

## Report of the Committee on Program

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The Committee met on Saturday, October 20, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel in Reno, Nevada. There were 32 members and three guests in attendance. Chair Jim Leafstedt called the meeting to order, welcoming members to the meeting. He expressed his gratitude for the work of the committee chairs. Attendees introduced themselves.

Leafstedt reviewed procedures for committee meetings, highlighting that Roberts Rules of Order should be used for reference. The question of quorums was discussed, including the proposed change for the bylaws, which would be voted on by the membership.

Dr. Bret Marsh, Chair of Committee on Nominations Resolutions, outlined the process for chairs in submitting resolutions.

Dr. J. Lee Alley, Secretary, covered issues relating to committee reports. Chairs received packets with information regarding formats, and details for the report. Alley also covered meeting security. Badges are required for all attendees, and any issues should be brought to USAHA staff.

Procedure for press coverage was discussed by Ben Richey, executive director. Chairs were encouraged to provide information to Larry Mark for press releases and increase visibility for the association.

Leafstedt and Dr. Lee Myers, president, discussed the newly established USAHA Executive Committee Liaisons. The liaisons were established to improve communication between the EC and committee chairs. The list was distributed to chairs.

Discussion on year-round communication was led by Leafstedt regarding operation and chair succession by committees. Discussion followed-up a conference call held for chair earlier in September.

Leafstedt indicated USAHA was establishing a policy for recording at the annual meeting. Discussion included pros and cons of allowing interested groups to record presentations at the annual meeting. It was determined that USAHA should proceed with development of such a policy, and distributed to chairs for comment, which would be used to see if such a policy should be implemented.

Leafstedt recognized new chairs for 2007, including: Ms. J. Amelita Facchiano, Animal Welfare; Dr. Scott Wells, Johne's Disease; and Dr. Jim Bradford, Pharmaceuticals. Leafstedt also recognized retiring chairs, for 2007. These include: Dr. Scott LaPatra, Aquaculture; Dr. Robert Tully, Biologics and Biotechnology; Dr. Robert Cook, Captive Wildlife and Alternative Livestock and Dr. Steven Halstead, Animal Welfare (2006).