

Report Of The Program Committee

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The Committee met on Saturday, November 5, 2005. The Committee was called to order at 6:00 pm. There were 32 members present. Chair Marsh welcomed everyone to the Committee discussions and thanked the Committee Chairs for their willingness to serve. He expressed the importance of the Committees to the overall success of United States Animal Health Association (USAHA). Each person was introduced to the entire Committee, and it was noted that there are 3 new Chairs this year, as well as a new USAHA/American Association Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) Committee on Animal Emergency Management co-chaired by Drs. Keith Rohr and Pat Blanchard.

Chair Bret Marsh reminded the Committee that the 2004 meeting had been shortened by a half day by eliminating the Wednesday Scientific Session, and the schedule was retained for the 2005 meeting. Papers that had previously been given during this session were submitted for presentation at the AAVLD Scientific Session. Seventeen papers will be given in this format. Chair Marsh discussed the difference between a paper given during the AAVLD Scientific Session, which requires an abstract in May, and a time specific paper that is given during a Committee session. Both types of presentations will result in the paper being printed in its entirety in the meeting proceedings.

Chair Bret Marsh reviewed several procedural matters with the Committee including the requirement for name badges to enter a Committee meeting, completing the Chair Survey Form as soon as possible following the Committee meeting, reviewing of the Committee membership list, using sign-up sheets in each meeting, determining how to add or remove members from the Committee, using the Operating Procedures Manual, using Robert's Rules of Order in Committee activities, and reviewing the mission statements for each respective Committee.

Immediate Past President Don Lein spoke to the Committee regarding the use of resolutions and recommendations. He encouraged everyone to use clarity when developing these documents and to make certain the documents are directed to a specific entity. He reviewed the protocol that requires recommendations to be a part of the Committee report whereas a resolution would not appear in the Committee report. Resolutions are submitted to the Committee on Nominations and Resolutions for review and submission to the membership for action. Recommendations are letters sent over the President's signature to an individual determined by the Committee. The Chair prepares the letter for signature.

Mr. Leafstedt, Chair of the 2006 Committee on Government Relations, told the Committee members that as Committee Chairs they would be invited to attend the Committee on Government Relations meeting in Washington, D. C. He encouraged them to prioritize the resolutions and/or recommendations from their Committee so the highest priority issues could be

specifically addressed when the Committee on Government Relations meets with government leaders.

Dr. J Lee Alley spoke to the Committee and encouraged the Chair's to have their reports turned in before leaving the annual meeting. Each Committee report requires action by the Board of Directors. A handout was reviewed that provided style manual suggestions to make the reports as consistent as possible.

Mr. Larry Mark encouraged the Chair's to see him following their Committee meeting to provide him with topics that may be of interest to the media.

Following an open discussion by the Committee, Dr. Willer thanked the Committee members for their efforts, and presented plaques to 4 retiring Chairs: Drs. Chuck Massengill, Sam Holland, Reed Holyoak, and James England.