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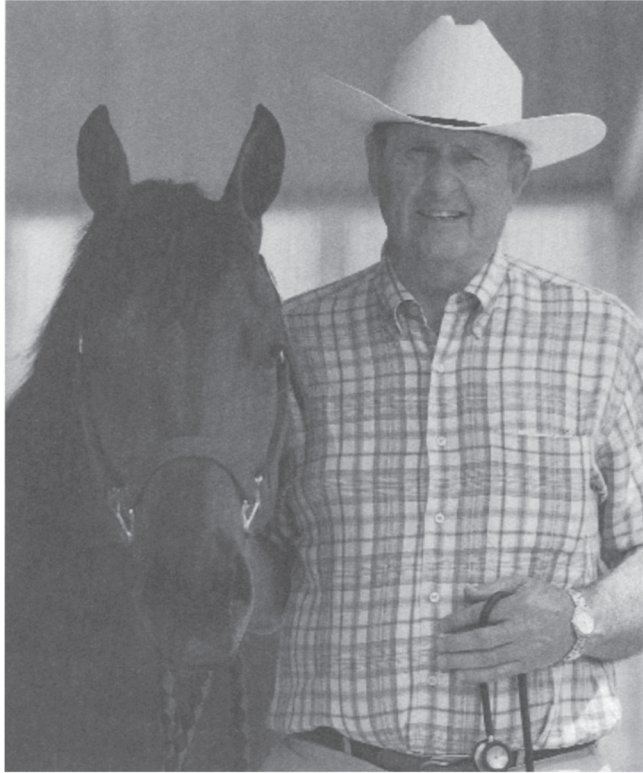
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INTRODUCTION

“LEGACY”

“Past is Prologue...”

The history of AAEP over the past 25 years is understood only in its relationship to the foundation of the first 25 years: its leaders, and their commitment to the growth and vision of this remarkable veterinary organization. That leadership and vision constitute the basis for the vitality of AAEP today.

The AAEP's continued membership growth since its founding in 1954 is testament to the organization's impact on equine veterinary medicine and the individual practitioner. From its humble beginnings of 11 members, the AAEP in 2004 boasts a record membership of over 8,000 veterinarians and veterinary students in 57 countries.

At the First AVMA Leadership Conference for VMA officers (1984), Journal Editor Art Freeman opened the proceedings by putting the AAEP delegate on the spot:

Freeman: “Of all the veterinary organizations and meetings that I have known and visited, AAEP stands out above them all! I know this is impromptu, but I would like the AAEP delegate to come to the podium and give us his perceptions of this remarkable organization.”

- AAEP: “This is indeed impromptu! And occasioned the slow walk to the podium. In brief, I identify four reasons:
1. All members have a deep and abiding commitment to quality continuing education.
 2. There is no ‘elephant graveyard’ for past presidents. Leadership is very much an ongoing process for all past presidents. Their active involvement is continuous and presumed.
 3. Superior quality of Executive Director and Proceedings Book Editor. Kester and Milne inculcate leadership and integrity throughout the organization with leadership by example.
 4. Finally it should be acknowledged that American Association of Equine Practitioners is not an accurate name! AAEP is an international organization of all veterinarians who are interested in the equine.

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1980

Nineteen eighty ushered in the second 25 years of AAEP with the presidency of DeWitt Owen of Franklin, Tennessee. AAEP had grown and matured significantly from a group of racetrack practitioners to 3,606 members all over the world. The poor image of the racetrack veterinarian was greatly improved and the industry looked to AAEP as a significant advisor and partner in regulatory issues.

To be sure, quality professional education continues to enjoy primacy in the minds of equine veterinarians, not only at the annual meetings, but also because of the value of the Proceedings Book, which was and is valued worldwide. This was due to the diligent and ongoing work of Frank Milne. For Milne, editor since 1959, 1980 was a banner year: All papers from the annual meeting were received, edited, and booked on schedule—a rare occurrence. Also special was the appearance of a number of color reproductions. The color plates involved thermography and u/v illumination of *Pseudomonas* genital infections. An emerging focus of AAEP in the prior 25 years was attention to and support of equine research. Always on the agenda of Executive Director



President DeWitt Owen with John T. Vaughan, AAEP president-elect.

Wayne O. Kester, AAEP had joined and supported both the Grayson Foundation and the Morris Animal Foundation. President DeWitt Owen was liaison to the Grayson Foundation and Past President Marvin Beeman (1975) was liaison to the Morris Animal Foundation. Both men were conscientious (some might say fanatical) in their support of each foundation, and the contributions, research, and corpus of each grew apace.

Nineteen eighty saw the revitalization of the Scholarship Committee, chaired by Jim Voss. The initial scholarship money, \$500, was approved by the 1980 executive board and awarded in 1981.

In March of 1980, AAEP members were invited to the British Equine Veterinary Association annual meeting. It was held September 1 - 4 with an optional tour of England, Ireland and Scotland.

On May 19 - 20, the AAEP cosponsored with Ohio State University and the American Horse Council, an "Invitational Workshop on Equine Viral

Respiratory Diseases and Complications.” A blue ribbon panel consolidated current knowledge of “understanding, management, prevention, and research priorities” relating to equine viral disease. [Timoney]

In June, President Owen and Executive Director Kester attended the USDA meeting in Washington, D.C. in support of keeping the test for equine piroplasmosis (EP) for import horses. The USDA had planned to drop the test, but advice from the American Horse Council, AAEP, the United States Animal Health Association, and many other industry groups persuaded the USDA to keep the EP test for import horses.

As reported in the Drugs and Medications Timeline, the 1980 September (No. 3) Newsletter devoted 41 pages to the perceived national crisis involving drugs and medications. “Hay, oats and water” and “No drugging” were the rallying cries and were extensively quoted in the newsletter by Kester.

Nineteen eighty also saw the republication of the 1967-1968 report by Dr. Jacques Jenny and the AAEP Orthopedic Research Committee regarding Orthopedic Guidelines, “because it is still a valuable document on the subject.”

The annual meeting on November 30 - December 3 was held at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California. The program featured in-depth seminars sensitive to national concerns regarding racing medication problems. Titled “Joint and Tendon Injuries in the Horse,” the session was a discussion regarding corticosteroid therapy. The second seminar focused on exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage (EIPH) and was the onset of a debate that continues to this day.

After a three-year hiatus, AAEP named three new Distinguished Life Members:

1. Thomas E. Dunkin, 18th President of AAEP (1972), racetrack practitioner from Chicago and above average tenor (when properly lubricated) who entertained at many informal AAEP “tavern tutorials.”
2. Alan H. Edmondson, AAEP’s dean of racing regulatory veterinarians. Alan practiced at California racetracks before becoming the racing commission veterinarian. He and Gene Bierhaus (Distinguished Life Member 1986) were the pioneers of controlled medication regulations in horse racing.
3. Jack K. Robbins, Pennsylvania distinguished graduate who “went west” to become a respected figure in California as a racetrack practitioner and official. Robbins was the 9th President of AAEP in 1963.

Jordan Woodcock, AAEP President in 1960 and a tireless diplomat in the cause of AAEP medication policy, passed away unexpectedly in 1980. Jordan was the first administrator of the American Horse Shows Association (AHSA) Drugs and Medications Program (see Drugs and Medications Timeline 1958, 1959, 1960).

**A TRIBUTE TO JORDAN G. WOODCOCK, V.M.D.
BY JOHN G. LENGEL, D.V.M.**

During the 1970's and until his fatal heart attack in December 1980, I had the great privilege of getting to know and spending much time with Jordan Woodcock, V.M.D., one of the AAEP's founding fathers, and an early president of this organization. He told me many short stories about the first meetings of the AAEP. I wish I had been there!

Jordan served as the Administrator of the American Horse Shows Association's (now USA Equestrian's) Equine Drugs and Medications Program from its inception in 1970 and until 1978. He and I met in 1973 when we both testified in a drug hearing in New York City. My serving as a technician when Jordan was the administrator of the testing program helped pay for my veterinary education at The Ohio State University.



Upon graduation, and after I spent a year in equine practice, Jordan hired me as a testing veterinarian in 1977, and we became good friends. Upon his retirement in 1978, I was honored to be chosen to serve as his successor. I moved to Ridgefield, Connecticut, in March that year, Jordan's hometown where his office was located. We spent the next nine months working closely together, to facilitate a smooth transition. During this time he introduced me to the people I needed to know and taught me what I needed to know to succeed in this job. More than a few of our tutorial sessions were held at one of Jordan's favorite watering holes (Early Times on the rocks, please), and lasted well into the evening.

Jordan was my colleague, very close friend and mentor, and he became an important father figure to me (my own father died when I was in high school). Other than my father, I have never known a more honest, ethical, or principled person than Jordan. Also, the way he unselfishly took me under his wing in his final years enabled me to carry on the important work he began. Even now, more than two decades later, I often ponder, what would Jordan do in this situation? I miss his friendship, his wise counsel, and the great times we used to have together. And on occasion I raise a glass with Jordan's old friends, in honor of his memory.

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1981

“American Veterinary medicine is the best in the world because the AAEP has kept the individual veterinarian who practices directly with horses familiar with everything that’s new in the field.” - Joe O’Dea 1981

New Orleans was the venue for the 1981 annual meeting, a more “adult” scene than Disneyland but nonetheless interesting! Earlier in the year (March), an AAEP poll of 2874 members (39% response) reflected that “many members do not know how the association works nor how to communicate effectively with the structure.” The corollary was that, as long as quality, current and practical continuing education was delivered in the meetings and Proceedings Book, AAEP was great.

However “there were expressions of disgruntlement...as well as skepticism that the young or unsung would ever have a say about how the association was run, meetings planned, speeches selected, appointments made, and officers elected.” (Newsletter No. 2 June, 1981 p. 4)

The initial response by President Vaughan after the survey was to discuss in the June 1981 Newsletter “How Your Association Operates,” a clear and detailed portrait of the structure and operations of AAEP. In addition, member communication was solicited and the executive director’s office was designated as communications headquarters. It had seemed to many officers and executive board members for many years that the membership at large was much less interested (read uninterested) in the inner workings and unseen mechanisms of AAEP. Volunteers were always placed in the Committee, Liaison, and Planning jobs and, with the paucity of volunteers, officers and board members conscripted friends and associates. This created the appearance of a “good ole boy” network which had served the association well for many years, but did not place much reliance on officers and committee/liaison veterinarians. When asked about the AAEP’s emergency evacuation plan if fire or other disaster were to occur, Kester replied, “Walk calmly to the podium and announce the beginning of the AAEP Annual Business Meeting. The room will empty quickly and quietly in a matter of a few minutes!” Levity and prior experience aside, the 1981 survey presaged the effects of rapid growth and the need for increased attention to an evolution of shared governance.

The tentative scientific program was printed in the June 1981 issue of the AAEP Newsletter, but not to preclude breaking news. “The Computer in Equine Practice” and “Ivermectin - A Potential Injectable Equine Anthelmintic” were successful and important late entries.

The 1981 Proceedings Book included an index of Proceedings 1956 - 1981 by subject and author:

Index - Proceedings Books of the American Association of Equine Practitioners 1956 - 1981

The first professional (scientific) meeting of the American Association of Equine Practitioners was held at the LaSalle Hotel and Rolling Acres Equine Hospital, Chicago, Illinois in December, 1955.

Of the papers presented at that meeting, four were published in the June 15, 1956 issue of the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (Vol. 128). These were:

- Experimental Studies Relative to the Therapeutic Use of Ultrasound by J.F. Herrick, J.M. Janes, and N.I. Ardan.
- Nasal Irrigation in the Treatment of Nasal Catarrh and Sinus Infections in Horses by Paul J. Meginnis.
- Surgical Removal of Fracture Fragments of the Proximal Sesamoid Bone by E.A. Churchill.
“This presentation singularly catapulted equine orthopedic surgery into practical and acceptable reality.” - R.W. Copelan
- Local Anesthesia and Applied Anatomy as Related to Nerve Blocks in Horses by R. Getty, J. A. Sowa and R. L. Lundvall.

The first AAEP Proceedings Book covered the second Annual Meeting in 1956, the second book covered the third convention, and so on to the 27th book which covered the 28th professional meeting of the Association in November - December, 1981.

To facilitate the search for a particular title or author, only the year (minus the 19) and page number is given. For example, the entry, “Acceleration of Open Wound Healing by Cartilage” 65. 141 means that that title will be found on page 141 of the Proceedings Book of the 1965 annual convention. Practice Tips and Specialty Panels, difficult to associate with titles and authors, were treated individually without cross-reference.

The 1981 Executive Board, as well as committees, met on Saturday and Sunday so as not to conflict with scientific sessions. Among the many actions, liaison, officer and committee reports, the Executive Board approved the first of the AAEP Scholarships, which had been mandated by board action in 1980. After review, Dr. Voss and the Scholarship Committee submitted two finalists. The Executive Board granted scholarships to both recipients, Alan Nixon and Pam Wagner. Subsequently Dr. Wagner became the first female board member of AAEP.

Nineteen-eighty-one saw publication of the Fourth Edition of The Guide for Determining the Age of the Horse. The first edition was published in 1966 as a result of requests from the equine industry. The original committee formed in 1963 was: O.R. Adams, Robert N. Davis (editor), Joe M. Miller,

Wayne O. Kester, Harry W. Johnson and William E. Ryan, coordinator of the publisher, Fort Dodge Laboratories.

J.T. VAUGHAN
PRESIDENT, 1981

I was sitting in a meeting minding my own business when Dr. D.L. Proctor tapped me on the shoulder and asked in a low voice if I would let him nominate me for Director at Large, which of course meant entering the chairs. I was flabbergasted but managed to thank him for the honor and agreed to his request. For two decades, I had followed the growth of the AAEP and had been a member since 1961. Dr. Fred Schell, my department head at Auburn, had introduced me to Dr. Proctor in the late fifties when he came to Auburn as a visiting speaker. I had been aware of his reputation for years before that. Now, 17 years since I had joined, one of my idols in the profession was asking me to consider something I had never dreamed of. The list of officers and directors read like a who's who of the profession - men (in those years) who had studied the problems, tested the solutions, written the textbooks, and earned the respect of their peers. Every talk, every paper was a revelation of new and essential information. Perhaps the content was more practice oriented in comparison to increasingly academic discussions today, but that is a natural progression, and in the educational process, the younger generation emerging from their formal training must still discover for themselves the basics of practice.

In 1956, the president was Dr. W.F. Guard, whose surgery text I had already worn out before I became a member five years later. General Wayne O. Kester, who was president of the AVMA, delivered the keynote address. Not just incidentally, it was through his influence and that of others like D.L. Proctor that the AAEP has remained strongly aligned with the AVMA these many years, resisting those who would splinter off into as many denominations as the protestant church.

By 1961, when I attended my first convention in Fort Worth, Texas, General Kester was Chairman of the Board; Murray Teigland, President; the redoubtable old Marion L. Scott, first President and Executive Secretary; and Frank J. Milne, Secretary Treasurer and Editor of the Proceedings, a job he would hold for 28 years until 1988. Dr. Schell and I would alternate attendance as permitted by the budget, but the annual Proceedings became both required reading and reference works to be carefully archived in your personal library. In the realms of academia, proceedings are not accorded the same rank as refereed papers in journal publications, but Dr. Milne was such a stickler for not only scientific content but syntax and grammar as well, that any paper that he accepted could meet the requirements of a refereed publication.

