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President's Corner

Greetings from Iowa! The most important item for this message is to pass along congratulations to our new Diplomates. You have worked hard, lost sleep, and spent your time and money to take the test. You now deserve to be included as an expert member of the College. On behalf of the Executive Board and myself, congratulations.

I believe that there are three attributes that any organization must address in order to be sustainable and successful. They are more than just related. They are interdependent. I would like to take a few minutes of time to point out what I think they are, how I see them applying to our College and to ask all members to consider them and let their own views be known.

First, we must reach an understanding about the definition of success. How are we going to define success for our College? Is it an increase in membership? We have been fortunate that through a lot of work and persistence Diplomat status is beginning to be recognized as an important indication of expertise for our members in government positions. This is almost assuredly going to result in increased interest in our College and the certification process. But is that enough to define our success for the future? What other traceable measures of success could be used?

Second, is our ability to communicate. Communication leads to mobilization of resources and our primary resource is our Diplomates. If you have not had the opportunity, I encourage you to go to our web site, <http://www.acvpm.org>. We are in the process of redesigning the web site content and refining its ability to serve our members, although it is



still under construction, I think that you will see that there are some very exciting changes in store. The Executive Board has been discussing and debating the transition of our communications to various electronic forms versus hard-copy and mail. Quick, cost-effective. But will it alone provide our future communication needs?

Third, leadership and teamwork are needed for effective use of the resources. The level of commitment and teamwork by the various committees and working groups of the College is impressive. But, one challenge is to ensure that all Diplomates at least understand that they have an opportunity for input and to be part of the process. The even bigger challenge is for each of us to act on that understanding and become part of the process. Our strength is the expertise of our Diplomates. How do we more effectively assure broad-based input to take full advantage of our strength?

To the new Diplomates, welcome. To all Diplomates, please let the Executive VP, a Committee chair, or me know how you would like to participate in moving the College forward. Also, let me know your thoughts on the questions that I have raised. Your feedback and input is valued.

— Dr. Paul Sundberg
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ACVPM Welcomes 38 New Diplomates

Dr. Neena Anandaraman
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Dr. Jamie B. Anderson
Hagerstown, MD

Dr. Scott D. Bormanis
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Manassas, VA

Dr. William L. Brown
Wamego, KS

Dr. Princess R. Campbell
Upper Marlboro, MD

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Boise, ID

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Buford, WY

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Manhattan, KS

Dr. Nancy K. Fagan
San Antonio, TX

Dr. Katherine A. Feldman
San Francisco, CA

Dr. James W. Frampton
Tooele, UT

Dr. Wondwossen Abebe Gebreyes
Apex, NC

Dr. John D. Gibbins
Kensington, MD

Dr. Roger L. Gibson
Alexandria, VA

Dr. Raoul F. Gonzales
Frederick, MD

Dr. Carla L. Huston
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Silver Spring, MD

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San Antonio, TX

Dr. Patrice N. Klein
Washington Grove, MD

Dr. Henry J. Kyle
Frederick, MD

Dr. Christopher J. Lanier
Ocala, FL

Dr. Michael J. Logan
Newport, AR

Dr. Candace L. McCall
Frederick, MD

Dr. John A. Painter
Decatur, GA

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Dr. Julia Kelly Rhodes
Kensington, MD

Dr. Michael W. Sanderson
Wamego, KS

Dr. Jerry L. Torrison
St. Peter, MN

Dr. Rosalie T. Trevejo
Sacramento, CA

Highlights from The General Membership Meeting

The general membership meeting of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine was called to order by President Niall Finnegan at Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, Tennessee, on Monday, July 15, 2002 at 2:10 p.m. There were approximately 89 members present.

Dr. Finnegan made several introductory remarks:

- Dr. Finnegan explained the departure of Mr. Larry Koffer. The agreement was for a one year trial contract. Mr. Koffer decided he could not continue as EVP with the financial remuneration that was being paid.
- Dr. Finnegan then described how Dr. David Dreesen stepped forward and offered his services as EVP. The Executive Board unanimously accepted his offer.

