Minutes

Annual ARPAS Business Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Montreal Convention Center, Montreal, Canada

I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Marit Arana at 12:30 pm EDT at the Montreal Convention Center (Palais des congrès de Montreal) in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Approximately 32 members were in attendance.

II. The Secretary’s report was given by Andy Cole. He noted that the minutes of the Annual Business Meetings and Governing Council meetings, including appendices, are available on the ARPAS web site. Hard copies of the 2008 Business Meeting and Governing Council meetings and the 2009 Mid-Year Executive Council conference call were available at the entrance for those that wanted a hard copy.

Bill Braman moved to approve the Secretary’s report.

Wayne Kellogg seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

III. The Treasurer’s Report was given by Darrell Johnson in the absence of Treasurer Carl Hunt. Johnson noted ARPAS was in good financial condition and that at least one year’s operating expenses were in reserve.

Wayne Kellogg moved to accept the treasurer’s report.

Seconded by Tim Riordan.
Motion passed unanimously.

IV. The ARPAS Foundation Report was given by Executive VP, Ken Cummings. He noted that the foundation was started last year thanks to a contribution from the Executive VPs salary and currently has approximately $20,000. It is administered by the Executive Council of ARPAS but plans are to add additional members that could devote more time to raising funds and to educational activities that can use the funds.

V. The Business Office Report was given by Debi Seymour, the Director of Member Services for the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS). She noted that the recent move of FASS headquarters ran smoothly and there was little interruption in services during the move. Two new scientific liaisons have been hired.

VI. The Executive Vice President’s Report was given by Ken Cummings. Cummings noted that some of the FASS reorganization, such as automation of CEU reporting, will save ARPAS money by decreasing FASS service fees over the next few years.

A number of the ARPAS exams have been updated – due in large part to the excellent work of Steve Schmidt. The IT staff at FASS is working on developing electronic access to the exams.

Cummings thanked Stephen Emanuele for heading up publication of the newsletter. He noted we can be very proud of it.
The five original Board Certified Colleges are now combined into the American College of Animal Science (ACAS). The President of ACAS, whom is presently Bill Sanchez, is a member of the ARPAS Governing Council.

Cummings reminded the members that “Highly Qualified Individuals” can be nominated for admission to ACAS and are exempt from taking the ACAS exam. However, they must be members of ARPAS and/or take the ARPAS exam.

Cummings also reminded the membership that any member of ARPAS can administer the ARPAS exam to prospective members. They just need to contact Susie Rahn at FASS headquarters to obtain exams, etc.

Kenneth Cummings noted the Governing Council will be doing a new Long Range Plan over the next year.

**VII. The Professional Animal Scientist Journal (PAS) Editor’s Report** was given by Wayne Kellogg. In summary - this year the journal has published 684 pages, which is slightly down from the previous year. Approximately 18% of the membership receives paper copies of the journal; the remaining members receive the electronic version. Kellog reminded members that if you are not receiving email notification of new issues you can go to the ARPAS website (Cite Track Personal Alerts on banner) to start receiving those bimonthly notifications.

Kellog noted the FASS office has done an excellent job in getting proofs to authors after manuscripts are accepted. Some authors have received their proofs within 10 days of acceptance.
Information for contributors can be found on the web site. Changes in style and form since the last edition are in bold font.

Currently there are 15 manuscripts in press and 36 in various stages of review. Kellog noted that in September 2008, PAS joined Highwire Press. This has greatly increased our visibility and added the journal to a number of search engines. We are currently waiting for an Impact Factor for the journal from ISI.

Kellog noted we are starting to get more papers in the Equine area. He concluded by discussing changes in the membership of the editorial board.

**VIII. The Historian’s Report** was given by Bill Price. He noted that a draft history of ACAS has been written by Ken Cummings and has been circulated to the officers for comment. The Power Point presentation developed by Bill Price last year is available on the ARPAS web site and a separate section for ARPAS history has been established on the ARPAS web site. A list of the previous governing council officers is also available on the web site. Pictures are being taken at the annual meeting for the newsletter.

**IX. The Membership Committee Report** was given by Marit Arana due to the absence of Warren Gill. ARPAS had 1,468 individual members and 108 university/sponsor members as of June, 2009. Approximately 95% of members have renewed. Of the 145 individuals that took the ARPAS exam in the past year, 79 joined.

**X. The Governing Council Report** was given by Marit Arana.
1. Information concerning the Professional Animal Audit Certification Organization (PAACO) is available on the web site. Terry Mader is the current ARPAS representative on the PAACO board. Arana noted there are currently a number of animal welfare issues arising across the country.