By 1978, when I became Director at Large, all the officers and directors were personal acquaintances in a close circle of camaraderie that matched or surpassed any I have ever known. Dan Roberts, DeWitt Owen, Bernie Brennan, Joe Solomon, Sage Kester and Frank Milne were wonderful companions as well as role models, and made my responsibilities infinitely easier. The program that year included 66 papers and two in depth seminars on a wide-ranging spectrum of subjects, a credit to the program chairman, Dr. Brennan.

The year as vice president was memorable in that it marked the Association's 25th anniversary, 1954 - 1979, preserved by General Kester's History of the First Twenty-five Years, published in 1980. The History is a trove of valuable information on how and by whom. The Association became, in 25 short years, the preeminent professional society in equine medicine. For a profession that had languished in the shadow of European science for the first 350 years of its existence in the New World, to have emerged to its current stature in the last half of the 20th century is the finest tribute that can be paid to the founders of the AAEP.

The following year as president elect was when I earned my keep as program chairman. Anyone who criticizes a program, for fair reason or foul, should have to serve that sentence. Once again, however, the job was made easier with the able support of President DeWitt Owen, Vice President Robert L. Boss, Past President B.F. Brennan, Editor Frank J. Milne, and of course the Executive Director and Treasurer, General Wayne O. Kester. They and the 18 board members and Director at Large Daniel V. Flynn made for a winning team that produced 54 papers and 10 abstracts. Important issues included new approaches to bone and joint injuries; exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage, control of viral diseases, and endocrinology of brood mares.

As president in 1981, I was impressed with the continuing dialogue between the National Association of State Racing Commissioners (NASRC) and the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA), i.e. management and labor. The big issue of the day was medication of race horses, with the two eminent pharmacologists, Dr. Thomas Tobin and Dr. George Maylin, arguing adversarial positions which were never reconciled during my tenure.

Interestingly, the first paper on the program that year extolled the benefits of the computer for the equine practitioner. Hardy perennials included obstructive airway disease, bone and joint problems, endocrinology, and gastroenterology. Mercifully, humane issues and ethical entanglements (other than race track medication) had not made it to the forefront. The year closed peacefully between the recent conflict in Vietnam and the looming decline and fall of the Soviet Union. In retrospect, it seems like a welcome interlude.

I was a 10 year old draft dodger when World War II broke out, an indentured farmhand from then until I finished veterinary school in 1955, just missing all the labor-saving inventions like bush hogs, power take-offs and hydraulic lifts, augers and elevators, and forced-air ventilated grain cribs. Secretary of Defense Wilson denied me a commission in 1955 when he decided to curtail the supply of military veterinarians. I read about the sexual revolution, was dragged feet first into the computer age, and bitten badly by the millennial bear. I had had a perfectly good upbringing on a cattle farm where we used horses regularly to ride herd and work cows. No race or show, no sport, just work. My father sent me to veterinary school to learn more about livestock diseases with the expectation that I would return to the farm and apply the knowledge to the family operation. But my father died in 1949, and I fell in with a bad crowd at college and started hanging out at horse shows and rodeos, even a thoroughbred stable. Northern industrialists (Yankees) used 'em to shoot birds and hunt foxes, jumped fences instead of going through gates civilized-like.

And of course I had always had a special feeling for mules. So, one thing led to another, “a road less traveled” so to speak, and by 1959, I had sold my interest in the cow herd to my oldest brother, spent a summer with Charles Raker and Jacques Jenny at Pennsylvania, moved my family to Auburn, and specialized (sort of) in equine practice. The next year, with my usual fine sense of timing, the USDA discontinued their annual horse and mule census as being of no further account. Pretty much the only instance of serendipity (other than Ethel) in my lifetime was the unexpected revival of the horse in the last half of the 20th century. That was my introduction to the AAEP which quickly became my family. Even after you've served your time, they won't let you go. The American College of Veterinary Surgeons is now trying to emulate the AAEP with a Past Presidents' Advisory Council. Is it any wonder that an organization draws strength from tradition? Perhaps Goethe (1749 - 1832) said it best:

*“What you have as tradition, take now as task,
For thus you make it your own.”*

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1982

In 1982 the Editorial Office of AAEP (Kester) updated and published in a separate volume the Constitution, Bylaws, Ethics and Professional Guidelines - 1982. The 44-page booklet was divided into three sections. Part I "AAEP 1955 - 1982" is the most clear and concise profile of AAEP that has ever been written. (See Appendix II) Part II includes, in addition to the Constitution and Bylaws, the Definition and Duties of Committees and also the "Rules of Disciplinary Procedure."

The annual meeting held in Atlanta had, in addition to the In Depth Seminars, two specific areas of interest: equine exercise physiology/sports medicine and, because of the then current hucksterism surrounding the use of low-level laser on equine athletes, a symposium on "Laser Medicine and Surgery." President Elect Stewart Harvey and the Executive Board responded to the recommendations of the ad hoc committee on alternative therapies.

At the same meeting, on December 4, 1982, the executive board received and approved the following recommendation from the Committee on Trail and Events.¹

"Lameness is defined as a deviation from the normal gait or posture due to pain or mechanical dysfunction.

Classification:

Grade 1: Difficult to observe; not consistently apparent regardless of circumstances (i.e. weight-carrying, circling, inclines, hard surface, etc.).

Grade 2: Difficult to observe at a walk or trotting in straight line; consistently apparent under certain circumstances (e.g. weight-carrying, circling, inclines, hard surfaces).

Grade 3: Consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances.

Grade 4: Obvious lameness, marked nodding, hitching, or shortened stride.

Grade 5: Minimal weight bearing in motion and/or at rest; inability to move.

¹ Terry Swanson, Chairman, Philip C. Bergen, Dr. Henry H. Cook, Dr. Robert C. Goulding, Dr. J. Allan Leslie, Dr. Carole C. Pritchard, Dr. Thomas P. Rothwell, Dr. A. Martin Simensen, and Dr. William C. Stearman III



Dr. and Mrs. Robert Boss were recognized at the Convention's annual banquet.

These classifications are intended for use in describing a lameness at the completion of the examination. At this time it does not seem practical to apply a uniform scoring system to the manipulative procedures we may use in the detailed evaluation of a lameness.”

This committee report accepted by board action has evolved into internationally recognized standard criteria for grading lameness. Like other AAEP position papers, such as Guidelines for Determining the Age of the Horse, The Role of the Veterinarian in Equine Insurance, A Guide for Veterinary Service at the Race Track, Guide for Veterinary Service and Judging of Equestrian Events, Ethical and Professional Guidelines, the counsel of AAEP has become the gold standard for the industry.

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1983

Las Vegas was the venue for the meeting, which was well attended by Central and South American equine practitioners. Regrettably, a superior in-depth seminar by Marvin Beeman, *Conformation: The Relationship of Form to Function*, was not published in the Proceedings. Correlation of 290 color slides with the verbal presentation proved irreproducible. Editor Milne opined that “the result would have done credit to neither the author nor the association,” and recommended its production in a monograph, now being explored. (McIlwraith AAEP 2003).

The perennial “Race Track Panel” was on the program with Past President Joe O’Dea giving a NASRC status report on phenylbutazone and furosemide as well as a report on related actions of NASRC. Richard Galley gave a clinician’s viewpoint on exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage (EIPH) in the racing Quarter Horse that postulated the lower furosemide (Lasix) dosage at the 4-hour window. This dosage was eventually adopted by the industry. At the same meeting Dr. Josie Traub-Dargatz sounded a cautionary note on phenylbutazone toxicity, especially in high dosages, multiple disease or medication regimens, and also in foals. Neonatal care received special attention in panel discussion and matured as a discrete discipline/specialty from this date.

Past President Bernie Brennan presented the prestigious Distinguished Life Member Award at the meeting to Past President General Wayne O. Kester.

At the United States Animal Health meeting in October of 1983, AAEP notified USDA of substantial allegations of compromise at their Miami Quarantine Station that was allowing equine piroplasmiasis (EP) infected horses into the southeastern United States. Inaction and inept investigation on the part of the federal government characterized the early phase of tracing down and confirming the allegations. Finally, Clarence Campbell, State Veterinarian of Florida, AAEP member and horse-



Past president Bernard Brennan recognizes Gen. Wayne O. Kester as a Distinguished Life Member.

man, uncovered a significant percentage of positive EP horses in a preselected population of Florida horses. Those horses had been imported through the Miami Quarantine Station.

It was not until four years later that the federal government was to complete their investigation.

USDA, Office of Inspector General (OIG), and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) all conducted their separate investigations. In 1988 AAEP as well as the now retired General Kester received notification from the USDA that the allegations were possibly true and that, as “due process” was progressing, the AAEP and the American horse industry could rest assured that the EP breach (Miami Quarantine Station) had been sealed. Later in 1988 and 1989 evidence indicated that EP positive equids had also passed through the federal quarantine station at Los Angeles.

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Notable for being Frank Milne's 25th anniversary as Proceedings Book Editor, the meeting was held at the Anatole Hotel on the outskirts of Dallas. It was a small community in itself on some 80 acres. The well-deserved Distinguished Life Member Award went to Past President M.B. Tieglund who, through some 30 years, maintained a calm, reasoned, tactful, and persistent battle to position AAEP as THE source of medication reason to all facets of the industry: NASRC, TBA, AORC (chemists), AHSA, HBPA, the media and many others - local, state, national and international.

The professional program was noteworthy in several areas, not all of them positive. There were many practical clinical presentations as well as several more esoteric research and academic papers. Four dealt with a new (yet to be FDA approved) sedative/analgesic, detomidine, later labeled Dormosedan, and subsequently approved. However, in 1985 charges were publicly made by the Equine Medical Officer, Bureau of Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, to the effect that "AAEP promotes illegal drugs to their membership at their annual meeting and encourages illegal importation of



AAEP Distinguished Life Membership Award goes to Dr. M. B. Teigland of Florida. Dr. Ed Churchill (right) looks on as President Flynn makes the presentation.

non-approved drugs!” NOT a public relations triumph.

Among presentations by non-veterinarians were an interesting discussion of racing surfaces by George W. Pratt Jr. of MIT and a panel discussion of laminitis by Burney Chapman, farrier. Andrew Beyer, Turf Writer, gave a presentation on Lasix from a turf writer’s (read horse player) point of view. The presentation was notable for a couple of reasons. Beyer’s observations on Lasix, coming as it did from a layman’s and bettor’s point of view, was substantially the same as coeval and subsequent science-based research on Lasix in race horses. Additionally, Beyer shared one of his “analyzing” (handicapping) techniques: “By analyzing the times of races and the inherent speed of a racing strip, handicappers can translate any performance by any horse into a number.” This was later to become the universally notated “Beyer Rating” in The Daily Racing Form charts. (AAEP Proceedings 1984)

Another non-veterinarian presentation was given by an executive of the equine mortality insurance industry. It is probably fair to state that the discussion was a sensational tour de force of equine mortality insurance fraud...with a cautionary message to veterinarians to be vigilant. About four years later, the presenter was convicted and sent to prison. Equine mortality insurance fraud!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1984
MORNING PROGRAMS

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| 7:00 a.m. | SPEAKER’S BREAKFAST MEETING
Earl Bauer, S.K. Harvey, and, J.T. Wright
Grand Ballroom A |
| 8:00 a.m. | AUTOTUTORIAL PROGRAMS |
| 3:00 p.m. | Paul E. Hoffman, D.V.M., Director
Grand Ballroom A and B |
| | GENERAL SESSION |
| | George A. Bergman, D.V.M., Presiding Officer
Chantilly Ballroom East (No Smoking) |
| 8:00 a.m. | Equine Mortality Insurance Fraud |
| 9:00 a.m. | Equine Forensic Toxicology
George H. Dandrea, D.V.M. |
| 10:00 a.m. | Equine Postmortem Examination
Ward M. Crowe, D.V.M. |
| 11:00 a.m. | Diagnostic Equine Cytology
Joe West, D.V.M. M.S., Ph.D. |

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Robert L. Boss, D.V.M., Presiding Officer
Chantilly Ballroom (No smoking)

1:30 p.m.

Equine Ophthalmic Diseases and

3:00 p.m.

Therapeutic Update

Glenn Severin, D.V.M., M.S.

3:00 p.m.

"Domosedan" Equine Tranquilizer/

3:30 p.m.

Analgesic

John E. Lowe, D.V.M., M.S.

Wolfgang Jochle, Dr. Med. Vet.

3:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

Panel- Equine Practice Professional Liability

Jack R. Dinsmore, D.V.M.,

Moderator

Mr. J. Peter Cassidy, Jr., LLD

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James R. Coffman was president in 1986. In truth, his presidency began in 1985. As program chairman and acting on the recommendation of an ad hoc committee, Coffman presided over significant and profound changes in scientific program scheduling and Proceedings Book publication.

POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING PUBLICATION IN THIS PROCEEDINGS BOOK OF MATERIAL PRESENTED AT THE 1985 CONVENTION OF THIS ASSOCIATION

Following on the recommendation of the ad hoc study committee relating to the annual scientific program and its offshoot, the Proceedings Book (see A.A.E.P. Newsletter 1, dated March, 1985), President Vail appointed the following members as Section Chiefs for the 1985 Convention:

James L. Voss (Theriogenology/Pediatrics)
Nat. T. Messer (Medical Specialties)
Nat. A. White (General Surgery)
Larry R. Bramlage (Orthopedic Surgery)
Rick M. Arthur (Racetrack/Radiology)
N. Edward Robinson (Research)
Robert M. Miller (General Practice)
Robert W. Copelan (Racing/Insurance/Equine Industry)

Since guidelines and deadlines for the acceptance and processing of manuscripts had also been established, the possibility of refereed publication became more than just a pipe dream. Accordingly, a peer review procedure was set up with two objectives in mind—to assist the needs of our academic members who receive no credit by University Promotion and Tenure Committees for work published in non-refereed journals and periodicals—and also to establish and maintain credibility with the scientific community as a result of peer review by two referees, in addition to the editor, for each manuscript submitted for presentation and eventual publication.

Thanks to the section chiefs, coordinators, and moderators along with some 40 invited reviewers who gave of their time and talent, the beginners were quickly smoothed over with a minimum of ruffled feather! The names of all reviewers are appended below.

At the Executive Board meeting, some concern was expressed that the move to a “totally peer reviewed” Proceedings Book (the term “refereed” was not viewed with much favor) might discourage the submission of material by the practitioner. The logical response to this fear was to have two sections or parts to the book since it was evident that certain presentations such as “practice management,” “breed information” and “the philosophy

of veterinary medicine” do not lend themselves to the review process. Accordingly, this volume of the Proceedings Book consists of two parts: Part I consists of papers which have undergone both peer review and editorial procedures while Part II covers those presentations which have been subjected only to editorial processing.

The result was a Proceedings Book that was an AAEP record of size (738 pages), inclusion, and timely publication.

The Executive Committee wrestled with the finances of the burgeoning AAEP:



Drs. Steve Reed and Susan White, members of the 1985 convention program planning team.

- Revenues from the first ever commercial exhibits exceeded expectations, but the trend was not predictable at that time.

- Because they were largely “labors of love,” administration, convention management, growing liaison assignments, and speaker honoraria seriously lagged the industry norms.

- Printing costs were accelerating as well as the number and size of AAEP publications sent to members and shipping and mailing costs.

The painful decision to institute a dues increase was implemented. Trepidation about the negative effect on members turned out to be wasted energy.

“Ad hoc” was very much in vogue in the growing AAEP of the middle 1980’s, reflecting not only global member growth, but the expanding outreach to counsel and inform the industry. By 1985 AAEP had eight special committees.