The Executive Vice President, Dr. Dave Dreesen, then made some comments:

- Dr. Dreesen said that his becoming EVP included hiring Mr. Joe Adams as a Computer Specialist. This is to the great advantage of the ACVPM.
- He also indicated that samples from the exam will be posted on the web site.
- Dr. Dreesen then explained that all messages on the list server and web site will be screened and safe to open.
- He stated that the order for new directories was stopped. He has received bids to put the ACVPM directory on a small CD and this will save a considerable amount of money for the College; however, for those without electronic capability, a hard copy of the directory will still be available.
- Dr. Dreesen stated that *News and Views* will be provided electronically for those with that capability but that those without electronic capability will still receive a hard copy.

Treasurer's report highlights (Dr. Seedle)

- Over \$7000 will be saved on salaries this year.
- Considerable postage and printing savings will result from providing the newsletter and directory electronically.
- Administrative support for the Examination Committee will increase \$1500.
- The budget for 2002/2003 will have us in the black by approximately \$3600.

Dr. Finnegan explained the Congressional Fellowship Program and then introduced Dr. Dean Goeldner from the AVMA Government Relations Division. Dr. Goeldner introduced the current Congressional Fellow, Dr. Mike Chaddock, who presented a few remarks and specifically mentioned the following:

- A Center of Excellence in Biological and Chemical Warfare Medicine has been proposed by Senator Mary L. Landrieu of Louisiana
- Senator Landrieu also introduced legislation that would award board certification pay to all federal medical scientists.

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Committee Reports were presented by the following Committee Chairs:

- Examination Committee: Dr. John Herbold
- Internal Affairs Committee: Dr. Charles Kelsey
- Continuing Education Committee: Dr. Dale Moore
- Publications Committee: A written report was submitted
- Membership and Public Relationship Committee: Dr. Harry Moore
- Credentials Committee: Dr. Larry Barrett
- Nominations Committee: A written report was submitted
- American Board of Veterinary Specialists Report: Dr. Leon Russell
- Epidemiology Subspecialty: Dr. Marty Stebbins

*Electronic copies of
the Committee reports
are available from
Dr. Dreesen...*

President's Remarks: Dr. Finnegan mentioned some of the following accomplishments:

- The selection of a new Executive Vice President and the hiring of a computer specialist
- The College has so far successfully defended a potential law suit by a candidate who did not pass the qualifying examination
- The EB is committed to a balanced budget
- Major portions of the Constitution and By-Laws have been rewritten
- Dr. Lee Myers headed a Task Force the made changes for streamlining our organization and this will be studied in detail after our five year plan is submitted

Dr. Finnegan then thanked the Executive Board for their valued support and instituted a new tradition; he presented a new gavel and mallet to Dr. Sundberg and expressed his appreciation to Dr. Sundberg.

Incoming President's Remarks from Dr. Paul Sundberg

- This is the time to belong to the ACVPM
- The number one issue for consumers is food safety and our organization has such a vital role in that area
- We now live in an HAACP environment

Dr. Sundberg also mentioned that the College needs to accomplish:

- Obtaining adequate compensation by means of board certification pay
- Letting folks know who we are, what we do, and how we get things done
- Establishing core competencies in each of the five areas of the examination. A task force will be appointed to accomplish this. When core competencies are established, we will have a method of measuring our applicants
 - The Membership and Public Relations Committee will examine our web site and consider how we communicate. We will be seeing major changes
 - We will continue our successful budgeting process
 - We will move into the 21st century in communication, in our web site, and in electronics, but still meet the needs of those members without electronic capability
 - We will examine the qualifying process and will examine the feasibility of examination sites away from the AVMA site

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ACVPM!*

—Dr. Sundberg

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- We will see if opportunities exist for outside sources of income, see if we can partner with companies that are reasonable, professional and competent
- We will take an introspective look at our core competencies in recruiting, examinations, and credentialing
- We will look for ways to reach all sectors of our profession: uniformed services, academia, and practitioners
- If we are sitting still, we are not making progress!