2. The Governing Council wishes to clarify the requirements of chapters and to make sure they are viable and adhering to ARPAS bylaws. In the near future the Council may request that all chapters provide the Governing Council with copies of their chapter by-laws, their members, and/or officers.

**XI. The Feed Management Certification Report** was given by Randy Shaver. Shaver noted that ARPAS has worked with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to develop training and testing procedures to obtain certification to develop the Feed Management portion of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans that are now required of many livestock and poultry feeding operations. In the past year 108 exams were given with a 91% pass rate following the required 4 hours of training. Approximately 45 individuals have been certified. The 2009 ARPAS symposium (which was to start at 2 pm) would discuss different aspects of Feed Management planning.

**XII. The Examining Board Report** was given by Steve Schmidt. Schmidt stressed that the exams and examining board are necessary to support our professional status. He noted that the system to construct the exams from the question database has been updated to decrease duplicate questions, to omit “poor” questions, and to make the questions as pertinent as possible. The exams are currently changed each quarter so they can get better distribution of questions and topics from the data bank on the exams.
Study guides have been developed for 5 disciplines and are available on the ARPAS web site. Tests and study guides are not currently available in several areas where we have only a few members such as Poultry products (1 member), Dairy products (3 members), and Lab Animals (6 members). Unfortunately there are few members to write exam questions and there is some question as to the need for those exams.

Some members of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) have expressed an interest in greater participation in ARPAS. Schmidt noted that although their members are familiar with laboratory animals, few of them are familiar with larger animals and they need more members familiar in the large animal and farm animal areas.

A new Aquaculture exam should be available soon. There is increasing demand for the Companion Animal exam – there were 32 requests last year.

If you have questions about any of the ARPAS exams, please contact Susie Rahn at FASS headquarters or Steve Schmidt.

XIII. Chapter Reports were presented as follows.

1. Arkansas Chapter – Wayne Kellogg
2. California Chapter – Tim Riordan
3. Southern Great Plains Chapter – Clint Krehbiel
4. Washington Chapter – Bill Price
5. Colorado Chapter - Connie Kercher
7. Pacific Northwest Chapter – Bill Sanchez
Ken Cummings noted there were excellent possibilities for developing two additional chapters: one in conjunction with the Penn State Nutrition Workshop and the other in conjunction with the Tri-State Nutrition Conference.

XIV. Unfinished business

There was no unfinished business

XV. New Business

1. The presentation of the ARPAS Distinguished Animal Scientist Awards was led by Marit Arana and Ken Cummings. Arana noted that ARPAS had been in existence for over 25 years and that a number of outstanding animal scientists were instrumental in the founding and success of the organization. In order to acknowledge those members, the ARPAS Governing Council created the “ARPAS Distinguished Animal Scientist Award.” The winners this year were Bill Baumhardt, Dick Frahm, Virgil Hayes, Connie Kercher, T. Wayne Perry, and James Oldfield. The awardees received an engraved ARPAS paper weight and lifetime Emeritus membership in ARPAS. Arana and Cummings presented awards to Connie Kercher and Virgil Hayes whom were present. Bill Baumhardt and T. Wayne Perry will be given their awards at the Purdue Homecoming this year. Dick Frahm will be given his award at a later date and James Oldfield will be presented his award at this years Pacific Northwest Nutrition conference.

2. Election Results were presented by Darrell Johnson. Johnson thanked all the nominees for their willingness to serve ARPAS and noted that all the elections were close.
Nominees for President-Elect were Bill Braman and Dwain Bunting. Bill Braman was elected President-Elect.

Nominees for Southern Director were Patrick French and Dana Tomlinson. Dana Tomlinson was elected.

Nominees for Midwest Director were Al Sutton and Jim Spain. Jim Spain was elected.

3. **Installation of Officers.** Marit Arana and Ken Cummings presented outgoing Midwest Director Bill Braman with a certificate in thanks for his service to ARPAS.

The following Officers were installed by Arana and Cummings:

Dana Tomlinson – Southern Director

Bill Braman – President-Elect

Randy Shaver - President

(Jim Spain was unable to attend).

New President Randy Shaver thanked Marit Arana for her many years of service to ARPAS (since 2002) and presented her with a plaque signifying her term as ARPAS President.

Shaver also noted two goals he had for the coming year:

1. Increased activity from the ARPAS Foundation – including raising additional funds and

2. Development of a Strategy Planning Committee to develop a new long-range plan for ARPAS.

**XVI. Adjourn** – the meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm EDT.