1. Racetrack Breakdown

2. Computer - Diligent work by Ted Sprinkle and his committee to computerize AAEP and develop a software model for equine practice for demonstration at the Toronto meeting was an early albeit unsuccessful effort.

3. Committee on Programs and Proceedings was very successful in the evolution of the Proceedings Book.

4. Committee on Committees and Liaison Assignments tightened reporting and accountability to the Executive Board. Ostensibly a good plan, it was overwhelmed by the many areas of AAEP involvement and unrealistic requirements placed on the Executive Board.

5. Committee on Alternative Therapies - Chaired by Frank Milne, investigated the plethora of “electronic units” purported to be therapeutic in equine applications. Although most were bogus, some were legitimate methods and found places in the scientific program.

6. Committee on AAEP Administration - “Formed for the purpose of locating a replacement for the retiring Executive Director and making necessary related changes in the Headquarters Office.” The first committee meeting was unanimous in resolution that the Executive Director must be a DVM. However, unanimity faded as to location of the offices. An offer to share space with the Morris



Marion L. Scott

Animal Foundation at their new facility was declined. Eventually consensus was reached and the decision was made to locate AAEP offices in the Bluegrass of Kentucky “where they were foaled.” It was also decided that a non-DVM could be an effective Executive Director.

7. Refereed Journal Committee - Milne and Coffman’s superb job on Proceedings Book changes resulted in melding this committee into the Continuing Education (CE) Committee. Fears that we were going to evolve into the “American Association Of Equine Academicians and Researchers” were allayed.
8. Exhibits Committee - The unqualified success of AAEP’s first commercial exhibits in Dallas, 1984, was the result of three years of work. With the enlarged exhibits program in Toronto 1985, administration was delegated to Gene Carroll, and the rest, as they say, is happy history for AAEP and industry.

“A very proud moment for me as 1985 AAEP president was to represent our association at the retirement gala for Charlie Raker in Philadelphia. A professor’s professor, a clinician’s clinician, a human evocation of the term “equine practitioner, “Dr. Charlie” headed for Florida, fishing, and well deserved retirement.” - Charlie Vail, 1985 President

On November 15, 1985, Marion L. Scott died. The first president of AAEP, Dr. Scott was a founder and charter member. Dr. Scott graduated from Ohio State (before it became The Ohio State University) College of Veterinary Medicine in 1919. He was the Executive Secretary five times and was AAEP’s first Distinguished Life Member. “He was a career equine practitioner on both racetrack and breeding farm in the northeastern Ohio area, a man who early recognized the problems besetting equine practice, and who visualized and dedicated his full energy to AAEP as the answer. He was one of the few old timers who never lost faith in the future of equine practice. Dr. Scott was 94.” (AAEP Newsletter March, 1986)

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In the June Newsletter, AAEP published an Index of Equine Medical Research. The engine of equine research long advocated by Kester and fostered perennially by AAEP was growing. The need for indexing the far-flung nature of research projects fell to AAEP.

In August, the International Conference for Equine Sports Medicine was held in San Diego and jointly sponsored by AAEP and the Association for Equine Sports Medicine (AESM). The conference was an unqualified success not only because of the sharing of current scientific data on an international basis, but also because it enhanced collegiality in equine sports medicine, proved a valuable source for AAEP speakers, and neither last nor least, it was a fiscally viable event. Misguided and mistaken editorial criticism of AAEP's sponsorship proved wide of its mark. This "piggyback" technique for CE was repeated in 1998 when the Society for Theriogenology had their meeting in Baltimore prior to the AAEP annual meeting.

Section chiefs and program reviews were proving their worth with an outstanding scientific program and 676 pages of an excellent Proceedings Book, which also had an index 1956 - 1986 of proceedings by author and subject.

The major event of 1986 was the retirement of Executive Secretary Sage Kester and the hiring of Mr. Michael J. Nolan. Mike came to AAEP from the American Horse Council, where he was administrative assistant to Mr. W. Richards Rolapp.

The 1986 Proceedings book was appropriately dedicated to Kester, and in token of his 25 years of service, he was presented with a beautiful sculpture entitled, "The Scout."

"Alleged retirement" would probably be the better historical term for Wayne O. Kester in 1986, as AAEP received the fruits of his devotion, influence, counsel, and guidance to the end of his days.

Two strong and unsung workhorses of AAEP were honored with Distinguished Life Membership. Paul Hoffman and Gene Bierhaus were both very important behind the scenes contributors to AAEP. Both were self-effacing men of high principle in their devotion to AAEP. Paul Hoffman, academician and clinician from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, began and worked tirelessly for many years to keep the AAEP Autotutorial Library current and relevant for convention attendees.

Gene M. Bierhaus, All-American end, University of Minnesota (back to back national champions), and U.S. Marine Corps heavyweight boxing

champ, came to veterinary medicine after WWII with its attendant Pacific campaign injuries. Owner of a successful small animal practice, Gene was recruited by Scott Jackson to be the Racing Commission Veterinarian for horse racing in Colorado. Armed with a superior testing laboratory and with a totally open and honest relationship with track practitioners, Bierhaus was an excellent spokesman for the policy of “controlled medication” in horse racing. Hoffman and Bierhaus were also frequent contributors to AAEP conventions in the ‘60s and ‘70s.

The president’s message delivered at the 1986 banquet for newly-installed James Coffman was clear in setting out the course for AAEP in terms of committee accomplishments and governance changes. Barely noticeable in the course of Coffman’s remarks was a paragraph so compelling as to become an inspiring creed to many veterinarians in AAEP:

We must take care to maintain a high level of awareness of why we exist as an organization, lest we lose our bearings in the midst of the rapid pace at which things are changing and increasing in complexity. I submit we as equine practitioners exist as an organization because of the horse and the medical and surgical needs peculiar to the species. I would argue further that this consideration serves as a virtually infallible standard against which to consider all AAEP policy. If thought through to its ultimate conclusion, whenever a question is answered based upon the welfare of the horse, the human principles involved are also best served in the long run. We are here for the horse; to the extent that we are responsive to that concept, we will prosper both as individuals and as an organization.

- Presidential Address, James Coffman, 1986



REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Richard J. Sheehan, D.V.M.

Whenever I am asked to define the American Association of Equine Practitioners, my response is that AAEP is a group of hard-working, progressive, dedicated men and women with a unique and unswerving singleness of purpose that is the health and welfare of the horse. Because of the efforts of AAEP in continuing education, and in providing expertise and advice to the horse industry, equine practitioners are held in high regard by the industry we serve.

My goals are to maintain AAEP's progressive image and to continue moving in the positive, upbeat direction established by my predecessors. The first order of business is to see to a smooth transition of our Executive Directorship from General Kester to Mike Nolan. The initial step in that process was a decision by the Board to establish our headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky.

The pilot study of our Racetrack Breakdown Project should be completed in 1987. Following this we will seek funding to complete the rest of the project.

In 1959, some states did not require a pre-race examination. AAEP took the stand that pre-race exams should be required and that the requirements should be standardized. In the ensuing 27 years, not much has changed. I plan to charge the Racing Committee to draw guidelines for pre-race examinations that can be distributed to all racing jurisdictions. A thorough pre-race examination is preventative medicine at its best and will do more to prevent breakdowns than any other endeavor.

A long range planning committee will be established. Its charges will be: 1) survey the membership as to their thoughts on how the organization can best serve them; 2) compile a list of ways for members of AAEP to be better involved in the organization; 3) determine how best to make AAEP's expertise available to the rest of the equine industry; 4) determine ways to use the educated and dedicated membership for the good of all, especially for the well being of the horse.

One of the greatest challenges to the equine practitioner is to educate new and potential owners and ensure their horses get the very best care modern science can provide. This will require greater understanding of the role of the veterinarian and better knowledge of sound horse management.

Officers elected for 1987 were: Richard J. Sheehan, President; J. Fred Arnold, President-elect; James L. Voss, Vice President, and Edward S. Murray, Member-at-large. J. Clyde Johnson was elected to the new position of Treasurer and Mr. Michael Nolan, formerly with the American Horse Council, was appointed to succeed General Wayne O. Kester as Executive Director effective January 1, 1987. Frank Milne will continue as Editor of the Proceedings Book.

General Kester will serve as Professional Consultant to AAEP and will operate the

Golden, CO office until the new Lexington headquarters is functioning. Inquiries should be directed to the Golden address until the location of the Lexington office is announced in the March Newsletter.

CONVENTION NEWS

Highlights of the Convention included a salute to General Kester and the election of Dr. Gene Bierhaus of Colorado and Dr. Paul Hoffman of Georgia as Distinguished Life Members of AAEP.

The 1986 scientific program ran from November 30 through December 3 and included 76 presentations. Attendance broke all records with 2,665 total registrants. Of these, 1,479 were AAEP North American members, 63 International members from 21 countries, 75 veterinary students, 376 exhibitors, and 672 guests.

Commercial exhibits occupied 133 booths—by far the largest and best display ever assembled for equine practice. The program was directed by Dr. Eugene Carroll who will serve as both Convention and Trade Show Manager in 1987.

The 1987 Convention will be in the New Orleans Hilton Hotel from November 28 through December 2. Program scheduling will be similar to this year except that most committee meetings will be held on Saturday rather than later in the program. Per diem for committee members was not authorized. The same staff, Eugene and Barbara Carroll, Stan and Jody Teeter, Manuel and Karen Thomas and Sage and Lucy Kester, will handle the 1987 Convention under the direction of Mike Nolan.

BY-LAW CHANGES

The following by-law changes were approved:

1. The Immediate Past President will be included on the Board of Governors and Executive Board.
2. A Treasurer for the association will be elected by the Executive Board and will serve on the Board as a non-voting member.
3. Committee appointments:
 - a) A member shall be limited to three committee appointments and may chair no more than one.
 - b) Committee membership shall be limited to three consecutive one-year terms on a rotational basis (with one-third of the membership rotating each year). Annual renewal is subject to the recommendation of the chairman. In special circumstances, reappointment can be made by the President for a maximum of three additional years subject to the approval of a two-thirds majority of the Executive Board.
 - c) Members rotating off the committee are eligible for reappointment to the committee after one year.
 - d) Committees shall be limited to twelve members or less, divisible by three, to fit the rotational objective.
 - e) Tenure of committee chairmen shall be limited to three years or the balance of the unexpired term. Eligibility for reappointment is the same as for committee members.
 - f) Liaison appointments are made by the President and are, thereafter, subject to

annual review and confirmation by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Board.

- g) The liaison officer shall, when appropriate, be an ex officio member of the related committee.
- h) A committee composed of the President, President-elect, Vice President and Member-at-large shall develop a slate of appointments for recommendation to the new President prior to the annual meeting with appointments to be made following the meeting.

4. Executive Board Tenure:

Tenure of Executive Board membership shall be one three-year term, with eligibility for one reappointment, after which the individual shall be ineligible for not less than three years. Alternate Board membership shall be limited to the same provisions with eligibility for appointment as Board Member at that time, or interruption of three years before renewal of eligibility for reappointment.

BOARD ACTIONS

Other actions taken by the Executive Board included:

1. Approval of a resolution submitted by Dr. D. L. Proctor reiterating AAEP's position that in the interest of preventing drug residues in the human food chain, the unauthorized sale of drugs to laymen should be halted.
2. Agreement to support the performance of necropsies on horses which die on North American racetracks.
3. Approval to publish the "Compendium of Equine Immunizing Agents," compiled by the Biologic and Therapeutic Agents Committee in both the Newsletter and in pamphlet form.
4. Establishment of a policy that scientific meetings sponsored by other organizations would not be authorized immediately prior or subsequent to AAEP annual convention.
5. Approval of a proposal to waive dues for AAEP members disabled and no longer able to practice, waiver to be based on review of each application by the Membership Committee.
6. Deferring a decision on a proposal for a dues exempt category for senior members comparable to that of AVMA.
7. Authorizing \$1,000 in support of the AVMA Colloquium on Alleviation of Pain in Animals scheduled for May 15-17, 1987.
8. Agreement to continue financial support for the Grayson Foundation, Morris Animal Foundation (those funds to be used in support of the Breakdown Research Study) and American Horse Council. The Board also approved two grants recommended by the Scholarship Committee amounting to \$8,000.
9. Pledging AAEP's best efforts to assist the American Quarter Horse Association in the enforcement of its show and contest rule which prohibits the application or injection of any drug, chemical, or foreign substance which results in or could result in restriction of the normal tail function or carriage.

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FOREWORD

The presentations given before a packed auditorium at the 1987 meeting have shown what should have been obvious to all members with the passing of the years, the differences in the form of knowledge dissemination. For example, eons of time ago, invited speakers would actually READ a paper which probably had been laboriously prepared, failing to appreciate the soporific effects on the audience! (How many knowledgeable scientists can capture and hold the attention of their audience for more than, say, 15-20 minutes? Ask any veterinary student-he will tell you!)

With the advent of color slides in the early '50s, a welcome change took place-"have slides, will travel" was the password of many who partook in the speakers' circuit. A picture, if it was clear, was truly worth a thousand words even if the dimmed or almost non-existent lighting allowed heads to nod and sleep to take over!

Today, we have an advancement in that technology-the double or dual projector presentation. Have you noticed that following his introduction, the speaker in more than 90% of cases commences his presentation with "May I have the first slide, please?" Why the double projection form of delivery? Does it tell any more than the single slide method? I doubt it.

Amazingly, those who use this expensive form of presentation come usually from universities which are perpetually complaining about the lack of operating funds available to them from their sponsors!

But let's look at it in a different light... How does an editor of a Proceedings Book equate such a method of presentation with the mandatory offering of a written submission which sometimes carries few if any illustrations? Now, there is a problem! To be valid, the oral and written presentations must bear some resemblance to each other. Only the speaker can ensure that the spoken and written words coincide for the benefit of absent members.

Many people write papers for publication in response to the demands of the "publish or perish syndrome." For those invited to appear before an annual A.A.E.P. Convention, the task is greater in that both a written as well as an oral presentation are necessary. To those disseminators of information, a tip of the editorial hat. Thanks for not only spoken words, even with the double slide technique, but also for your manuscripts which will live on long after your slide presentation has been forgotten.

F. J. Milne,
Editor

The Proceedings Book Forewords of the Milne era are always worth the read. The long-suffering editor wryly begs, wheedles, cajoles, chides, and harangues for timely papers for publication on an almost annual basis. In 1987 Frank Milne is taken with the latest in slide projection presentation - the double screen. Sad that he missed the power point era.



Outgoing president Richard Sheehan, right, passes the gavel to new president Fred Arnold.

Distinguished Life Member status was conferred on two of AAEP's perennial "work horses." Stan Teeter and Bill Romane gave distinguished and largely unsung service over more than two decades of AAEP history. Bill Romane, professor at Texas A and M College of Veterinary Medicine, was a credible recruiter for AAEP among his students. Bill chaired the Membership and Infractions Committee for over twenty years.

Stan Teeter had the title of Convention Manager, which meant that he was responsible for everything, especially anything that went wrong. He shepherded lost Executive Board Members around the convention hotels, he dealt with lost or forgotten banquet tickets, tour tickets, etc. He served as Kester's (Convention Director) eyes, ears, legs, strong right arm and was the first name for any convention crisis - 98% of which never saw the light of day. AAEP was remarkably well-served for many years by an outstanding convention team: Stan and Jody Teeter, Gene and Barbara Carroll, Sage and Lucy Kester, and Manuel "Tommy" and Karen Thomas. All were utility infielders and their jobs always exceeded the titles given. All of this done efficiently and effectively for little pay and less notice.