Dr. Sundberg stressed that we will need the input of the membership

Drs. Finnegan and Sundberg then presented the following awards:

- Helwig-Jennings Award: Dr. Kelley Donham
- Distinguished Diplomate Award: Dr. John New
- Presidents Award: Dr. Roger Krogwold
- Out-Going Councilor Plaque: Dr. David Dreesen
- Out-Going Committee Chairs Plaques:

Dr. Charles Kelsey	Internal Affairs
Dr. Larry Barrett:	Credentials Committee
Dr. John Herbold	Examinations Committee
Dr. Dale Moore	Continuing Education Committee
Dr. Harry Moore	Membership & Public Relations Committee

- Dr. Marty Stebbins: Outgoing Epidemiology Specialty President

Dr. Sundberg then presented Dr. Finnegan with a plaque for serving as ACVPM president for the past two years. Dr. Sundberg stressed the outstanding job and the many accomplishments of Dr. Finnegan.

Dr. John New announced that there is an upcoming seminar presented by the Association of Teachers of Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine entitled, "One Medicine for the Future". Dr. New passed out fliers.

Dr. Ron Warner told the membership that Dr. Richard B. Ford was elected as an honorary Diplomate of the ACVPM.

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*Dr. Leon Russell
discusses ABVS
issues and upcoming
the 5-year report*



Notes from the Executive Vice President

1) A note to those without e-mail addresses. You will be missing much of the information that is distributed through the College list server <diplomates@acvpm.org> and web page (www.acvpm.org). We urge you to try and find a family member or friend who will download and print the ACVPM news distributed through these electronic means. If you can make use of a computer, please send the e-mail address to <contacts@acvpm.org> or to your Executive Vice President, Dave Dreesen, at <evp@acvpm.org>.

2) Proper use of the list server.

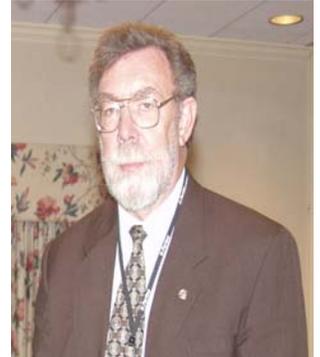
- a) If you have information to send to ALL Diplomates; send it to diplomates@acvpm.org. It will be received by the Executive Vice President and reviewed to assure that information is in the proper format and is "fit" to be distributed. The EVP and/or web master will then "redirect" the message to all members on the list serve mailing list.
- b) The list serve cannot redirect attachments. If you have an attachment you wish to send; first send it to webmaster@acvpm.org. The web master will post a link to the attachment and redirect the mail to the list serve via the EVP.
- c) When you receive a message on the list serve and wish to respond to it, DO NOT hit your reply button. This sends your response into the lost world of all e-mails. You must reply directly to the individual who originally sent the e-mail.

3) The Web Page (www.acvpm.org) is gradually becoming functional. It takes time. The 2003 Certification Information is now on the web page. We will keep you informed of major changes as they occur. Browse the site occasionally and see how we are doing. Send us your comments and suggestions on how we can improve the page or what we can do to better serve our members. We are making the new page more user friendly and easier to access, with less "bells and whistles."

4) The College 2002/2003 Directory will be in the mail to you by mid-September. If we *have* your e-mail address, the directory will be in the form of a pocket sized CD. If we *do not have* an e-mail address for you, you will receive a hard copy of the Directory. If you prefer a hard copy rather than a CD, please let me know ASAP. There will be a \$6.00 charge to cover printing and mailing to those who prefer the hard copy rather than a CD.

5) Annual dues notices will be in the mail by the first week in December. Please pay promptly! Also, when you pay your dues, this is a good time to let me know of any changes in the information we have on you such as mailing addresses, e-mail changes, job changes, etc. Keep such information current with the College by sending all changes to <changes@acvpm.org>.

