has been given the charge to look into the feasibility of developing a test that would be suitable for the dual purpose of assessment and certification.

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPORT: President Wayne Greene gave the Governing Council report, saying that the Council is pleased with the changes taking place in the Journal. The Feed Management Certification program has been approved, which will have a significant impact on our industry as environmental issues continue to become more and more important within what we do on a day-to-day basis. An examination board has been created with Dr. Steve Schmidt as Chair of that board. Two new local chapters have been added: the Southern Plains Chapter and the North Central Plains Chapter. He said that the local chapter is really the backbone of ARPAS, and their development should be encouraged. He challenged attendees to consider developing a local chapter within their area if one doesn’t exist.

He discussed PAACO (Professional Animal Audit Certification Organization), saying that ARPAS is a founding member of this organization along with FASS and three veterinary associations. PAACO is growing and working toward becoming a certification organization. Increasing public scrutiny concerning animal welfare exists, and ARPAS encourages PAACO’s efforts.

Greene invited input from other Governing Council members. Frahm pointed out the funds in the ARPAS budget for providing support to the local chapters, and Greene said that local chapters should let the national office know about funding needs for support of educational programs.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

California Chapter: Chapter President Tim Riordan said that in October 2006, the California Chapter conducted their annual continuing education on the topic of stress and immunity in animals with about 125 attendees. He said that President Greene’s attendance and his national report at this meeting were greatly appreciated. The Chapter awarded a $2000 graduate student scholarship and a $1000 scholarship to a deserving senior. He mentioned the other activities of the Chapter.
The Chapter’s licensing group is working on getting a license for a professional licensed ruminant nutritionists group through the State of California, but progress is slow and there is currently no bill before the State legislature. The Chapter’s environmental group has increased in size to handle the volume of legislation being enacted or proposed by the State air quality control board and the water quality control board in California. The boards are made up of politically appointed members who may not have an understanding needed to review the technical data up for review by the board. The boards have the power to set critical regulations, however. We, as ARPAS members, need to be recognized by the boards as professionals in animal agriculture and should be included in their decision-making process.

He asked national ARPAS for guidance about ways to handle licensing within the state in order to gain the recognition so that the State would come to them for leadership as to what direction to take for things such as large animal housing or dairy industry, for example. Through the Governing Council and through FASS, they hope to find a more economical source of errors and omission insurance. Finally, they also ask that the national organization work together with AFCO and other organizations to help push through some standardization of byproducts such as distiller’s dried grains which is much more widely used in the West Coast now.

He invited attendees to attend California’s 2007 continuing education meeting on animal feeding of sub-therapeutic antibiotics that will be held on October 25-26.

Greene thanked Riordan for his report.

**Pacific Northwest Chapter:** Chapter President Bill Sanchez reported on the Pacific Northwest Chapter activities, saying their meeting rotates among the four states involved. They have 10-20 nutritionists that are constant and active members.

**Washington DC Chapter:** Dr. Bill Price reported for the Washington DC Chapter, saying that the chapter has monthly meetings September – April and a mini-symposium the first of May. Chapter membership includes many members from among the USDA, FDA, and University of Maryland, and is topics focus on members’ interests, timely topics, and legislative issues. He said that about half the members are also national members.

**Southern Plains Chapter:** Chapter President-Elect Andy Cole said the Southern Plains Chapter was approved in January 2007, held its first official meeting in April, and now has 27 members. They are working to bring other animal science-related groups together from surrounding states.

**Arkansas Chapter:** Dr. Wayne Kellogg reported that the Arkansas Chapter met twice during the year, is active and has new leadership, and is working to expand current membership.

**Colorado/Wyoming/Western Nebraska Chapter:** Dr. Conrad (Connie) Kercher reported on the activities of the Colorado/Wyoming/Western Nebraska Chapter, saying that the organization
meets twice a year, in March and September, usually in connection with a nutrition round table, focusing on a topic that is selected by the ARPAS governing board of the area.

**OLD BUSINESS:** President Greene called for old business. There was no old business for consideration.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A complaint was voiced about the unacceptable reporting of test results to those who have taken ARPAS exams. Greene explained the issue has been addressed, and that with the implementation of the examination board and changes made within the FASS office, these issues will be resolved. He said that Dr. Baker has done an outstanding job within the FASS office to resolve the problems. He said that if communication falls apart at the grassroots level the Governing Council wants to know that immediately. He explained the process by which test-result notification and other follow-up communications will be handled.

Frahm said that procedures have been in place to notify the test taker of their status. He described the standard operating procedure, and he expressed appreciation for those who have notified them about the problems that existed.

**ELECTION RESULTS:** Past-President Will Seymour said the Nominating Committee was composed of Dr. Kenneth Cummings, Dr. Larry Chase, and himself. Seymour provided election results from the Spring 2007 election and expressed appreciation for those who were nominated and were willing to stand for election. He congratulated those elected:

- Western Director: Dr. Bill Sanchez
- Northeastern Director: Dr. Steven Emanuele
- President-Elect: Dr. Marit Arana

Greene expressed appreciation to Dr. Seymour for his leadership and for mentoring him, in addition to his continued service on the PAACO Board and the ARPAS Nominating Committee.

Greene presented a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Bill Price for his dedicated and professional service and contributions to ARPAS. He also expressed thanks to Dr. Carl Hunt who could not attend, and said Hunt’s certificate of appreciation will be given to him. Greene expressed appreciation to Dr. Marit Arana for her willingness to serve as President-Elect. He cited the many contributions she has made to this point and her activities in the California Chapter.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:** Greene passed his responsibilities to Dr. Darrell Johnson, incoming President who has served ARPAS for the last 10 years.
Dr. Johnson expressed sincere appreciation to Dr. Wayne Greene and presented him with a plaque to commemorate his many years of service to ARPAS, stating that it would be hard to replace Greene.

Johnson said that there is much to do during the next year. He added that it would be difficult to replace Dick Frahm as Executive Vice President. He also mentioned that the Historian position is now vacant due to the retirement of Harold Radloff. He reminded attendees of the ARPAS symposium on July 11 and emphasized the timeliness of its program. He encouraged attendees to stop by the ARPAS booth.

He again expressed appreciation for Greene’s leadership and the many ideas he had received from him and the Executive Council.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.