A presentation by A.G. Lavin at the meeting branded him for good or for ill as potential leadership of AAEP. The paper rewards a re-read even in 2004.

The 1987 New Orleans meeting enjoyed record attendance. It was the third year of the new policy of refereed manuscripts for at least part of the scientific presentations. The Proceedings Book had a section for refereed presentations and a section for those papers not refereed. Milne articulated the situation in both the Policy Statement and the Foreword of the Proceedings. To read either is to revisit the acerbic wit of that legendary Scot!

The Morris Animal Foundation Survey/Study of equine colic epidemiology and risk factors that was begun in 1985 was presented at the New Orleans meeting. Although not the first such work, the Morris Study marked the start of industry study to understand equine colic in terms of demographics, risk factors, prognosis, surgical indications and more. The meeting presented a wide variety of sections and papers which responded to member concerns and “new” science. Ranging from Purchase Examination to Developmental Orthopedic Disease (DOD) to Racetrack Practice, the Scientific Program of 1987 was comprehensive.



The “Convention Crew” — Familiar faces for many years around the AAEP Convention headquarters desk: General W. O. “Sage” Kester, 20 years; Mrs. W.O. “Lucy” Kesser, 11 years; Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Carroll, 8 years; and Dr. & Mrs. Stanley Teeter, 15 years.

**J. CLYDE JOHNSON, VMD
TREASURER 1987 - 1992**

As a member of the board of directors for AAEP since 1979, my interest in the finances of the organization must have been apparent because, in 1986, then President Dick Sheehan called and asked if I would serve as the treasurer of AAEP. There had been only one before and that was Sage Kester. I wasn't sure my feet would fit his shoes but my answer was that I would try. It was to be a transitional time and not an easy one, going from Golden, Colorado to the new home in Lexington, Kentucky. However Sage and Lucy Kester were at all times very helpful. Our budget then was in the \$500,000 range, and the calendar year was our tax year, however a large part of our income and expenses happened in December. Not an easy accounting scenario! We tried a July 1 - June 30, still cash accounting but membership dollars got in the way, so we were forced to go back to January 1 - December 31 accrual - which only CPA's understand! To add one more iron to this bonfire, I lived in Vermont, and much of this had to be done by phone with an occasional trip to Kentucky and Colorado. The treasurer was a new position and the board decided that it was a nonvoting position. (Didn't mean I couldn't talk!)

Our transitional office in the Lexington Convention Center, affectionately known as the "Candy Store" with three people, moved to our permanent office constructed at the Kentucky Horse Park and shared with the Pony Club. Mike Nolan had been hired as our executive director and David Foley joined us as Convention Manager. Soon after our move to the Horse Park, Brad Mitchell came on board as a financial officer, which certainly made my life easier, because our budget now was well over a million dollars. In 1989, David served as our interim director, and in 1990 Gary Carpenter was hired as our executive director. My term as treasurer ended in 1992.

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“No contribution to the development of AAEP and equine practice has equaled or approached that of Frank Milne in producing the prestigious AAEP Proceedings Book.”
Wayne O. Kester

FOREWORD

Dr. Frank J. Milne is retiring from his position as Editor of the American Association of Equine Practitioner's Proceedings book. This is the 29th proceedings book edited by Dr. Milne and marks the end of an era of one of the Association's legends. The proceedings book has been one of the most significant contributions to membership services. Its quality has been unparalleled when compared to the proceedings of many other associations. Over time, the book has enlarged by tremendous proportions and is utilized as a reference source by practitioners, academicians, students, librarians and other individuals with an interest in equine medicine and surgery. The format of the book has attempted to accommodate presentations from very simple “how I do things” to scientific presentations offered by some of the profession's best academicians and researchers. Although input into the proceedings is shared by many, there has been one force responsible for protecting the quality and content of papers in print. When pressure to change has occurred, one individual has stood fast to maintain, without wavering, the quality, preciseness and completeness of the proceedings. Dr. Frank Milne has been the single most responsible force in making our proceedings what it has been, what it is and what it will continue to be. Being editor of the proceedings book has not been an easy job. The compensation in relation to hours spent may not have always been fair. His mark on the profession will not be forgotten as it is present in every proceedings book he has dealt with. In the American Association of Equine Practitioners, Dr. Frank Milne will remain a legend. This is the final proceedings book he will edit and it is dedicated to him. Thank you Frank for giving so much of yourself to benefit all of us.



Dr. Frank Milne

James L. Voss
President, 1989

The transition of AAEP Official Headquarters and executive director functions from Golden, Colorado to Lexington, Kentucky was seamless. Most of the membership did not notice the changes. This was due in no small measure to the leadership of President J. Fred Arnold and an inspired executive board. Mr. Mike Nolan, Kester's successor, had come from the American Horse Council and so was familiar with AAEP and its national position in the equine industry.

Jim Voss, President Elect and Program Chair, assembled a strong cast of section chiefs (10 in all) and had 28 reviewers for the proceedings book. The result was a wide-ranging professional program worthy of the prestige AAEP had established over the years.



Dr. Fred J. Arnold

Members were also updated on drug, medication, and surgical regulations from race, show and breed associations.

Commercial exhibits continued to be an increasing annual asset in terms of education and revenues to the association. Also, a subtle shift to what has evolved to become “educational partnership” began in 1988 with the presentation by Ed Boreski of the MSD Agvet Scholarship funds.



Dr. Edward Boraski, MSD-AGVET, (left) presents Dr. James Voss with a Check for the MSD-AGVET Scholarship.

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The first proceedings book of new Editor Mary G. Royer, MS was as well-written and graphically formatted as any in AAEP history. It made research and reference significantly easier for users. A dozen section chiefs and some 60 reviews kept the program and proceedings first rate. At this time the AAEP Proceedings was no longer alone as the “gold standard” reference in equine veterinary medicine. Several significant texts and a proliferation of periodical magazines, professional and lay, entered the market. Kester wryly observed that all were written, edited, or contributed by AAEP members.

The annual meeting in Boston was very successful and well-attended. However, even Canadians and other “northerners” were impressed with Boston’s brutal winter weather! The cab ride from Logan Airport to the downtown Marriott took longer than many flights, especially at rush hour! “May be a warm day in heaven when AAEP returns.” [Anonymous Board Member]

The thirty-fifth anniversary year was an eventful one, culminating in a record-breaking convention and the fulfillment of many plans and programs long in the making. Policies, procedures, programs, publications, management and staff - all had been revised and expanded to meet the needs of rapidly changing times.



Dr. Frank Milne (left) receives recognition from Dr. James L. Voss for his contributions as editor of the annual Proceedings Books.

The new headquarters office was firmly established in Lexington, Kentucky, with all activities finally combined therein. Such functions as liaison with the racing industry, hotel inspection and contracting, convention management and the commercial exhibits program had been previously delegated to individuals elsewhere.

Office management and administrative procedures along with new computer systems and other equipment were fully modernized and brought up to date. The permanent headquarters staff had been increased to four persons. July 1 - June 30 was established as the fiscal year with annual dues payment tied thereto instead of to the calendar year.

New income from exhibits, increased charges for convention fees and for dues, which had been upped from \$50 to \$100 in 1987, resulted in a total income of \$758,997 for the year - more than double that of years previous to

1987. In the meantime, expenses had also more than doubled to \$601,449, but still left a net income of \$157,548 for the year 1989.

In administration it had been a demanding year on the Executive Board and officers. The Board of Governors had held several telephone conferences and met four times during the year. The Executive Board convened for four sessions during the convention in Boston.

During the meeting, Executive Director Mike Nolan advised that he did not wish to renew his contract. A search for his replacement got under way immediately with publication of the following notice. In the meantime, Mr. David Foley, who had been added to the staff in 1988 as Convention and Exhibits manager, was designated acting Executive Director.

“The AAEP is seeking applicants for the position of Executive Director of the Association. Preference will be given to applicants who possess a veterinary degree and who have experience with the Association or are well known to the equine industry.

The Executive Director will be responsible for administration and organization of the Association’s office, be in charge of publications, conventions and meetings, continuing education, membership services, finances and budget, communications and records. In addition, the Executive Director will be responsible for public and professional relations, committee functions and student organizations. Some responsibilities can be delegated to office staff or members. Some travel in representing the Association at the direction of the Executive Board or President may be necessary. Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.”

The foregoing aptly described the job. Of note, it included full responsibility for public and professional relations as recommended by the PR committee. As a further guide, 20 AAEP Past Presidents attending the President’s Advisory Committee meeting at the time recommended that any future Executive Director be a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Experience during the past three years made it obvious that many in the horse industry would assume that the Executive Director was a veterinarian, and that he represented and spoke for the veterinary profession. With a layman rather than a veterinarian on the spot, this could and sometimes did result in awkward situations in relations with some entities of the industry of importance to AAEP.

Convention attendance in Boston was an all time high of 2,767. This number included 1,427 practitioners from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, and 116 international. All but 51 of the attending practitioners were members. Included were 665 guests, 480 exhibitors, and 73 students.

A total of 333 new members were approved during the meeting - 59 international and 274 from the U.S. and Canada. This was only 15 short of the average for the past six years.

Recruiting new members was not regarded as a problem, although, of an estimated 12,000 involved in equine practice in the U.S., only one third were members of AAEP. Retention of members was a problem in that 1,200 had discontinued membership during the past four years - 519 in 1987, coinciding with the annual dues increase.

Total membership at year's end listed in the Directory for 1990 was 4,338. Of these 3,738 were from the U.S. and Canada and 540 international. Increase for the year was 60 (100 less than the previous ten year average). There were also 408 student members.

Featured at the convention was the presentation of Distinguished Life Member awards to three members in recognition of their many years of dedicated service to AAEP - Drs. Edwin A. Churchill, Eugene R. Carroll, and William D. Roberts. Only 19 such awards had been made in AAEP's 35-year history. The United States Trotting Association also presented Dr. Churchill with a distinguished service award. Dr. Frank J. Milne, 1971 President and recipient of the Distinguished Life Member award in 1985, was presented a special distinguished award for his 29 years of dedicated service as Editor of the Proceedings Book.

District meeting attendance at the convention was larger than usual, possibly because each Board Member had been in touch by mail with members in their respective districts. Members indicated they preferred San Antonio for the 1993 and Vancouver, B.C. for the 1994 conventions; preferred that districts not be redefined because of shifting populations; desired an increase in Association internal communications; approved all features of the convention and the proposed slate of officers for 1990.

Continued tight liaison and cooperation with the AVMA was indicated by the presence at the convention of AVMA President Dr. Samuel Strahm and AVMA liaison officer Dr. David Barnett.

Noted was a survey just released by AVMA indicating that the mean starting salary for all 1989 graduates joining a private practice was \$23,627. Those in "equine predominant" work drew \$357 less. However, additional compensation anticipated in the first year (\$6,456) was expected to be double that of others. Nearly five percent of new graduates were involved in equine practice and 39.1% in "small animal exclusive."

The board of Governors for 1989 had been President James L. Voss, President Elect Edward S. Murray, Vice-President Robert A. Jack, Director-

at-Large Peter F. Haynes, and J. Fred Arnold, Past President. For 1990, each officer was moved up one notch with Arnold retiring and Dan R. Evans added as Director-at-Large. J. Clyde Johnson was again elected Treasurer.

Convention Innovations - New features at the convention were two issues of an "AAEP Convention Newspaper," sponsored and published by commercial companies. A third company provided a consultant for the PR committee. The practice of accepting commercial funds to support AAEP publications and PR programs was also approved, all of which represented a major change in policy. Previously, AAEP had not accepted funds or services from commercial sources for any purpose other than to support AAEP sponsored research.

Added to the scientific presentations was a three-day "Practice Topics" program utilizing 14 speakers, each discussing his selected subject with a small group, emulating a one-on-one situation. Discussions were repeated each day. Very popular, this program would definitely be continued.

Two long-standing and ever-popular program adjuncts were very much in evidence. The autotutorial program started and continued under the direction of Dr. Paul Hoffman for 16 years was well-staged. And again, for the 11th year, the Insta-Tape Company recorded the entire scientific program and made tapes promptly available.

Commercial exhibits were back for the sixth year, more popular than ever. Open hours were increased and provision for more elaborate fast food facilities in the exhibits area was planned. The all time high net income of \$120,000 in 1988 was not quite reached in 1989 because of limited hotel space for exhibits. Ample space would be available for 1990.

The scientific program format followed for the 1989 convention was also here to stay. It provided for four full days of seminars and papers and included one evening for special panels. The format evolved from a 1984 study and recommendations made by a select committee headed by President James Voss. Prior to that time the President-Elect had carried the complete load. Now he would continue as program chairman assisted by several section chiefs, each representing a special discipline. Others in turn assisted each section chief, all qualified in their special area, in shaping up and presenting program panels and seminars on their subjects. Guidelines for authors preparing papers were added in 1989 to those previously published for all others concerned. Finally perfected, it ensured full utilization of all resources and publication of the Proceedings Book as a recognized refereed text.

Committee and Liaison Accomplishments - Several other significant steps were taken at the convention, many of them due to recommendations made

by committee and liaison officers. President Voss observed that nearly 10% of all AAEP members were now involved in the activities of 36 committees and 40 liaison offices. Also, the recent bylaw change limiting term of service on a committee to three years was now starting a continuous influx of new members.

The Racetrack Breakdown Review Committee chaired by Dr. Peter Haynes commanded the most interest. After years of planning, a pilot study funded by AAEP had been satisfactorily completed at the University of Minnesota. Results were in the process of being summarized and incorporated into a designed research proposal document suitable for presentation to entities in the racing industry. AAEP had accomplished its purpose in demonstrating that such a research program was feasible and would be productive, and now hoped the industry would fund and implement a major program. First presentation on the subject by the Committee was to be made to the American Horse Racing Federation; others were to be approached at a later time.

Approved by the Board was the recommendation of the Public Relations Committee that administration of all PR activities, including operation of a pressroom at conventions and a special luncheon for the press during the 1990 convention be a staff responsibility. Establishment of a display on equine veterinary practice at the Kentucky Horse Park would also be a staff job with oversight by the PR committee.

Three AAEP research grants totaling \$10,000 recommended by the Scholarship Committee were approved. Twelve individuals recommended by the committee for consideration by the American Livestock Insurance Company, six of whom were to receive \$1,500 grants from the company, were also approved.

Establishment of a mechanism for reviewing research proposals as a service for potential funding organizations recommended by the Research Committee was approved, as was a plan to update and establish a new list of equine research priorities for 1992.

The annual contributions of \$20,000 in support of American Horse Council activities was increased to \$25,000 with the stipulation that \$5,000 be in support of the American Horse Racing Federation, newly formed as an arm of the Council. AAEP was among its first members and instrumental in its foundation.

Approved also were recommendations by the Farrier Liaison Committee that the 27 veterinary colleges in the United States be surveyed to determine the level of farrier instruction available to students therein. Conduct of a pilot farrier science course in conjunction with a student chapter was also authorized.

Continued support of the laboratory testing Quality Assurance Program of the Association of Racing Commissioners International, as recommended by the Racing Committee, was approved with the appropriation of \$5,000 for the year. Most recent reports indicated that \$30 million had been spent on drug testing by the industry in 1987.

Related Events in the Industry - Among other events of note during 1989, the USDA had established the position of a Staff Equine Specialist. A comparable office, "USDA Chief Health Officer for Equine Disease," had been established in 1965 under pressure instigated by AAEP and USAHA, but was eliminated 17 years later in a government economic crunch.