— Dr. Dave Dreesen
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Epidemiology Specialty News

The Epidemiology Specialty annual meeting was held on Monday, July 15th. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Marty Stebbins, Epidemiology Specialty President. The following members attended: Drs. Dave Dreesen, Kevin Grayson, Tari Kindred, Dale Moore, James Riddle, Linda Schlater, David Smith, Phyllis Sparling, Marty Stebbins, Ron Warner, and Robert Wills.

Highlights from the meeting:

- ACVPM updates—Bylaws and directory will be made available on CD. The five year report is due in November.
- Elections—for the first time in recent memory, there were two candidates for each position: President, Millicent Eidson and Will Hueston; Secretary, James Riddle and David Smith. Because there were multiple candidates and a quorum was not present at the annual meeting, Dr. Stebbins elected to hold an election by email at a later date.
- Membership/financial status—Dr. Stebbins reported that 61 Diplomates are registered in the Specialty, but only 44 have paid their dues. She notified the ACVPM Executive Board that the Specialty could make do with \$800 annually, rather than \$1000, as has been customary.
- Diplomacy examination—There were no candidates for the Epidemiology Specialty examination this year. The fee had been raised, which may have deterred some potential candidates.
- Enhancing value of Diplomacy—a spirited discussion ensued which considered ways to increase the worth of membership in the Specialty. Networking and continuing education were mentioned most often. The group elected to plan a 3-hour CE meeting in Denver next year, time and location have yet to be determined. Dr. Kevin Grayson agreed to spend part of the time on a presentation covering useful software for veterinary epidemiologists. The remaining time will be reserved for short updates from attendees on their work.
- The remaining time was spent discussing the structure and delivery of the Specialty examination. The group spent some time compiling a list of core competencies which represent the minimum skill set a Diplomate should possess and which should be equally represented on future examinations.

Congratulations to Dr. Millicent Eidson and Dr. David Smith, the new President and Secretary of the Epidemiology Specialty.



ACVPM President, Dr. Paul Sundberg, recognizes outgoing Epidemiology Specialty President, Dr. Marty Stebbins At the general membership meeting

Using Animals as Sentinels for Human Health Hazards

Editor's Note: I can't really call this an Op-Ed piece, just a short summary that grew out of my own research into a subject I was interested in. Anyone is welcome to write another article on this or any other topic for News & Views. With the new electronic publication format, space should not be a problem in future issues.

Several recent encounters have had me thinking about using animals as sentinels for human health risks. The first, a presentation at the AVMA meeting in Nashville by Dr. Rosalie Trevejo—a new ACVPM Diplomate—dealt with the use of poultry flocks as sentinels for arboviruses circulating in California.¹ The other was a recent article by Elizabeth Bertone and coworkers in the *American Journal of Epidemiology* in which they described their study of environmental tobacco smoke and risk of malignant lymphoma in pet cats.² Dr. Trevejo's presentation considered the traditional yet extremely valuable contribution of animal sentinels to monitor infectious agents in the environment. On the other hand, the subjects selected by Dr. Bertone were more novel, and considered noninfectious agents and their impact on cancer risk in people (and presumably pets!), a subject about which we still need to know more. Regardless, this got me to pondering the use of animals as sentinels for human health, and how little I knew about the subject.

This led me to a Medline search to fill in the gaps. In order to limit my explorations, I decided to restrict myself to vertebrate animals and ultimately, to domesticated species. I also decided to ration myself to articles written in English and to those published within the last 25 years. I was rather surprised at how much had been written, because I hadn't heard much about the subject over the years. I'll summarize some of my findings in the following paragraphs. By the way, I don't intend this to be an exhaustive treatise, and likely another Diplomate knows more about the subject than I do. *[A not so subtle hint for more articles of this sort...]*

Poultry flocks are extensively used to monitor arboviral activity in the environment. Dr. Trevejo's presentation gave a good overview of the subject, so I won't repeat the details here, but they can be found in the notes available from the AVMA meeting. Interestingly, domestic pigeons (presumably racing birds, 4-H animals, etc) have been considered for this role in California.³ Reportedly, chickens have proven better than pigeons. Both pigeons and chickens have been examined for West Nile Virus surveillance elsewhere, and both have shown promise, with adequate seroconversion without heavy viremia.⁴

