

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

Chair: David Meeker, VA

Lisa Becton, IA; Charles Brown, II, WI; Bonnie Buntain, CAN; Stephen Crawford, NH; William Edmiston, TX; Dee Ellis, TX; Mark Engle, TN; James Evermann, WA; John Fischer, GA; Tony Forshey, OH; W. Kent Fowler, CA; Paul Gibbs, FL; Michael Gilsdorf, MD; Gail Golab, IL; Andrew Goodwin, AR; Steven Halstead, MI; William Hartmann, MN; Julie Helm, SC; Christine Hoang, IL; Donald Hoenig, ME; Annette Jones, CA; Bruce King, UT; Jim Logan, WY; N James Maclachlan, CA; David Marshall, NC; Michele Miller, FL; Sandra Norman, IN; Charles Palmer, CA; Elisabeth Patton, WI; Barbara Powers, CO; Wilson Rumbelha, IA; David Schmitt, IA; Marilyn Simunich, ID; Kevin Snekvik, WA; Harry Snelson, NC; Nick Striegel, CO; Larry Thompson, MO; Doug Waltman, GA; James Wolfram, FL.

The Committee on Program met on Saturday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Greensboro Sheraton Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina. There were 30 members present and three staff. A dinner was provided for the Committee. Chair Dr. David Meeker called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone and introductions of each attendee were made.

Meeker reviewed general procedures for committee meetings, referring Committee Chairs to the Manual of Operating Procedures and discussed quorums, proxies and mission statements.

Ben Richey, executive director, reviewed the process for submitting committee reports, stating they should be in within 24 hours of their meeting adjournment. He also reviewed templates and structure of the reports, and other related details. This was followed by a discussion on security if needed during the meeting.

Steve Halstead, chair of the Committee on Nominations and Resolutions, reviewed the process for resolutions and submitting those. He discussed general guidelines for resolution content.

Don Hoenig commented on the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the anticipated review of chapters. The timeline for comments is very short, so chairs can be looking for pertinent chapters to be sent in the next several weeks.

Several questions and suggestions were offered to the Executive Committee for consideration. They include:

- Evaluating the program to include Foreign and Emerging Diseases to be available to AAVLD members
- Consider moving USAHA and AAVLD meetings more concurrently
- For the Committee on Government Relations, take into account planning around the Western States District Meeting
- Have Committee sign-in sheets pre-populated with members to initial/change contact information

Bruce King reminded chairs to be thinking about meetings they would like to arrange for the Committee on Government Relations meeting in the spring. He extended an invitation for everyone to attend if they are able.

Meeker then recognized chairs that were stepping down or have reached their five year tenure:

- Marilyn Simunich - USAHA/AAVLD Committee on Animal Emergency Management, 2008-2012
- Charles Brown, II - Committee on Import-Export, 2006-2012
- Stephen Schmitt - USAHA Committee on Wildlife Diseases, 2009-2011
- Andrew Goodwin - USAHA/AAVLD Committee on Aquaculture, 2008-2011
- Michele Miller - USAHA Committee on Captive Wildlife and Alternative Livestock, 2008-2012

The meeting was then adjourned with no further business.