Significant in the world of research was the formation of the Grayson-Jockey Club Foundation by a merger of the Grayson Foundation and the Jockey Club Research Foundation, thus consolidating research administration know-how with substantial sources of research funds.

The American Thoroughbred Breeders Alliance formed in January of 1989 was yet another organization requiring AAEP liaison attention.

Publications - Revision and reissue of the many publications was under way, most of them prepared and recommended by applicable committees.

After a two-year study by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, the "Constitution and Bylaws" was updated and approved for publication in the annual Membership Directory. Among the new additions was a provision for Honor Roll Members - those who have reached age 70 and have been an AAEP member continuously for 40 years or who have reached age 72 and maintained continuous membership since 1960. Provision was also made for disabled and retired members. All were to retain full membership privileges and to be excused from annual dues payment.

"Official Guide for Determining the Age of the Horse" - the fifth edition was just off the press. First published in 1966, it soon became THE official guide, still in use in many parts of the world. It was subsequently translated and published in Italy and Brazil. Nearly 30,000 copies have been published by AAEP.

"Guide for Veterinary Service and Judging of Equestrian Events" - the third edition, updated by the Trail and Events and the Horse Show committees, was finalized for publication. First published in 1971, this book had long been the guide used not only by AAEP members, but also by many others, such as management involved in all major competitive equestrian events, including racing.

"AAEP Hospital Planning Manual" - the third revision was being updated

and finalized by the Hospital Planning Committee for publication. First published in 1979 with a major revision in 1985, it rapidly became a widely used guide for equine hospital construction.

“Serving the Equine Industry” - this illustrated pamphlet describing how AAEP serves the industry was under revision by the Public Relations Committee. The industry was well-saturated with this PR tool when first published in 1983. The time for a repeat action was overdue.

“The Veterinary Role in Equine Insurance” - was in the process of being updated for republication. First compiled as a 20-page booklet in 1985 by the Equine Insurance Committee and several representatives of the insurance industry, it served as a guide for both and solved many long-standing problems.

“Horse Identification Manual” - after years of study, the Identification Committee was instructed to finalize a draft for publication. The use of funds from commercial sources to cover the publishing cost was authorized.

“Index of Equine Medical Research” - the second edition was to be published at once. The first edition, published as an AAEP-Grayson Foundation joint effort in the June 1986 AAEP Newsletter, included most of the recently completed and ongoing research in the U.S. and six other countries. It was now out of print but still popular and sought after by researchers - consequently the decision to continue with the joint effort. Forerunner of this effort was the “AAEP Equine Research Bulletin,” first published by AAEP in 1964, updated and republished in 1965 and 1967 by AAEP and the Morris Animal Foundation, and again by the USDA with AAEP assistance in 1975 and 1976.

“Scientific Abstracts” - assembled by the Abstracts Committee was first published as a separate 230-page volume in 1987 and again as a 260-page volume in 1988. For the previous 20 years, these had been published annually as a section in the October AAEP Newsletter magazine. It was now to be continued as a separate publication and all material for the 1989 issue was ready for the publisher.

“The Annual Convention Report” - was started in 1988 and was to be continued in a book form of 80 or more pages. Previously this had been published in detail as a section of each March AAEP Newsletter magazine.

“Compendium of Immunizing Agents” - an updated version by the Biologic and Therapeutic Agents Committee was ready for publication. This had first been assembled and distributed as a paper in 1987. It was now to receive formal publication.

“AAEP Membership Directory” - was expanded to include the telephone

numbers of members listed and also the current official revision of the Constitution, Bylaws and Professional Guidelines. Published each January, it had previously included the name and addresses of current members, a list of officers, board members, committee members, and chairman and liaison officers.

“The AAEP Report” - was to be continued as a bi-monthly four to six page self-mailer brochure. The January issue was to be a report on the just-concluded annual convention. Other issues were to include information on future meetings and other items of current interest to AAEP members. The “Report” devised by the PR Committee in 1980 as a tool for internal communications had been published three or more times a year to augment the Newsletter. Together with the above-mentioned Convention Report and Scientific Abstracts books, it would replace the old AAEP Newsletter magazine, which had been published in March, June, and September.

“Annual Convention Proceedings Book” - was to be continued in two sections, the first and major portion as a peer-reviewed refereed publication, and the second section to contain unrefereed papers, abstracts, and other useful information generated at the convention. This procedure was initiated by Editor Frank Milne in 1985 in order to provide a refereed publication for authors and still comply with his long-stated prime purpose of publishing the Proceedings to satisfy the needs of all members, including those who could not attend the Convention. With publication of the 1988 Book - his 29th as Editor - Dr. Milne retired. Ms. Mary Royer replaced him.

A vast change had also occurred in the overall field of veterinary publications. For many years AAEP publications, especially the Proceedings Book, had been practically the only one available on equine practice. In 1990 there were numerous modern texts and dozens of related magazines. Most all of these books and magazines were edited by AAEP members. A situation was developing whereby AAEP publications, long the mainstay and incentive for membership in the Association, was facing a competitive field.

Of note - one commercial company proposed publishing a magazine for AAEP. After due consideration, the Executive Board rejected the proposal as it had similar previous offers.

The Future - As it moved out of the decade of the 80's into that of the 90's, the future of AAEP appeared to be even brighter. Growth in numbers and in resources had been steady and consistent for 35 years. There was no reason to believe this trend would not continue. The adverse economy in the horse industry during the past four years was improving. It may have curtailed equine practice in some areas, however there was no decrease in numbers, and there was little if any impact on AAEP.

Two apparent challenges did remain - that of retaining and that of recruiting members. New members had averaged 348 annually for the last six years. Members discontinued averaged 246 (regarded as excessive), resulting in a net average gain of 102. Of concern also was the fact that less than one third of all veterinarians involved in equine practice were members of AAEP. The reasons were not evident and had not been seriously investigated. AAEP's answer had been to provide the best possible continuing education programs and publications for its membership. Continued growth in numbers and convention attendance were evidence of its success.

With the new office, staff, and operating procedures firmly in place, continued growth in membership and resources and a series of topnotch annual conventions in the making, AAEP was well-prepared to move into the decade of the 90's.

JIM VOSS - PRESIDENT

Bob Adams encouraged me to go to my first AAEP meeting in Denver (1962) and I was amazed at what could be learned by attending this educational program. Meeting members who had published in various journals, proceedings, and books intrigued me. I was also intrigued by the amount of enthusiasm AAEP members had in sharing their knowledge with others. Although I had worked with and been around horses all my life, I developed a strong interest in the physiological and medical aspects of equine medicine and surgery. After the first meeting, I realized the importance of what one gathered from the scientific presentations as well as hallway conversations. The AAEP has always been an organization where individuals are happy to volunteer for no reward and share their knowledge with everyone who may be interested. I have, through the AAEP, met some great people and developed wonderful friends that have lasted a lifetime. A very significant part of what I am today I owe to the horse and to the AAEP.

During my time on the Executive Board, the AAEP underwent rapid growth. Facing the retirement of General Wayne O. Kester, much thought process and planning went into a decision to modernize the administrative structure of the organization. There was great controversy as to whether the executive director should be a veterinarian or professional administrator. In addition, there was much controversy as to whether the main office should remain in Denver or perhaps move to Lexington, Kentucky. The ultimate decision was to move the office to Lexington and to interview both veterinarians and professional administrators.

During my year as president elect, I had the privilege of serving as chairman of the search committee to recommend a candidate for executive director. After completing a national search and interviewing several (four or perhaps five) individuals, the name Mike Nolan was forwarded to the board,

and he was ultimately hired. This represented a dramatic change in the administrative structure of the organization.

The year as president was an extremely frustrating one for me. The new executive director and I had difficulty in communicating. I struggled with the problem that I could not be an effective president with the personalities involved. I informed Mr. Nolan at the Boston meeting that his services would be terminated at the end of that fiscal year. Perhaps one of the best things that happened to the AAEP was hiring Gary Carpenter to fill the executive administrative position. Through his knowledge and leadership, he streamlined the office into a high tech, fully computerized, hard-working group. He was largely responsible for reorganizing and modernizing committee structures, responsibilities and organization. Mr. David Foley has continued to do an outstanding job after Mr. Carpenter resigned.

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DEDICATION

FRANK J. MILNE, DVM, DR. MED. VET., MRCVS, DIPLOMATE, ACVS

In dedicating the Proceedings of the 36th Annual convention of the American Association of Equine Practitioners to the memory of Dr. Frank J. Milne, we acknowledge that the Proceedings as it appears today is largely a result of Dr. Milne's untiring efforts and demand for high standards. Throughout his 29



years as Editor-in-Chief of the publication, Dr. Milne insisted that every item of professional interest presented during the convention programs be included in the book for the benefit of the practitioners who could not be there. Always a high quality publication through Dr. Milne's diligence and tireless dedication, the Proceedings have become internationally renowned as the authoritative source for current information on equine practice.

Dr. Frank Milne was a man of true intellect and uncompromising high standards, morally, ethically, professionally, and editorially.

Dr. Milne taught and inspired veterinarians, veterinary students, and academicians all over the world over a long and productive career.

As a member of the AAEP, Frank Milne was a giant of legendary proportions: he was recording secretary and Executive Board member for 30 years and President of AAEP in 1971. He was named the 15th Distinguished Life Member of AAEP in 1985. Towering above all of Dr. Milne's many accomplishments in AAEP was his devoted and outstanding service as Editor-in-Chief of the AAEP Proceedings Book for 29 years. Past President James Voss remarked, "Dr. Frank Milne has been the single most responsible force in making our Proceedings Book...one of the most significant contributions to membership services; it is unparalleled when compared to proceedings of many other associations and is a reference source to practitioners, academicians, students, librarians, and other individuals and institutions with an interest in equine medicine and surgery. His mark on the profession will not be forgotten as it is present in every Proceedings Book he ever dealt with."

Our sense of loss is heightened by strong personal and professional memories of Dr. Milne as well as his unstinting service to this publication as Special Editor and consultant in general practice for many years.

Dr. Milne needs to be eulogized by more articulate voices. Perhaps more appropriate is that of his fellow Scotsman, Robert Burns:

*An honest man here lies at rest,
As e'er God with His image blest;
The friend of man, the friend of truth,
The friend of age, and guide of youth;
Few hearts like his—with virtue warmed,
Few heads with knowledge so informed;
If there's another world, he lives in bliss;
If there is none, he made the best of this.*

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In February the California Horse Racing Board ruled that all horses that die at California racetracks be necropsied at one of the labs of the California

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Veterinary Diagnostic System. Jack Robbins, ninth President of AAEP (1963), was influential to this initiative. It was funded in part by Oak Tree Racing Association and a tax of parimutuel wagering in California (See Appendix III). Adding their weight to the significance of this study were the Association of Racing Commissioners International and AAEP. Both organizations continued this work by endorsing a nationwide pilot program for reporting racing injuries and fatalities on a voluntary basis. (Appendix III)

May 1990 - "Spur, Texas - Dr. Ed Murray, the 36th President of AAEP, announces that Mr. Gary Carpenter has been hired as the new Executive Director of AAEP. A native of Texas, Carpenter brings 13 years of equine industry experience in public relations, education, and administration." (AAEP Report 1990)



Gary Carpenter

"The hiring of Carpenter presignified firm direction and boded well for the future of AAEP." (Wayne O. Kester, AAEP History: The First 35 Years)

"The members of the AAEP with whom I have come in contact through the years are very proud of their organization. Their pride increases my enthusiasm about the opportunities ahead." - Gary Carpenter, June 1990)

Lasix/EIPH were important buzzwords in 1990. Partly in response to a Lasix study by the University of Pennsylvania, but mostly for addition to the "Proposed Rules Relating to the Medication of Race Horses," AAEP issued a statement on the control of EIPH. The statement was painstakingly reviewed and drafted by an AAEP ad hoc Lasix Review Committee and publicly issued by the AAEP Board of Directors. As usual, criticism resulted on both sides of the issue. Also as usual, AAEP leadership, study, and articulation of logical medication policy have stood the test of time.

"The Racetrack Breakdown Study," formally titled "AAEP Breakdown Pilot Cohort Study," was presented to the American Horse Racing Federation in October by Vice President Peter Haynes and Calvin Kobluk. Papers were given at AAEP in 1989 and 1990 by Calvin Kobluk.

Under the leadership of H. Steven Conboy, AAEP assembled a display for exhibit at the Kentucky Horse Park (KHP). The display reflecting contemporary equine veterinary medicine was a public relations triumph and was installed in time for the Lexington AAEP meeting.

President Ed Murray and President Elect Bob Jack began implementing various means of contact with student AAEP chapters. Their initiative has

evolved through the years into a strong professional/student relationship that is continuing to grow.

AAEP Headquarters was beginning to chafe at its downtown Lexington facilities. Executive Director Gary Carpenter said, "Our current space is overpriced and inadequate." The intent of the board was to relocate to the Kentucky Horse Park and there was hope that facilities of the U.S. Polo Museum might move to Florida. Failing that, AAEP would have to relocate to another downtown location and wait about two years to build an office at the KHP. (AAEP Memorandum, August 27, 1990)

African Horse Sickness, which surfaced in Spain in 1987, was becoming a serious concern. The disease overwintered in Spain 1987 to 1990. This had serious implications for the 1992 Olympic equestrian events. The science and epidemiology of the Spanish outbreak were not arguable. As always, the politics were problematic.

In June, Steve Conboy, AAEP member and also a member of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal Disease, chaired an international symposium on African Horse Sickness. The American Horse Council (AHC) sponsored the scientific symposium. AAEP, AHC, and other industry groups had met with USDA-APHIS starting in 1988 to raise concerns over "the lack of attention given by the Department to horse related issues."

Manual A. "Tommy" Thomas, Jr. joined the Hyattsville staff of Veterinary Service on August 27, 1990. Tommy, a 1966 graduate of Kansas State University of College of Veterinary Medicine, joined AAEP in 1969, served on many committees, and was a key member (with spouse Karen) of the AAEP Convention Staff for many years.

In the fall of 1990, the Breeders' Cup featured among its all-star card several racing "breakdowns," including the euthanasia of "Go For Wand." The resultant media outcry was predictable and shrill. What on the surface seemed to be a public relations disaster was translated by AAEP and its leaders into opportunity. [Enclosed documents of November 14 and December 12, 1990.] The successful and award winning "On Call" Program instituted during the leadership of A.G. Lavin dates from this 1990 crisis.

The 1990 annual meeting in Lexington was the largest ever in all areas: commercial exhibits, international turnout, student attendance, and a whopping 25% increase in AAEP member attendance. Past President Fred Arnold and his local arrangement group turned out Kentucky hospitality of epic proportions, including farm tours, Kentucky Horse Park (with the newly installed AAEP display), and warm reception by Lexington merchants and officials. The Rupp Arena proved to be an excellent venue for all phases of

the meeting. It was a long view back to the Phoenix Hotel meeting of 1963 and its parochial intimacy: the clear Irish tenor of Tom Dunkin's singing, the legacy of the prior convention of Kentucky County Sheriffs, several cases of confiscated moonshine, and to be sure, serious contemporary collegial equine science! A lot had changed in 27 years, but AAEP still delivered the best collegiality and continuing professional education in the known universe and a good time (both times) was had by all!