Dogs have been considered as sentinels for Lyme borreliosis by several groups of investigators with mixed results. In 1991, Lindenmayer and colleagues found a significant association between canine seroprevalence and the incidence of Lyme disease in people with what appeared to be an ecologic study design.⁵ Not surprisingly, they found older individuals from sporting or large mixed breeds more frequently had titers. Regardless, they considered *B. burgdorferi* seroprevalence to be a sensitive, reliable, and convenient indicator of human Lyme disease risk. In contrast, a recent large study of Dutch hunters and their hunting dogs found that a dogs' seropositivity was not a predictor of Lyme disease risk in the owner.⁶ The investigators concluded that tick 'exchange' between dogs and hunters was not an important source of exposure and that owning a hunting dog was not an important Lyme disease risk factor.

As an environmental epidemiologist, I've long been interested in what information can be gleaned from animals on contamination issues and human health risks. Among the more common examples is environmental lead contamination. Dogs have been considered a source for monitoring environmental lead contamination for some time. Thomas and coworkers measured the blood lead concentrations of both children and the family dog, finding that the likelihood of an elevated blood lead in the child increased six-fold if the dog had increased levels.⁷ Others have reported a comparable association between blood lead concentrations in children and their pets.⁸ Similar approaches have been used to monitor exposures to dioxin in Missouri⁹ and indoor air quality elsewhere.^{10,11} Speaking of indoor air quality, several studies have linked specific cancers in pets with exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke^{2,12,13} and with use of indoor coal or kerosene heaters.¹¹

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In a departure from pet studies, livestock have also been considered as sentinels for human health hazards. Several species have been evaluated as sentinels for monitoring contamination from chemical munitions destruction. Sheep were judged the best choice due to logistical concerns and for the stability of cholinesterase levels among age and gender groups.¹⁴ Finally, an extremely interesting approach has been posed in Canada, that of monitoring production and health records in cow-calf herds located near a natural gas processing plant as early indicators of environmental problems.¹⁵

I was surprised at the amount of literature available on the subject of animal sentinels, only some of which I've covered here. Space limitations have prevented me from considering wildlife as sentinels, for instance. Nevertheless, it's pretty clear that much work on animal sentinel methods as well as further characterization of human health risks can be done. An excellent review article¹⁶ on the topic has been written which characterizes several potential avenues for animal sentinels, including, risk assessment, early warning systems, and monitoring environmental remediation.

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AAPHV NEWSLETTER

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EDITOR'S (and treasurer's) CORNER

With no comments from our president to pass along, here are a few items from me:

- Mark Starr has now officially handed over the Presidency to Mary Torrence and joined that most hallowed of groups, the Immediate Past Presidents. Thanks, Mark, for two years of great work and service to the AAPHV!
- As described below in the minutes from our business meeting in Nashville, Hugh Mainzer accepted the nomination for president-elect and was elected by acclamation. We're looking forward to Hugh's involvement during the next two years!
- One of your faithful Editor's projects on the drawing board for the next year is to re-create a membership directory. To eliminate the hassle of mailing, as well as making updates much easier, it will likely be posted in some type of electronic format (probably a .pdf file) on the AAPHV web page.
- Along these lines, Kevin Grayson, my editorial counterpart at ACVPM, tells me that the College's plan within the next couple years is to abolish the paper newsletter and convert to an electronic version for as many members as possible. More and more organizations, such as the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists, are following suit. So—expect to be reading this newsletter on-line within a year or two.
- Starting in 2003, we will be eliminating the option to pay dues every two, three or more years and accepting payment for the current calendar year only. Reminder cards will be sent out with more information in December.
- Finally, I appreciate the response from members whom I have contacted about overdue dues. Others have not responded—please contact me if I can answer any questions (garrisrd@mail.slh.wisc.edu). Thanks.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

