

## **American Association of Bovine Practitioners**

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2020

Kentucky Expo Convention Center

Louisville, Kentucky

The meeting was called to order by AABP President, Dr. Calvin Booker, at 12:10 p.m. Dr. Booker presented the minutes of the St. Louis business meeting. On motion with a second, the minutes of the 2019 Annual Business Meeting were approved.

President Booker introduced the current AABP Executive Committee, Dr. Fred Muller, chair of the AABP Foundation, Dr. Sandra Godden, incoming AABP vice-president, and Dr. Fred Gingrich, AABP Executive Director. President Booker acknowledged the program committee for their outstanding work in creating the content for the 53<sup>rd</sup> AABP Virtual Conference. Dr. Booker recognized retiring directors Dr. Gerry Koenig, District X, and Dr. Eric Behlke, District XIII. The election results for the board of directors was announced. Dr. Paul Cook has been elected to his first term representing District X and Dr. Ryan Rademacher has been elected to his first term representing District XIII. Dr. Elizabeth Brock was elected to serve her first full term representing District I. The following directors were elected to serve a second term:

- Dr. Mark Hardesty from District IV.
- Dr. Carl Meyer Jr. from District VII.

The following committee chairs who have completed their term of service were recognized and thanked by President Booker:

- Dr. Pat Comyn – Genetics and Genomics Committee
- Dr. Anita Varga – Beef Health Management Committee

Dr. Brian Reed AABP Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report to the membership. He reported that the CPA firm of Irwin Financial Associates, LLP, Ashland, Ohio, completed a satisfactory combined audit of AABP and the AABP Foundation for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. They found no material weaknesses. During the fiscal year 2019, total revenues were \$2,788,388, against total expenses of \$2,582,020, leading to an increase in net assets of \$206,368 on a consolidated basis from December 31, 2018 until December 31, 2019. As of the end of 2019, total net assets were \$2,545,991, of which \$1,307,889 have donor restrictions associated with them (scholarships, grants, etc.) and \$1,238,102 without donor restrictions associated with them. Also, of note, the multiyear process of conversion of AABP from a 501c3 organization to a 501c6 organization was completed by the conclusion of the end of fiscal year 2019. On motion with second, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

AABP Executive Director, Dr. Fred Gingrich, presented his report to the membership on the conference. The in-person portion of the conference was canceled due to civil unrest in Louisville. The virtual conference totaled attendance is 979 which includes 264 students, 1 veterinary technician, and 149 members of the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners. A total of \$193,500 in scholarship funds was awarded to 31 students by the AABP Foundation at the conference.

### **Awards**

Dr. Booker recognized the scholarship recipients of the Amstutz Scholarships, AABP Foundation-Zoetis Scholarships, AABP Foundation Bovine Veterinary Student Recognition Award sponsored by Merck

Animal Health, the National Cattleman's Foundation Scholarship and the Francis Welcome Future Dairy Practitioners Scholarship. Dr. Callie Willingham from the AABP Foundation Board, announced the winners of the 2020 AABP Foundation Competitive Research Grants are Dr. Gerard Cramer from the University of Minnesota and Dr. Manuel Chamorro from Auburn University

Dr. Gabe Middleton announced the winners of the Student Case Presentation Competition:

- Overall winner – Isabella Knecht, Cornell University
- Clinical Case winner – Elizabeth Rumfola, Louisiana State University
- Research Report 1<sup>st</sup> place – Isabella Knecht, Cornell University
- Research Report 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Caroline Cunningham, Texas A&M University

Dr. Chris Chase announced the Graduate Student Research Summaries Awards. Prizes of \$1500, \$1000, and 1500 were awarded to the first, second and third place winners respectively

- First place – Dr. Matthew Scott, Mississippi State University
- Second place – Ms. Clair Seely, Cornell University
- Third place – Ms. Ainhoa Valdecabres, UC Davis

Dr. Booker introduced the Boehringer Ingelheim Excellence in Preventive Medicine Award and the presenters. Dr. Dan Goehl presented the beef award to Dr. John Bolinger. Dr. Brandon Treichler presented the dairy award to Dr. Roger Thomson.

Dr. Booker introduced the James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders. Dr. Roger Thomson presented the award to Dr. Brandon Treichler.

Dr. Booker introduced the Zoetis Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Christine Navarre presented the award to Dr. Jim Brett.

Dr. Booker introduced the AABP Award of Excellence. Dr. Virginia Fajt and Dr. Sarah Wagner presented the award to Dr. Terry Lehenbauer.

Dr. Booker introduced the Merck Mentor of the Year Award. Dr. Booker presented the award to Dr. Gordon Atkins.

Dr. Booker introduced the Boehringer-Ingelheim Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award. Dr. Dean Christianson presented the award to Dr. Pat Comyn.

Dr. Booker delivered his president's address to the membership. He thanked all volunteers, the board and the executive committee for their service to the organization. He discussed the challenges that the organization has worked through during the COVID-19 pandemic and the resources AABP has provided to its members. He also discussed the AABP diversity and inclusivity statement and challenged each member to make a difference one individual at a time. He also discussed the importance of mental health and well-being for our members and resources available from the AVMA and CVMA.

Dr. Booker introduced the next AABP President, Dr. Carie Telgen. Dr. Telgen thanked Dr. Booker for his exemplary service and presented him with the president's plaque. Dr. Telgen delivered closing remarks

to the membership and asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon motion and a second, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.