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Executive Board and Past Presidents
FROM: Gary L. Carpenter, Executive Director
RE: Breeders' Cup Tragedy
DATE: November 14, 1990

I have had phone calls from several Board members and other members related to the tragedies during the Breeders' Cup. Many are asking what we can do. I don't have the answers. However, we do have some contacts that I think will be useful. Here are some of the ideas, concerns, and believe it or not pluses from this unfortunate set of circumstances:

1. Many have been extremely upset that no veterinarian, specifically an AAEP member was available for comment. The network apparently has said that they had a difficult time explaining why Go For Wand had to be destroyed. I understand that they plan to have a model of an equine forelimb available to help explain how it works. We are working with our Breeders' Cup and network contacts to see if we can have a member available. Next year's Breeders' Cup will be at Churchill Downs. Obviously we have several active members in the Louisville area. In fact, Dr. Lavin went to great lengths to have some input in the network both on the AAEP Breakdown Study and the Lasix issues.
2. Two Breeders' Cup representatives have met with Dr. Jim Smith of Lexington about the Breakdown Study. They expressed some interest and their full board will hear a brief report on the study on December 10, possibly from Dr. Cal Kobluk.
3. I contacted the "Blood Horse", who in turn contacted Dr. Haynes. They may run editorial commenting favorably on the Breakdown Study. Dr. Haynes has also spoken with newspapers in New Orleans and Dallas.
4. We are providing media training for the officers prior to this year's Convention. It has been suggested that a session on media training would be a useful, "Practice Topics" item in future years.
5. The Lexington meeting will have the largest media turnout ever, and we may have coverage from all three Lexington network affiliates on the furosemide panel.

We will discuss these issues at the Board meeting. I urge you to consider these situations carefully so that we can deal with them in the most productive manner possible.

Cc: Drs. James D. Smith, Gary Lavin and Cal Kobluk

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December 12, 1990

Mr. James E. Bassett III
Breeders' Cup Limited
P.O. Box 4230
Lexington, KY 40544

Dear Mr. Bassett:

On behalf of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP), its Executive Board and Officers, I would like to extend an offer of assistance to and cooperation with the Breeders' Cup.

I understand that Dr. Jim Smith of Lexington has discussed the study entitled "Evaluation of Factors Affecting Equine Racing Injuries" with you and Mr. Van Clief. We stand ready to have an AAEP representative who is familiar with the study to discuss it further with you or your Board.

Dr. Bob Jack, AAEP President, related that Drs. Jack Robbins and Bill Reed have discussed with you the possibilities of having AAEP provide a team of its members to assist the Breeders' Cup and other nationally televised racing events in dealing with emergency care of the acutely injured horse. In concert with this, we would have knowledgeable, media-trained equine practitioners available to explain to the television audience and the general public the significance of those matters of a veterinary nature affecting racing.

Mr. Bassett, we are ready to discuss these matters at your convenience. Please let me know if we may be of service.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Carpenter
Executive Director

Cc: Mr. D. G. Van Clief
AAEP Board of Governors
AAEP Past Presidents
Dr. Jim Smith

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The AAEP Board of Directors met in late July to consider the Long Range/Strategic Planning Proposal as set forth by the ad hoc committee of the same name. The committee was formed by President Robert A. Jack in December of 1990 and met in three sessions to reformulate the committee and administrative structure of AAEP.

Chaired by workhorse Peter Haynes, members included Nancy Cole, James R. Coffman, Jerry B. Black, and Robert D. Lewis. Ex-Officio: President Bob Jack and Executive Director Mr. Gary Carpenter. Consultants: Mr. Ted Broida and QRC Corporation, Lexington, Kentucky.



Dr. Robert A. Jack, AAEP President, 1991

The AAEP Executive Board unanimously accepted the Committee report at the AVMA convention in Seattle, July 28, 1991. The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons determined that pin firing of horses offered no therapeutic value and decided to ban the procedure. President Jack asked Steve Conboy to chair an ad hoc committee to “articulate our position on this matter.”

When asked by a representative of Schering Corporation (Vancouver) if he “still fired horses” (instead of using the short-lived sodium morulate compound) the “Sage of Paris” replied, “Young lady, not only do I still fire horses, but I select my friends based on whether or not they still fire horses!”



Ted Basset eloquently welcomed the AAEP to its new home.

On June 19, 1991 the Kentucky Horse Park Commission approved plans for the AAEP headquarters building in the KHP and also approved a 99-year lease. The official groundbreaking was September 13, 1991.

“The ground that you stand on today symbolizes a new foundation for the AAEP and a stronger future for veterinary medicine with its roots deep in the heart of horse country. We

are proud to call Kentucky home,” said Robert Jack, 37th President of AAEP.

James E. “Ted” Bassett III, President of the Keenland Association, welcomed AAEP to the Kentucky Horse Park.

AAEP members Bob Fritz, Ben Franklin, Rick Arthur, Gary Norwood, and Jim Smith attended and lent expertise to the annual meeting of the HBPA in Del Mar, California. At that time, Bob Fritz was Chairman of the HBPA Medication Committee. (See Drugs and Medication Timeline, 1991)



AAEP President Dr. Robert Jack and Keeneland Association President Ted Bassett literally break ground with a horse-drawn plow. Out of the camera range, Kentucky Horse Park's Percherons Chet and Charlie supply the power.

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Among papers at the 1992 Orlando meeting was a well-refereed academic presentation by C. Wayne McIlwraith entitled “The Usefulness and Side Effects of Intra-articular Corticosteroids - What Do We Know?” This was a reasoned response to a trend in popular press/media critical of the use of intra-articular (IA) steroids in racing. (See Drugs and Medication Timeline 1993) As with the situation with phenylbutazone, furosemide, and racetrack medications in general, AAEP sought to provide scientific, logical, supportive counsel to the racing industry as well as to all horse interests, especially the cornerstone - the equine practitioner.

As Distinguished Life Members in 1992, two champions from the Bluegrass were selected. Dr. Delano L. Proctor, Jr., 15th President of AAEP and later President of AVMA, was a frequent contributor to scientific sessions. “D.L.” maintained a leadership role in organized veterinary medicine for many years. He originated and shepherded AAEP’s political action committee. He was among the first of the “old guard” to become computer and e-mail literate. Veterinary fellowship with Proctor was never dull.

The second Distinguished Life Member was R.W. Copelan of Paris, Kentucky, the 19th President of AAEP. Along with Tieglund, Beeman, Solomon, Woodcock, O’Dea, Brennan, Lavin, and under the direction (but not control) of Kester, Copelan was and is a tireless advocate for sane, transparent medication policies in horse racing. Widely known and highly



(l-r) Dr. Peter Haynes, President, Dr. Dan Evans, President-Elect, Dr. A. Gary Lavin, Vice President, and Dr. Clyde Johnson, Director-at-Large.

regarded in equine orthopedic surgery, Copelan is generous with time and tutelage in AAEP and the industry at large.

Dr. Harold Garner was inducted into the Equine Research Hall of Fame during the AAEP Installation Banquet on December 1. Dr. Garner was a major factor in the development of an equine research program at the University of Missouri's Middlebush Equine Center. His greatest scientific contributions are in equine laminitis, equine endotoxemia and cardiovascular research.



Executive Director Gary Carpenter, left, honored General and Mrs. Kester during the dedication ceremony. With them at right is Dr. Peter Haynes.

In addition to an excellent scientific program, the 38th Annual AAEP meeting featured many presentations ancillary to science but germane to the equine practitioner. Human-animal bond, client handling, euthanasia, ethics, horse handling, and practice management were among the presentations. These presentations were both direct and indirect outgrowths of the labors of the Long Range Strategic Planning (LR/SP) Committee acting on the results of the 1991 member survey.



Dr. DeWitt Owen (center) presents Distinguished Life Member awards to Dr. Robert Copelan (left) and Dr. Delano Proctor, Jr. (right).

Saturday, April 4th was the Gala Dedication Dinner celebrating the completion and opening of the Wayne O. Kester AAEP headquarters building at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington.

Past presidents, executive board members and special guests were in attendance, including Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bower. Earl was the long-time audio-visual coordinator for AAEP.

Additionally, the Executive Board met at this time, beginning a policy of board meetings held more often than once per year at the annual meeting. The growth of AAEP, as well as ongoing board consideration of long range

strategic planning, initiated in 1991, required additional hard work on the part of AAEP Board and staff.

President Pete Haynes, the Board of Directors and staff, worked long and hard at the restructuring of AAEP for improved member service and industry liaison. All committee descriptions were reviewed and most were aligned into six different councils. A designated board member was assigned as liaison to 1) be a resource, and 2) facilitate reporting on board actions.

Based on the 1991 survey, the board continued and expanded efforts in:

- Continuing the tradition of excellent CE for members through the Educational Programs Committee
- Ethics - Not only revising Ethics Committee functions, and scheduling ethics and professional behavior lectures for the meetings
- Racing (see Drugs and Medications Timeline) - In addition to the perennial racetrack problems, the animal welfare groups were beginning to focus and intensify their attacks on the industry
- Membership - Primarily strategies to attract qualified members to AAEP
- Alternative therapies - define, evaluate, articulate, respond

An important product of LR/SP was the Sports Media Guide. A perennial work in progress was the Horse Identification Manual.

During the year, AAEP teamed with Merck to cosponsor ESPN on-camera interviews with AAEP members. The effort was well received but not widely shown. 1992 also saw continued expansion and success of the "On Call" Program, featuring media-trained stars Haynes, Tieglund, Owen, and Jack.

In August, the Executive Committee heard a proposal from Executive Director Gary Carpenter and AAEP staff discussing the possibility of a summer Practice Management Seminar for members. The EC responded favorably and the first AAEP Practice Management Seminar was planned for August of 1993.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew (August 1992), AAEP members Ted Specht, Rocky Bigbee, and Robert Boswell stepped up and coordinated supply, rescue, and treatment efforts. Beyond such selfless work, the realization dawned that disaster response efforts need to be coordinated, at least on a state-by-state level, more probably on a national level. (The first International Conference on Equine Rescue was held February 6th and 7th, 1993.)

In October of 1992, AQHA and Colorado State University presented a seminar on "Techniques for Evaluation of Normal and Altered Tail Function in Equines Utilizing Physical Examination and Electro-diagnostics" given by AAEP members G.F. "Andy" Anderson, G. Marvin Beeman, Steve Colter and Terry Swanson, in addition to CSU faculty.

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1993

**The following “FOREWORD” appeared in the 1993
Proceedings Book**

This edition of the Proceedings Book of the American Association of Equine Practitioner’s Annual Convention marks a significant innovation from previous publications. After hours of discussion, months of planning, and the total commitment of the Education Programs Committee, the section chiefs, and editorial staff we have achieved our goal of presenting this edition prior to the presentation of papers. The opportunity to “preview” the presentation of papers, critique the same simultaneously, and review the information at once should be a decided advance for the membership of AAEP. The commitment to continuing education by the AAEP is foremost in our goals for the advancement of our members.

The dedication of so many, contributors and staff, has been nothing short of magnificent. I stand in awe of their efforts. Every single individual listed in this proceedings book should be applauded for this result. Please join me in giving thanks (and thanksgiving).

Gary Lavin, VMD
1993 Program Chairman

This proceedings Book presents a diverse group of papers to be presented at the 39th Convention of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. The words “to be” represent a significant departure from the traditional publishing schedule of this important book. Never before has this Proceedings been made available to convention attendees. This book is the result of a dedicated staff that includes authors, section chiefs, program officials and headquarters staff members. It is the attendee who benefits the most, and the horse that ultimately benefits. A book in hand during presentations provides the most useful recording tool. As in the past, every paper within this Proceedings book underwent peer review to assure integrity, focus, and accuracy of information presented. Once in the publishing process, each paper underwent critical editing, production and prepress procedures. On behalf of the publishing staff, I express the greatest appreciation for the assistance, support and patience from the section chiefs and authors, Dr. A. Gary Lavin, Dr. J. Clyde Johnson and Dr. Terry Swanson, and the AAEP headquarters staff.

Linda Caddel
Director of Communications

The AAEP agenda for 1993 was clearly articulated in Orlando by incoming President Dan Evans as printed in the “Orlando Convention Special” newsletter.

A CHALLENGE, AN AGGRESSIVE AGENDA

As practitioners, an association, and an industry, we face many remarkable challenges heading into the 21st century. With enthusiasm, I welcome the opportunity to serve our membership as President. My enthusiasm is tempered with the seriousness of a changing economic and ethical tide. Several critical issues face us, and as President, I will focus on these. First, I am committed to enhancing even further leadership in Equine Continuing Education for our membership. Only when we as practitioners are armed with the most current of information, can we truly address the important needs of our owners and clients—their horses. Second, I plan to continue a commitment to communicate with the membership. The AAEP is the strong organization it is because of our member participation. We will continue to develop committee activities that are ongoing year-round. Scheduling programs as ongoing activities guarantees our membership continuity in service and the greatest ability to react to current affairs. Finally, we will continue to develop our high successful “On Call” program.

Medication issues, animal welfare, political activities and student membership are areas that I believe need extra attention. Policies and recommendations on medications use need to be based on scientific data, and administered for the health and welfare of the horse. Medication rules should be uniform throughout the country. Animal welfare is an issue that affects each and every one of us. After all, the welfare of the horse is the reason we became veterinarians, and we as an association must provide leadership and guidance. Hand in hand with this, are the ethical issues that involve our profession. We must lead by example, and define a standard grievance procedure. As our ability to practice veterinary medicine continues to be affected by legislative concern, we must become sensitive and knowledgeable to the political issues, the political process, and to encourage all practitioners to become politically aware. Finally, our future lies with our youth—our student members. I encourage all board members to make themselves available to student chapters.

During the coming year, I want AAEP to participate in a fact-finding market survey with AVMA, more active participation on AVMA councils and committees, further Practice Management continuing education, and complete scientific evaluation of alternative therapies.

If my agenda is ambitious, it only reflects the spirit of our association. I welcome your input, and encourage every one of you to become actively involved in our association.

DEATH OF DAN EVANS

“Untimely” seems a redundant description for most passings. The history of AAEP, beyond a recitation of events, is a story of response to crisis, from its founding to the present day. Reaction of AAEP leadership to the loss of Dan Evans was seamless and clear. The double duty burden fell primarily to President Elect Lavin and Immediate Past President Haynes. All other directors and the excellent AAEP staff rallied to the leadership and energy coming from the top.

“The death of Dan Evans in February 1993 was sudden, unexpected, and poignantly timed while he was attending a veterinary conference. His memorial service at the Wild Animal Park in California was nothing short of brilliance to observe a life and career of someone totally committed to veterinary medicine, surgery, research, and education. Dan Evans was a man of high energy and participation in organized veterinary matters at a local, state, national, and international level. That commitment was vital to his lifestyle. Half measure and half hearted were not in Dan Evans’ vocabulary. His death was most premature. He left a legacy of service that would be difficult to duplicate.”

- A. Gary Lavin, V.M.D.

The first AAEP Practice Management Seminar was held during the summer. The venue was the Keystone Resort in the Colorado Rockies. The seminar was profitable (\$12,000) and was well evaluated by attendees.



The Seven Habits panel, (l-r) J. Clyde Johnson, Barbara Page, John Paul and James Smith.

The San Antonio venue was the beginning of AAEP annual meetings requiring Convention Center facilities. Membership and programs had grown to such a large size that one or even two hotels could not provide sufficient meeting space and facilities. San Antonio received high approval in member surveys and has been a frequently requested venue

for annual meetings. Among other firsts at the San Antonio meeting were the “one on one” (lunch and learning) program and a child daycare program.