**American Association of Public Health Veterinarians
July 15, 2002
Nashville, TN**

In Attendance: Mary Torrence (President), Bob Garrison (Treasurer), Sarah Lister (Secretary), John Sanders, Dale Boyle, Hugh Mainzer, Lisa Conti, Beth Karp, Wyatt Frampton, Fredric Cantor, Leigh Sawyer

Presentation by Dr. Mike Chaddock, AVMA/ AVMF Congressional Science Fellow 2001-2002, serving in the office of Senator Mary Landreau (D-LA). AAPHV has provided financial support for the Fellowship program in the past. Dr. Chaddock discussed his experiences being displaced from Senate office buildings during the anthrax attacks of last fall, working on the issue of *Salmonella* in pet turtles, and developing an academic center of excellence for terrorism research in Louisiana. He discussed a Bill Senator Landreau is developing, which will provide additional compensation to federal government scientists who hold certification with nationally-recognized specialty boards, and asked AAPHV members to assist in gathering co-sponsors for the bill.

Minutes of last meeting: Minutes were not available for review by the group, but were approved conditionally.

Treasurer's Report (Bob Garrison): Bob delivered the report on behalf of outgoing Treasurer Joe Horman, and provided a copy to attendees. Income exceeded expenses slightly, with a balance of \$5983.51 as of 6/30/02. Expenses included the cost of having a booth at the APHA meeting in October 2001, for the first time in many years. Expenses did not include a donation to the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, approved at last year's meeting to support the Congressional Fellowship program. Bob Garrison will check with Joe Horman about this.

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Membership Report (Bob Garrison): Bob reported 93 members, excluding those whose membership derives from Diplomate status in ACVPM. Bob has successfully reconciled the member roster and tracked down "lost" members. In April 2002 there was a seamless mailing of the newsletters to members of both groups. Bob will provide information to Sarah to generate an electronic mailing list for AAPHV members.

It was noted that Mark Starr and John Herbold have been working on the matter of obtaining AAPHV/ACVPM representation in the AVMA House of Delegates. Neither was in attendance to provide an update.

It was noted to check with Mark Starr about the status of the Web site, where it is located and how it is maintained, to determine how best to update it.

Discussion, AAPHV/ ACVPM Governance, Advocacy Activities and Relationships: There was discussion about the roles of the two groups in relation to revisions of the existing position statements. If revised as joint statements, the governance structures of the College (by-laws, committees, etc.) must be taken into account. There was discussion about the role of AAPHV in serving as the advocacy voice for veterinary public health, and decision to continue consideration of the appropriate role of AAPHV with or without the involvement of the College in this capacity.

Pending further discussion of larger governance questions, Sarah Lister will work with other members to conduct an inventory and review of existing policies, and identify policy gaps.

John Sanders will be the new FDA/CFSAN delegate to the Public Health Veterinary Coalition Committee.

Once electronic mailing list is generated, AAPHV members will be surveyed to determine current membership in AVMA Councils and Committees, in an attempt to improve informal inputs from AAPHV into AVMA governance.

Student Awards, Fellowships, Traineeships:

The Public Health Senior Veterinary Student Award was not awarded this year. It was suggested to involve the AVMA Vice President (SAVMA liaison) and the Association of Teachers of Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine more actively in outreach for the award, and to do outreach to public health faculty in addition to deans at the veterinary colleges.

It was agreed to continue the donation of \$300 to the American Veterinary Medical Foundation in support of the Congressional Fellowship.

Hugh will investigate funding sources for senior veterinary students participating in the CDC Epidemiology Elective Program. AVMA may have supported this program in the past.

President-Elect: Hugh Mainzer was nominated for the position of AAPHV President-Elect, and was elected by acclamation.

