The meeting was called to order by AABP's President, Dr. John Davidson, at 12:30 p.m. Dr. Davidson then presented the minutes of the New Orleans Business Luncheon for approval. On motion with second, the 2015 Business Meeting Minutes were approved.

President Davidson introduced the current AABP Board of Directors and the VIP guests in attendance. Guests included representatives from AVC, AVMA, BCVA, NCBA, CAVB, CAST, and award sponsors from AgriLabs, Merial, Merck, Boehringer Ingelheim, and Zoetis. Student members and veterinary technicians were also recognized. Dr. Glenn Rogers was introduced as the newly elected Vice-President.

Dr. Jim Brett, Dr. Dee Griffin, and Dr. Sarah Overby were thanked for their term of service on the Board. Dr. Lee Jones and Dr. Vickie Cooper were recognized as incoming directors, as well as Dr. Jeff Ondrak replacing Dr. Griffin. Dr. Wayne Shewfelt was introduced as re-elected director from District 12.

Retiring committee chairs were recognized - Dr. Elliot Stevens, Dr. Bob Van Saun, Dr. Nick Chuff, and Dr. Joe Gillespie.

Dr. Davidson recognized districts, technicians, veterinary students, foreign members, and accompanying persons.

Dr. Joe Kinnarney, AVMA Immediate Past-President, addressed the attendees. He talked about talking with 1 voice for 90,000 members of the AVMA on issues such as antimicrobial resistance, student debt, suicide, wellness in the profession, and organizations working together. Dr. Kathy Simmons from the NCBA spoke about the collaboration between organizations; Mr. Neil Blake from the BCVA spoke about antimicrobial issues in the U.K., bluetongue in Europe, a high cost of production for the dairy sector, and the invitation for an AABP officer to attend the BCVA conference in October; and Dr. Gabe Middleton spoke about AABP's relationship with CAST.

Dr. Davidson introduced AABP's Treasurer, Dr. Bryan Halteman. He reported that the CPA firm of Machen, McChesney & Chastain, LLP, completed a satisfactory audit of AABP finances for the year ending December 31, 2015. They found no material weaknesses. AABP is in a strong financial position. On motion, the Treasurer's Report was voted on and approved.
Merial Dessert Reception, breakfasts provided by Zoetis and Diamond V, the Zoetis dinner which was a great forum for the Amstutz Auction, Foundation donor recognition, and AABP-Zoetis Foundation scholarship winners. The wine and cheese reception was supported by Phileo-Lesaffre and Central Life Sciences, and Boehringer Ingelheim sponsored the 4th Annual 5K stampede. Merck once again sponsored the ending event, “A Night of Southern Hospitality”. There are also many sponsors of the AABP awards.

Dr. Riddell thanked offices staff, board of directors, officers and others for their service and support of the AABP.

Awards

Dr. Glenn Rogers introduced the AABP Foundation Competitive Research Grant Awards, which went to Dr. Kelly Still Brooks, Iowa State University; Dr. Meredith Jones, Texas A&M University; and Dr. Vinicius Machado, Cornell University. Dr. Rogers was recognized for his service to the Foundation.

Dr. Sarah Wagner announced the winner of the AABP-HooFTrimmer’s Research Grant -- Dr. Andrew Fidler and Dr. Geof Smith, North Carolina State University, $24,715.

Dr. Blake Nguyen presented the Student Case and Research Presentations.

(Clinical) 1st place - Amy Stamper, Texas A&M University (Research) Overall winner and 1st place - Sam Deelen, Ontario Veterinary College,

2nd place - Adlai Schuler, Iowa State University

Dr. Jessica McArt introduced the graduate research summaries awards (24 submissions). Prizes of $1500, $1000, $500 were raised to $2500, $2000, and $1000 with contributions from the BRD Symposium.

1st place - Dr. Kathryn Bach, Cornell University;

2nd place - Kristen Davenport, Colorado State University

3rd place - Erika Ganda, Cornell University

Dr. Allen Hodapp presented the first annual Student Chapter and Faculty Awards:

Student chapter - The Ohio State University
Faculty representative - Dr. Teresa Ollivett, University of Wisconsin

Dr. Davidson introduced Dr. Steve Foulke from Merial who then introduced Dr. Andy Johnson. Dr. Johnson introduced the Merial Excellence in Preventive Medicine-Dairy award winner, Dr. Greg Crosley. Dr. Bob Smith introduced the Merial Excellence in Preventive Medicine-Beef award winner, Dr. Tom Portillo.

Dr. Davidson introduced Dr. David Smith, to present the AABP Award of Excellence to Dr. Dale Grotelueschen.

Dr. Dick Wallace from Zoetis introduced Dr. Glenn Rogers to present the Zoetis Distinguished Service Award to Dr. John Davidson.

Dr. Rick Sibbell from Merck Animal Health introduced Dr. Dave Anderson to present the Merck Animal Health Mentor of the Year Award to Dr. Sarel van Amstel.

Dr. Doug Ensley introduced Dr. Rob Tremblay to present the Boehringer Ingelheim Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award to Dr. Frank Schenkels.
Dr. Glenn Rogers reports on the AABP Foundation activities.

2016 Graduate Research Summaries Award winners Kristen Davenport, Colorado State University (left; 2nd place), Erika Ganda, Cornell University (right; 3rd place) along with Presentation Coordinator Dr. Jessica McArt. (Not pictured: 1st place winner, Dr. Kathryn Bach, Cornell University.)

Dr. Doug Scholz presented Dr. Jonathan Garber (dairy) and Dr. JD Folsom (beef - not present) the AgriLabs Dr. Bruce Wren Continuing Education Dairy award.

Dr. JD Folsom, not pictured, was the Beef recipient.

Dr. Jonathan Garber, left, receives AgriLabs Dr. Bruce Wren Continuing Education Dairy award from Dr. Doug Scholz, AgriLabs. Dr. Gatz Riddell, retiring AABP Executive Vice President, presented his final report to the membership.

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introduced the Merck Student Recognition award winners and the AABP-Zoetis Foundation award winners.

Dr. Davidson thanked those who helped him during his short tenure as president for the second time due to the executive vice-president transition. He gave an update on the successful transition between Dr. Gatz Riddell and Dr. Fred Gingrich.

Dr. Davidson introduced Dr. David McClary who presented Dr. Gatz Riddell with the Amstutz-Williams Award, the most prestigious award offered by the AABP. It was last presented in 2008.

Dr. Davidson introduced the incoming President, Dr. Mark Thomas. Dr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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