Among the milestones of the San Antonio Meeting:

- Ms. Linda Caddel edited two AAEP Proceedings Books in 1993. The 1992 book was mailed in April and the 1993 book was available at registration for the annual meeting. The “new and improved” larger size proceedings book represented a turning point in AAEP history. It was the

result of the foresight of Pete Haynes and the board that formed the Education Programs Committee chaired by C. Wayne McIlwraith. "It was an exciting change, including some negative sentiments initially over the loss of the heavier tome that came out 4 - 6 months after the meeting, but they were soon replaced by appreciation of having a good record at the meeting." (Wayne McIlwraith)

- Ultrasonography principles and techniques for equine practitioners
- "Equine Practitioner: Are You Media Ready? By Pederson/McGrath Ltd. (Chicago) - Preparing practitioners and officers for media events and tutoring the subsequently successful "On Call" Program

Currency and quality of scientific presentations was, as always, first rate and essential.

The Executive Board and Finance Committee agreed to a balanced budget which included 10% retained earnings until a reserve of approximately one year's budget was attained. (Probably the consequences of New England conservatism. Ed)



(l-r) Headquarters staff members Peggy Harner, Jennifer Rodi, Delegate-at-Large Terry Swanson, DVM and General and Mrs. Wayne O. Kester.

The George Stubbs Award was created by the American Association of Equine Practitioners in 1993 to recognize the contributions made to equine veterinary medicine by non-veterinarians. The award is named for the artist and teacher, George Stubbs (1724-1806), who played a vital role in veterinary education. He studied and taught anatomy at York Hospital in England. His reference book, *Anatomy of the Horse*, published more than 200 years ago, is universally recognized as an authoritative anatomical depiction.

Recipients of the inaugural presentation were Paul Mellon, world-renowned Thoroughbred breeder and philanthropist, and the late R. Richards Rolapp, former President of the American Horse Council.

The AAEP Horse Identification Committee recommended through a U.S. Animal Health liaison that the EIA (Coggins) test forms be revised to "enhance identification compliance." This revision was subsequently accomplished through the patient, persistent, and tireless guidance of Dr. Tim Cordes.

The Distinguished Life Membership Award was conferred upon DeWitt Owen of Franklin, Tennessee, the 26th president of AAEP. He was an inspiration to countless aspiring veterinary students, and, in addition to his busy Franklin practice, he worked with the Kentucky sales establishment for many years inspecting sale yearlings. He was a strong supporter of equine research and was the AAEP liaison to the Grayson Foundation for a number of years.

AAEP and TRC teamed up to produce the Newsroom Guide to Thoroughbred Racing. Distribution was broader than the turf writer first envisioned.

“On Call” became firmly established in the racing broadcast industry. This was in part due to a “marred Triple Crown Campaign” but more significantly because Executive Director Gary Carpenter and Ted Bassett saw opportunity in the calamitous breakdowns on TV. Another factor was excellent media training, presentation, and credibility of AAEP’s “On Call” veterinarians. Pederson and McGrath continued “On Call” training at the San Antonio meeting.

MEMORABLE QUOTES FROM 1993

“The racetrack has been my life. We must remember that we have a responsibility to lead and encourage ethical and responsible racetrack practice. Younger racetrack practitioners need leadership by example. We must be vigilant!”

Bernard Brennan

“I am delighted by the leadership and direction of the association. In 1955 there were problems on the racetrack in the Los Angeles area. The AVMA could not, would not support or come to the aid of racetrack practitioners. We (Kester, Quinn, Cross, and others) joined with AAEP at that time.”

Wayne O. Kester

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DAN EVANS
AAEP PRESIDENT 1993

Dr. Dan Evans was installed as the 38th President of the American Association of Equine Practitioners during its Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida in December, 1992. Unfortunately, he was able to serve only three months of that presidency before his premature death in February 1993, due to complications following cardiac bypass surgery. However, Dan's impact on AAEP and the legacy of his leadership go far beyond those short three months.



As a practitioner Dan always strived to improve his medical knowledge and the service to his patients and clients, constantly staying ahead of the curve in the sophistication of the medicine and surgery he practiced. He was also a leader in hospital design and his clinic, Escondido Veterinary Hospital, was selected by the Veterinary Economics Journal as its "Hospital of the Year" in 1974.

Dan believed that the profession as a whole was better than the sum of its individual members and was therefore intimately involved in all phases of organized veterinary medicine. He lived his beliefs and served in a number of veterinary leadership positions from the Presidency of the San Diego Veterinary Medical Association to the Presidency of the California Veterinary Medical Association. He was especially interested in issues surrounding the veterinary examination prior to the purchase of horses and chaired the AAEP's Purchase Committee for a number of years. He truly believed in organized veterinary medicine and encouraged others to participate.

Dan recognized that students and young practitioners are the future of our profession and mentored many of them throughout his career. Many of his mentees hold leadership positions in the AAEP today, including Jerry Black, Susan White, and myself. He saw the world of equine medicine as one of opportunity and truly believed that the purpose of life is "to matter, to be productive, and to have it make some difference that you have lived." He was a true pioneer and conducted his professional life in a manner reflective of the mission and goals of today's AAEP.

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November 2, 1993
The Editor Sports Illustrated
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Dear Editor:

I am most deeply concerned and disappointed in Sports Illustrated's (SI) unbalanced portrayal of catastrophic racing injuries in the November 1 article, "The Breaking Point." As a racetrack practitioner for many years and a lifelong devotee of the horse, I take grave exception to the indictment of veterinarians, especially when no quotes were used to rebut a person who the writer refers to as a "disillusioned" veterinarian.

Please be aware that the American Association of Equine Practitioners has been directly involved in advancing the welfare and safety of horses on and off the racetrack. We too are frustrated by the problem of racing injuries; any one who loves horses enough to devote their lives to this profession must be. Further, we acknowledge that there are those in our midst who are not always guided by the best interests of the horse. However, to lay this problem solely at the feet of the veterinary community ignores the complexity of the problem.

Indeed, the very same California Horse Racing Board research program that you mention in the article has shown no link between medication and racing injuries. The American Association of Equine Practitioners, in conjunction with the University of Minnesota, conducted a study into the problem of racing injuries in 1986. Among the factors identified as having a potential relationship to injury on the racetrack were shoeing angles, methods of training, track conditions, number of days between races and pre-existing disease conditions.

As a further cause of anger and dismay, Dr. Julie Wilson's figures on racing injuries were misused in the article. The figures presented in the story were projections of the numbers she presented to SI; actual figures were not used.

Sports Illustrated
November 4, 1993

Although I regret that the injury problem has not been solved, I also lament the amount of good research and good news that was ignored by a venerable publication like SI. In the major racing jurisdictions of California and New York, racing injuries remained constant or decreased. On several tracks in these states, the injuries have dropped by 50% or more over the past five years. Millions of dollars are spent on equine research annually, and the Grayson-Jockey Club Foundation has identified 131 current, ongoing research projects into musculo-skeletal injuries alone.

Let's hope that the increased attention you have brought to this sensitive subject will ultimately benefit the horse.

Sincerely,
A. Gary Lavin, VMD
AAEP President

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1994

The year 1994 in AAEP history is best articulated by officers and members.

**FOREWORD – 1994 PROCEEDINGS BOOK
BY J. CLYDE JOHNSON, VMD
PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Welcome to Vancouver! I am pleased to present our 1994 program Proceedings at the convention again this year. I am confident that the information presented in this volume is stimulating, practical and useful. In order to insure our scientific program's success, the authors, selection committee, the editors and the processors gave us their very best talents and expertise. I appreciate and congratulate each and every one of them.

Our Review Committee worked tirelessly. We received more abstracts this year than in any other year. Every attempt has been made to insure that the presentations are developed to contain all essential information and are of the highest quality.

I am tempted to single out a few people who went above and beyond, but they all did to one degree or another, and that extra effort makes the Program Chair feel good and maybe good. My thanks to everyone.

A significant first for the Vancouver meeting was the Equine Welfare Forum, chaired by Jay Merriam. This forum became a model for equine CE in AAEP. Other notable CE venues were the Western Veterinary Conference, the North American Veterinary Conference, and many state meetings.

The racetrack and racing injuries also received significant presentation, including a four-year overview of the California Racehorse Postmortem Program.

In addition to his yeoman service to AAEP, including time as a board member, and officer, and two years of presidency, A. Gary Lavin was named to membership of the Jockey Club. He was the first veterinarian so elected. Additionally, Larry Bramlage received the Jockey Club Gold Medal, their highest honor for service to the racing industry. Clearly a glimpse of the future leadership of AAEP!

The Dan Evans Memorial Award, presented by the California VMA for "significant contributions to equine veterinary medicine, to the profession, and to the community" was given to long-time AAEP member Will Ommert of Temecula, California.

J. CLYDE JOHNSON, VMD
PRESIDENT ELECT YEAR 1994

At this time, the president elect had two years of experience as director at large and vice president. However, the task of putting on a four day national program still looked daunting and scary. Abstracts had been the hallmark of our proceedings book; they had been handed in at or after the convention by the speakers and then compiled by Frank Milne and sent out at a later date. With the help of members, especially C. Wayne McIlwraith, we started to reverse this operation. We received and reviewed abstracts in April of 1994 for that year's program. A new era for AAEP had begun. Four in-depth seminars rounded out the meeting and proceedings were handed out then. Whew! Committee chairs were appointed before the meeting so they could get a flavor of their tasks for the coming year. New board members were also appointed and "in harness" at the annual meeting.

February was a sad month when Dan Evans' death instantly gave more responsibility to the new president elect, Gary Lavin. We shared the duties, got some "on the job training," and, with excellent help from Gary Carpenter, David Foley and the rest of the AAEP staff, '94 kept running smoothly. I attended excellent management training seminars with Gary Carpenter, and, with assistance and wisdom from past presidents, a good board of directors and an understanding group of partners, my life was fun.

Media training for officers was both interesting and valuable. Dealing with welfare issues, environmentalists, and humane activists was neither new nor has it ended. Our first mission statement of taking responsibility for the health and welfare of the horse (thanks, Jim Coffman) has and will serve us well. Education, Communication, and Caring plus promising "No change for the sake of change" and "Nothing continued just because it has always been done that way" were my guiding premises for AAEP leadership in 1994 and 1995.

The silver tray traditionally presented to the president at the close of the term was replaced this year with an Orvis fly rod and reel that ultimately landed a five-pound brook trout!

Editor's Note: There are more than a few piscatorial authorities in AAEP who question the veracity of this anecdote. One significant quote from a recognized and unimpeachable source: "Clyde, you're a braggart! Probably caught it in a farm pond on a dough ball!" - JTV

It is important to realize that certain anecdotal reports in this history do not carry the onus of factual and statistical verity required of other areas of science so valued by The Association.

A. GARY GAVIN, V.M.D.

In 1962 when I joined the AAEP, it is amazing to realize in retrospect that, the organization was only eight years old. All of the early officers were heroes to me. More than a few were actually my mentors. Having been born and raised in a “racetracker’s” family I never dreamt of pursuing any career other than that of a racetrack veterinarian. These early leaders represented to me the ideal of my chosen profession: educated, dedicated, independent, respected professionals.

When Stew Harvey named me an alternate director for District IV in 1983, little did I know that life would never be the same. As I sat on the board, served on committees, spoke at a convention or two, I learned and marveled at the amount of input and work required to carry on the responsibilities to insure the success of the organization. It taught me the importance of the AAEP’s role not only to the equine veterinary profession in particular, but to the equine industry in general. The lists of past officers, distinguished life members, educators, and service award recipients do not begin to include all the contributors to the success of the AAEP.

In 1993 the untimely death of Dan Evans, two months into his term as president, certainly made my year as president-elect a unique one. The rotation through the ranks at that time meant that I had already served two years on the executive board as director-at-large and vice president so I felt reasonably prepared for the task when appointed acting president. That year went smoothly thanks in large part to the invaluable assistance of Pete Haynes, the immediate past president, and Clyde Johnson, my successor.

The 1993 convention in San Antonio was a landmark year as we presented an on-site proceedings book which featured a different size and style: very controversial! Table Topics were successfully introduced as well as Poster Sessions, which were not! The Stubbs Award was created to recognize an outstanding contribution to the profession by a person other than a veterinarian.

The Animal Welfare Award name was changed to the Equine Welfare Award during my tenure which I felt properly focused the award on our particular area of interest and purpose. The award later became known as The Lavin Cup which overwhelmed and humbled me beyond telling. Also during my term, the AAEP invited the AQHA, the Grayson Jockey Club Research Foundation and Mark Morris Foundation to form the Equine Research Committee to explore means of cooperation in the equine research arena.

As immediate past president, 1995 completed my tenure on the executive board at long last, which had taken me and the AAEP from 1983 and Sage Kester’s office in his home in Golden, Colorado to the Kester Building at the

Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. It has been a time of great growth in membership, prestige, influence, and contribution by the AAEP throughout the equine world.

DR. GARY LAVIN'S SPEECH

For Our Friend, The Horse:

Someone a long time ago said that dog is man's best friend; I don't suppose he consulted with the cat about that. Be that as it may, it got me to wondering about our friend, the horse. A horse might be considered a friend, but probably not in the same context as a dog or a cat. Through the ages, mythology and literature put wings on the horse and called him Pegasus, put a long, slender horn in the middle of his head, made him a special being and called him Unicorn. Back on earth, the horse carried us into battle, pulled our wagons, plowed our fields, herded cattle and sheep, dragged trees from the forests, ore and coal from the mines, delivered our mail. He was the predecessor of the Iron Horse, a partner as man civilized the world. And when our days were done, he carried us to our grave.

As man moved into the Industrial Age, our old ally found yet other fields of endeavor to share with us. We raced him, we jumped him, we showed him, we hunted with him, we rode him for the sheer pleasure of it. We simply enjoyed him. And somehow through all these ages and stages, the horse remains a curious animal, an enigma-alooof, distant, seeing things we don't see, hearing things we don't hear. In spite of it all, or maybe because of it all, we continue our unique relationship with him.

Is there a better place on earth than the early morning, dew-covered land of the horse: the sight, the smell, the sound of a nicker riding on the wind? Is there a better place on earth than a summer-evening walk through a field of mares and foals in fading light? Is there a better place in life than in the winner's circle at the racetrack or show ring?

And what about you and me? Who better knows the pain of a mare squeezing the blood out of your arm to the point you wonder if you'll ever feel again? What about the relief and utter joy when that foal is saved? Or the surgery that just would not work, the humbling recognition of our limitation, or the surgery that did work, and the horse that was saved for further use? Who of us has not faced the crippling injury that leaves no choice and the feeling of frustration and inadequacy in spite of all our experience and knowledge, all our wants and desires?

But then there's the horse that has a chance, just a chance, and responds to all our efforts and lives anew. Who among us hasn't seen that magnificent specimen with no heart or desire and who bitterly disappoints us? Or the scrawny, little thing that fights against all odds and tries beyond any

reasonable limit to please and achieve. We've known them all, and through them all, we've made an avocation from our vocation, our life's work, all consuming, and we're thankful when our families saw it the same way.

If we are the protagonists who champion the cause of our friend, the horse, we cannot ignore those who are raising the hue and cry against medication, soring, three-day eventing, fox hunting, endurance rides, carriage horses and the like, all antagonists who, in the end, are striving for the welfare of the horse, at least in their own mind's eye. And that's to their credit, misguided or not. Is it not the role of equine practitioner to involve himself in the decision-making processes that will ultimately determine the fate of the horse, and coincidentally, the fate of ourselves?