2002 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Total membership

- n = 93 (not counting Colorado State library [on the roster as an associate member] and lost members)
 - Associate = 2
 - Honorary = 3
 - Life = 13
 - Regular = 75

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AVMA membership

- 77 %, including all categories (72 / 93 members)
- By membership category:

Associate:	0/2 (1 is not a veterinarian)
Honorary	2/3
Life	10/13
Regular	60/75

Late dues

- n = 18 (not including 7 lost members)
- Due in 1999: 5
 2000: 6
 2001: 7
- 8 members contacted by e-mail regarding dues status; remaining 10 to be contacted by US mail

Membership roster and joint ACVPM mailings

- March 2002: roster showed n=108, 10 with wrong addresses
- April 2002: n = 93, all addresses corrected, seamless mailing of
- ACVPM-AAPHV newsletters to members of both groups

Membership changes

- 5 New ACVPM Diplomates
- 2 members dropped on request
- 1 member deceased
- 7 members lost—several attempts made to find them
 - 3 members: dues due 1999
 - 1 member: dues due 2000
 - 3 members: no dues required (1 honorary member, 2 life members)

2002 TREASURER'S REPORT *

I. MEMBERSHIP

EIGHT NEW MEMBERS JOINED

II. ACCOUNT BALANCE

BALANCE AS OF 7/1/01		\$5886.68
INCOME		
	DUES	\$ 500.00
	INTEREST	70.77
	TOTAL	\$ 570.77
EXPENSES		
	STAMPS	\$34.00
	AVMA Meeting	329.94
	ANNUAL REPORT	5.00
	APHA MTG.	105.00
	TOTAL	\$473.94
BALANCE AS OF 6/30/02		\$ 5983.51

*compiled by Joe Horman, outgoing treasurer

PAPERS OF INTEREST

1. J Clin Micro 40:2352-56, 2002. Rapid detection of *Leishmania infantum* infection in dogs: comparative study using and immunochromatographic dipstick test, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay and PCR.
2. J Clin Micro 40:2703-4, 2002 *Trichuris vulpis* recovered from a patient with chronic diarrhea and 5 dogs.
3. J Clin Micro 40:3012-16, 2002. Large-scale screening of nasal swabs for *Bacillus anthracis*: descriptive summary and discussion of the National Institute of Health's experience
4. Agric History 56:528-41, 1982. California besieged: the foot-and-mouth epidemic of 1924.
5. JAMA 287:3245-48, 2002. Content and design attributes of anti-vaccination Web sites.
6. Emerg Inf Dis 8:639-42, 2002. (Electronic access at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/eid/vol8no6/01-0341.htm>) Fatal infection of a pet monkey with human herpesvirus 1.
7. New Eng J Med 347:200-206, 2002. Weekly clinicopathological exercises, case no. 22-2002 (*Brucella melitensis* infection in a 37-year-old man).
8. New Eng J Med 346:1265-74, 2002. Clinical responses to undiluted and diluted smallpox vaccine. (Several smallpox papers are found in this issue).
9. Am J Trop Med Hyg 66:197-99, 2002. Short report: concurrent Rocky Mountain spotted fever in a dog and its owner.
10. J Vet Diag Invest 13:383-88, 2001. Evaluation of diagnostic tests for the detection of classical swine fever in the field without a gold standard.

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ACVPM Elects Honorary Diplomat

The ACVPM has elected Dr. (Brigadier General) Richard B. Ford, an honorary Diplomat of the College. Dr. Ford, a Professor of Medicine at North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Medicine is also the highest ranking veterinarian serving in the Uniformed Services.

He is one of the country's foremost experts on animal health care as well as diseases of animals that are transmissible to humans. From 1994 through 1996, he wrote and presented a weekly television feature on animal health for NBC News. These features aired on MS-NBC and CNBC (NBC's cable news network) reaching more than 65 million households. In 1993 he wrote and hosted a seven-part Public Broadcasting Service television series on the psychological and physiological effects animals have on human health.

Anthrax education and the threat of biological weapons are among the things keeping Ford so busy these days. He played a key role in developing the anthrax briefing being presented to reservists around the country. In addition, he's helping to define what role the Air Force Medical Service would play if the United States were hit with a biological weapon attack.

"We're looking at how we would react if we were exposed to some biological weapon of mass destruction," Ford said. "There are a lot of agencies involved, but there is very little communication between agencies. We are trying to find out what the Air Force can bring to the table."