

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROGRAM

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The Committee met on October 26, 2008 at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There were 37 members and guests present. Chair Don Hoenig called the meeting to order following dinner. Attendees introduced themselves.

Hoenig reminded committee chairs about the change in quorum, which is: 10 members or 30 percent, whichever is less. He reiterated the importance of organization using Roberts Rules of Order and other voting matters.

Dr. Bret Marsh, Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Resolutions, reviewed the resolution process. He challenged the chairs to make sure the resolutions were logical, actionable and directed to someone that could accomplish the charge of the resolution. Marsh stated that the resolutions should be processed and submitted as quickly as possible. He also encouraged the committees to have an individual present during the membership meeting that could speak to any questions on the resolutions.

Ben Richey, executive director, reminded chairs about submitting committee reports and papers, as well as sign in sheets and evaluation forms. Chairs will be given a portable USB drive to transfer corresponding files to the workroom. He added that in case of security issues during the sessions, chairs should contact the staff to handle.

Hoenig announced that chairs should consider what federal representatives would be most beneficial to their committees. The executive committee will work with federal partners to ensure that stakeholders can attend the meeting.

Discussion was had regarding conflicting committee sessions, and asked staff to work with chairs in which meetings could be in heavy conflict. Chairs also indicated that more up-to-date contact lists for their committees would be helpful. Discussion on list-serve type mechanisms was considered to further explore for the coming year.

Dr. Steve Halstead presented the Strategic Operational Plan developed during 2008. Copies were distributed via email prior to the meeting.

Members expressed their appreciation for the Daily News Alert Summaries.

Hoenig recognized the following retiring chairs:

- Dr. Jim Pearson, Committee on Bluetongue and Related Orbiviruses
- Dr. Peter Timoney, Committee on Infectious Diseases of Horses
- Dr. Bob Hillman, Committee on Livestock Identification
- Dr. Joe Corn, Committee on Parasitic Diseases
- Dr. John Sanders, Committee on Public Health and Rabies
- Dr. Jim Logan, Committee on Scrapie

- Dr. Cindy Wolf, Committee on Sheep and Goats
- Dr. Gavin Meerdink, Committee on Environment
- Dr. Corrie Brown, Committee on Foreign and Emerging Diseases