Hello Colleagues,

This is a very busy time of the year for all of us, so this newsletter will be brief.

WORLD DAIRY EXPO:
ARPAS will be represented at several conferences and exhibits this fall. For the first time, ARPAS will have an exhibit (a tabletop, no.175TT) at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin, on the Arena level of the Coliseum. (The Expo typically draws about 70,000 visitors.) I NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS WHO CAN SPEND A COUPLE HOURS AT THE ARPAS EXHIBIT sometime on Wednesday, October 4 through Sunday, October 8. If you will be at the World Dairy Expo on any of those days, please contact me to suggest a time when you could help out.

This will be a great opportunity to present the value of ARPAS to many individual producers and others in the industry. We will be distributing the new leaflet, which is targeted for "users" of ARPAS members and organizations involving ARPAS members. It is titled, "Selecting a Professional Animal Scientist" with sub-title, "Are You Getting the Best Advice for Your Operation?"

OTHER MEETINGS AT WHICH ARPAS WILL BE PRESENT:
- Poultry Science Association in Montreal, Canada. Greg Martin is sharing the PSA exhibit space, and Phillip Smith and others will be staffing the booth and administering the ARPAS exam.

- The Minnesota Nutrition Conference in Bloomington, MN, September 19 and 20. Opportunities can be provided for individuals to take the ARPAS exam. It would be helpful to have the name and e-mail address of anyone who might be interested.

- Cornell Nutrition Conference in Rochester, NY. I will be there on Tuesday, October 24 (and part of Wednesday). Two exam times have been arranged: 10 a.m and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday. A sign-up form will be included in the mailing about the Conference.

- California ARPAS Chapter Continuing Education Conference and meeting at Harris Ranch, Coalinga, CA, October 26 and 27.

CORPORATE SPONSORS:
Interest continues to grow regarding opportunities for Corporate Sponsorship. The latest addition is Chelated Minerals Corporation of Salt Lake City, a new PLATINUM level Sponsor. Several other companies are making final decisions regarding sponsorship as this newsletter is being written. One of the present GOLD level members has indicated its intent to move to the PLATINUM level for 2001. More on this growth will follow in the next Newsletter.

ANNUAL MEETINGS in Baltimore:

The joint ADSA and ASAS meeting in Baltimore was a power-packed event. ARPAS was proud to be co-sponsor of an important symposium. The Governing Council had been working hard during the year on your behalf, and a very well-organized and productive meeting was held. The membership Annual Business Meeting was held on Wednesday; one of the largest crowds in several years attended. Interest is high, and there was a positive attitude about the future of ARPAS. More detailed information will be reported later.
LAPSED MEMBERSHIP:

Do you know of someone who allowed their ARPAS membership to lapse? Perhaps they moved and didn't receive a dues notice, or just plain neglected to do it. Maybe they didn't see the advantage of ARPAS certification at that time, but now they realize that the world has entered the "era of certification". We can help them get re-activated painlessly. Just contact Vicki Smith at 217-356-3182 (vickis@assochq.org). They will be sent a form that will lead them to a renewal of their credentials as a Professional Animal Scientist.

LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Interest in access to affordable "liability" (errors and omissions) insurance by ARPAS members remains high. A coalition, the Certification Advisory Council, has used several avenues to persuade a large enough number of potential "buyers" to be of interest to underwriters. All efforts have led to blind alleys thus far, but we continue to try. WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU IF YOU HAVE SOME IDEAS OR LEADS that might be pursued. (Wayne Kellogg, I understand you have some leads that we will pursue.) ALSO, I would very much like to hear from the person who spoke up during the ARPAS Business Meeting in Baltimore. It sounded like he had some useful information, but I didn't get a chance to meet him before he left the meeting. If that person - or anyone who knows him - reads this, PLEASE get in touch with me.

RESULTS OF ELECTION:

The ARPAS membership elected the following officers by mail-in ballot: President-Elect: David Meisinger, NPPC; Midwest Director: Larry Berger, University of Illinois; Southern Director: L. Wayne Greene, Texas A&M, Amarillo.

The AMSA selected William Mikel of the University of Kentucky to replace Bob Coleman as their representative. Our sincere thanks to Bob Coleman for his excellent leadership and dedicated service on the Governing Council and on the Examining Board.

Others on the Governing Council remain the same as in the Directory and Journal and on the website.

Officers for 2000-2001 are President: Keith Lusby, University of Arkansas; President-Elect: David Meisinger, NPPC; Past President: Gary Lane, Burkmann Mills; Secretary: Gary Tibbetts, Zinpro (second year of a three-year term); and Treasurer: Jim Aldrich, Akey, Inc. (second year of a three-year term).

PLEASE PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS to anyone on the Governing Council to help ARPAS continue to grow and serve the membership even better.

ETHICS - BY-LAWS ADDITION APPROVED:

The ARPAS membership voted overwhelmingly to approve the "Ethical Review Process" as was mailed to all members. That process, which was developed by the Ethics Committee under the leadership of Lesa Griffiths, will be added to the By-Laws under ARTICLE I, Section 6, which deals with revocation and reinstatement of registration. This is a positive indication of the importance of the Code of Ethics to ARPAS.

That's all for now. Hope to see you soon.

Best wishes,

Bill Baumgardt, ARPAS Executive Vice President