Of course it is.

I have a favorite line that I use to vent my frustrations with some of the inhabitants of the backside of the racetrack: There is a whole lot more to being a horse trainer than training horses. That holds true for us as well: There is a whole lot more to being an equine practitioner than treating horses. Is it not within our province to protect and foster the well-being of the horse in areas far removed from the day-to-day responsibilities of our profession?

I think it is.

Let us take pride in our responsibility for the care and nurturing of the horse and our position within his world. Our clients think more of us than we do ourselves. We enjoy special standing; that's what the surveys say. Let's not disappoint them. Their opinion of AAEP and our profession is formed by their experience with us as individuals. Often all of our collective good intentions and endeavors are evaluated by our critics and the public through association with a single equine practitioner. Don't disappoint us; don't disappoint yourself!

In my world on the racetrack, there's a new dream every day. And so I say to you tonight just as the horse took our ancestors to a better world, to a higher ground, let us, for our friend the horse, strive to create for him, and certainly for ourselves, a better world on firmer ground. Let us resolve, with all conviction, to put the wings back on the horse.

AAEP BANQUET, VANCOUVER 1994
ROBERT COPELAN, DVM

According to General Kester, most of the AAEP presidents coincidentally served in years of industry crises that matched their fields of interests.

In the late 1960s and early 70s, racing chemists had, in effect, wrested

control of racing from many of the racing jurisdictions. Their emerging technology of sophisticated testing afforded identification of a panoply of drugs, only a small number of which had influence in the outcome of a race.

Their aim was clearly to insinuate themselves as an association of racing chemists, without veterinary consultation, to a position of authority as to the pharmacological action of the drug and its significance in post-race sampling. This gave them power and influence over racing commissioners relative to the permissibility of certain drugs for training and racing.

Racing commissioners are appointed because of past political association and as such, often have no history of racing experience, or background of science, or little else to qualify them for the business at hand.

At the end of the 1972 racing season, which coincided with the beginning of my term as president of the AAEP, a headline in the Chicago Tribune announced that the Illinois Racing Board's new chairman had charged that over 50 percent of all horses racing in Illinois had been "drugged" or illegally medicated.

Having practiced in Illinois for sixteen years at that time, and having endured the confusion occasioned by the appointment of new racing commissioners, eager to impact in their terms of authority, I understood the genesis and unconscionable intent of his remarks and refuted them. Although he retreated, much harm had been done to the reputation of veterinarians and the public's image of racing.

Like it or not, the media lens focused on the racetrack veterinarians who were the exemplars of our organization, and the caricature conjured by the media was damaging.

Because this organization was founded by racetrack veterinarians, to share and disseminate scientific information, it became ever more critical for them to adhere to racing's rules in every jurisdiction so as to preserve the ethical reputation shared by non-track colleagues who were members of the AAEP. It was an uncomplicated mission cleanly stated by Aristotle 2300 years ago: "Shall we not, like archers, with a mark to aim at, be more likely to hit upon that which is right?"

My recollection of the conception of the AAEP begins with an introduction to Dr. Marion L. Scott in 1953 at Randall Park Race Track. As our friendship deepened over that summer, he told me of his vision of starting an organization of racetrack practitioners who, by their association and growing collegiality, would then call on one another for advice and support in various professional challenges. It seemed to me the right thing to do, and so by circumstance and timing, I became a part of the founding of

the organization which I consider to have been the most important influence of my professional life.

I have always been confident of my assessment of associated effort, and of this organization, which has ethically influenced the interprofessional actions of its members for forty years. It was destined to flourish.

Out of our many differences has come the one purpose envisioned at the Brown Hotel so many years ago. The character of our assembly is most eloquently paraphrased in Shakespeare's Henry V:

As many arrows loosed several ways,
 Come to one mark; as many ways meet in one town;
 As many fresh streams meet in one salt sea;
 As many lines close in the dial's center;
 So may a thousand actions, once afoot,
 End in one purpose, and be all well borne
 Without defeat.

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1995

J. CLYDE JOHNSON PRESIDENT, 1995

Of course it starts in December of 1994, the program is over, and at least your friends tell you it was great! The supportive hotel security kept the PETA people outside the hotel, and my year as president of AAEP started. There were areas of our organization that needed attention. Our embryonic foundations needed to be finished, which we did just in time to accept a large donation. And our long-range plan bylaws were due for an update, including some changes in our governance structure. Change, just the word, causes unease in many. Eliminating the director at large position (shortening the years served by an officer), making most committees into “forums,” giving more membership the power to elect directors, plus some other changes took lots of “Education, Communication and Caring.” More changes have come about because a healthy organization like AAEP will continue to grow in a positive way.

Representing AAEP at functions such as the Bustad Award, AVMA conventions, and attending the Kentucky Derby, Hambletonian, National Finals Rodeo, British Equine Veterinary Meeting, and helping Bayer celebrate its repurchase of the “hogs,” made 1995 a phenomenal part of Ruth’s and my life.

1996 was the past president’s year that culminated 18 years as a director and officer of AAEP, starting in 1979. My contribution has been, and is eclipsed by the gain in my life measured in friendships made, education found, or any parameter you care to use.

Table Topics – 1995 Convention

Table Topic sessions ran from noon-1p.m.

SUNDAY

1. Laptops in mobile equine practice-Barbara Page, Rm 318
2. Lasix quantitation-James Schulze, Ted Hill, Tom Tobin, Rm 319
3. Vesicular stomatitis- Elizabeth Mumford, Brian McCluskey, Rm 321
4. Equine listservs and e-mail management-John Dascanio, Rm 322
5. Breed predisposition and spacial considerations in purchase exams-Mark Akin, Peter Bosum, Rm 323
6. Communicating effectively with your congressman-Niall Fennigan, Jay Hickey, Dean Goeldner, Rm 320
7. Issues surrounding preparation of horses for sales-Gary Lavin, Charles

- Kidder, William Baker, Rm 324
8. Commonly used acupuncture treatments-Andrew Currie, James Kenney, Rm 325
 9. Medication rules: FEI, AHSA, AQHA-Kent Allen, Andy Anderson, Rm 326
 10. Managing the difficult stallion- Sue McDonnell, James Voss, Rm 328
 11. Foal vaccination protocols-Steve Conboy, Roberta Dwyer, Rm 329

MONDAY

1. Deep flexor tenotomies in laminitic patients- Steven O'Grady, Bill Moyer, Rm 318
2. Neonatal pharmacology- Wendy Vaala, Sally Vivrette, Rm 319
3. Current treatment for equine protozal myelitis- Steve Reed, Rm 320
4. Lameness decisions in racing Thoroughbreds- Rick Arthur, Milton McClure, Rm 321
5. AAEP and equine website review- Bill Ley, Rm 322
6. Drug testing in purchase exams- Richard Mitchell, Richard Markell, Rm 323
7. How to publish a newsletter- Gin Preston, Rm 324
8. Joint medications in equine athletes- Jay Addison, Brendan Furlong, Tommy Hays, Rm 325
9. Lameness in Standardbreds- Mike Ross, Jim Mitchell, Rm 326
10. Transport containers for cooled semen- Dixon Varner, Rm 328
11. Embryo transfer- Glenn Blodgett, Steve Burns, Rm 329

WEDNESDAY

1. Field diagnosis and treatment of metabolic problems in performance horses- Lisa Crump, Ken Marcella, Monty Sachs, Rm 318
2. Antibiotic induced diarrheas- Gordon Brumbaugh, Jon Foreman, Rm 319
3. Tips for referring colics- Wes Williams, Doug Herthel, Donnie Slone, Rm 320
4. Computer equipment, peripherals, and gadgets- Scott Simms, Ron McAllister, Rm 322
5. Lyme disease- Ron Gaeta, Harry Werner, Rm 321
6. Update on equine infectious anemia- Tim Cordes, Charles Issel, Debra Sellon, Rm 323
7. Hindlimb lameness in western horses- Mike Major, Steven Derwelis, Terry Swanson, Rm 324
8. Management of equine sarcoids- Fred McCashin, John Pascoe, Rm 326
9. Treatment of lower airway disease, Rm 325

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The association suffered the loss of two of its past presidents in 1996. Dr. DeWitt Owen succumbed in February. The 25th president, "Dee" was selected Distinguished Life Member in 1993. His practice was headquartered in Franklin, Tennessee, but he was an equine practitioner of regional and national stature. During the latter part of his career he was involved with screening yearlings for the Keeneland Sale.

Bob Jack of Vancouver also died this year. President in 1991, Bob was an early supporter and AAEP liaison to the World Equine Veterinary Association.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT A. JACK, DVM

Editor's Note: The following was written on September 14 by Karl Garson, editor of the Equine Care Watch newsletter of Thoroughbred Racing Communications and administrator of the Writers for Racing Project. He was inspired to write this tribute after listening to an interview he conducted with Dr. Jack last December. We are grateful for his contribution.

FOR VERY BAD NEWS THERE NEVER IS A VERY GOOD TIME

By Karl Garson

*When I heard of his death
I played the tape of his voice,
the interview he'd given last December,
and tried through mechanical fiction
to coax a lie out of the truth, to reel in time,
to rewind the cold certainty that played out
the day the news came,
to pull it back onto the safe, sensible,
solid ground of before.*

*He speaks of horses, and of frailties, theirs
and ours, and what we try to diminish both.
And he laughs. How easily he laughs.*

*He explains again what he knows so well,
what the thick listener cannot quite grasp,
the truth he loves, the truth that is the life
he lives so hard, the truth, the horses.*

*They run, don't they, like none other, horses.
And they catch light as if it was
created for them alone, as if Genesis should
be reshuffled, somehow, to accommodate*

*their image and likeness. And this
is why we serve them with such singular love,
a love that Dr. Bob accomplished wide awake
better than most of us approach in a dream.*

*In his Canada, much of summer's green has
turned to shade, has circled back, has come at
us full gallop, has reached us too quickly, is
there before we are ready.*

*It stands, its leaves quaking like small
muscles, like little ghosts colored palomino
and sorrel or chestnut or roan.*

*It reveals before we're ready the gray trunks
that will rise above leafmold grown brown or
dark bay or black with
the inevitable retreat of light before winter.*

*For very bad news there never is a
very good time.*

*Bad news arrives like winter; a herald
cold, a crystal ache. It
freezes for moments, blessed and enveloping,
everything that flows.*

*Its stark white is that from which, we pray,
all color must run back
for us someday, like horses that catch light
alive from summer sun.*

The Distinguished Life Member award was conferred on Manual A. "Tommy" Thomas.

President Terry Swanson welcomed members to "his Rocky Mountains" with a superb meeting. Scientific sessions chaired by President Elect Rick Arthur continued the AAEP tradition of excellence and innovation. For the first time, the Proceedings were available to members on CD-ROM. Color illustrations finally made a return appearance after an absence of some 17 years. The graphics were remarkable.

Presentations included dentistry and injection techniques. The (now) ill-reputed "milkshake" made its first Proceedings appearance.

The annual meeting banquet was an apparent delight for all attendees. Baxter Black tuned his keen wit and humor for his equine colleagues. Any other comedian would have been upstaged by a series of deadpan remarks made by Wayne O. Kester. In all, it was a great evening's entertainment.

In June of 1996, AAEP received special recognition from the Public Relations Society of America. The program called the Silver Anvil Awards cited the association for their success with the "On Call" program.

Alan Edmonson (Distinguished Life Member 1980) was named the recipient of the 1996 California VMA Dan Evans Memorial Award for his long and distinguished career in California racing.

Turnout was high for the fourth Annual AAEP Practice Management Seminar, which was held in Monterey, California. The program also included a purchase examination panel. In 1996 Castlereas Press published the book *Olympic Vet* by Joseph C. O'Dea, past president and early stalwart positioning AAEP in a prestigious position to the equine industry. *Olympic Vet* is a very broad autobiographic story of a most interesting equine practitioner, but it has more to offer. Joe O'Dea articulate, and outspoken on issues that matter deeply to him. Unafraid to take on even the FEI Veterinary Commission or anyone else in their waffling on drug issues! (*Olympic Vet* p. 283)

At their annual meeting in Louisville, Joseph J. Foerner was awarded the 40th AVMA Practitioner Research Award. Longtime stalwart of the AAEP, Joe, with partner Thomas Phillips own and operate the Naperville (Illinois) Equine Hospital. Foerner was cited by AVMA as an innovator in equine arthroscopic and abdominal surgery. AAEP has long valued him as a teacher, mentor, and presenter of many continuing education lectures worldwide.

**TERRY D. SWANSON
PRESIDENT 1996**

As a young veterinarian who grew up professionally in the shade of the AAEP, I was unaware that AAEP is really about you and me and our colleagues. AAEP becomes this larger than life intangible professional safeguard that cares for our special profession - the profession that daily shapes our lives and careers. The uniqueness of our association is in the power of such a committed membership. Each member, by attending to their practices in a professional manner, supporting AAEP at the annual meeting, and responding when asked, makes AAEP as we know it.

Through the years, some of our members have become high profile due to their special talents and have led the way for the rest of us to do our part. As an officer, I have had the privilege to work with and receive guidance from many of these great members, beginning with my two partners, G. Marvin Beeman and Charlie D. Vail. The list of these unique members is extensive and represents the unselfishness of our colleagues when it comes to AAEP.

The Executive Directors and their staff make up the other vital group of people. Kester, Carpenter, and Foley all have been able to envision AAEP in the context that we, as members, have it in our minds. They have been able to sharpen the vision for us. They have been able to grasp this spirit and help us achieve the goals we dream of as we go about our daily toils in practice. This course for AAEP is shaped and fine-tuned by our Executive staff using our well thought strategic plans.

For me personally, the experience as an officer has made me a better person and a better veterinarian, admittedly by my own evaluation! I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to grow professionally and personally with the experiences and toils of helping our association.

I would like to chronicle some of the things that happened during the year 1996. For me, the biggest event was the acceptance and initial deployment of the new governance, which grew out of the strategic plan of 1995. This new governance was a specific effort to make AAEP more membership friendly and less burdensome for the members who volunteered to be committee members, board members, and officers. One of my personal challenges was developing the rotation for the new board positions as we tried to seamlessly trim the board from 18 members to 13 members with three-year terms rather than four year terms.

OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS:

- Gary Carpenter developing a working relationship between the Grayson Foundation, the Morris Animal Foundation, and the American Quarter Horse Association
- “On Call” receives the Public Relation Society of America’s Silver Anvil Award for Excellence
- “On Call” receives international recognition for its effectiveness at the 1996 Olympics
- Take-home messages for all papers in the Proceedings Book
- Board of Directors meet at the “Brown” in Louisville
- Convention returns to Denver with beautiful sunny days
- We were all party to Sage’s 90th birthday celebration
- Student debt issue is raised and recognized as a significant concern
- Approved the proposal for the annual State of the Art Lecture
- Endorsed the concept for and awarded the first annual Equine Welfare Award
- Funded the first AAEP website
- Organizational meeting for and developed the mission statement for the new AAEP Foundation
- Boney lesion study approval
- AAEP develops a position statement for the stewardship of the horse

- Completed the Alternative Therapies Brochure
- Needs Assessment Survey completed, giving direction to the leaders of AAEP
- Membership moves over the 6,000 mark

As I review this list, I will always be grateful to the members who served as officers and committee members with me, special draftees such as Jim Voss and Nat Messer, and Executive Directors General Wayne O. Kester, Gary Carpenter, and David Foley.

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In January the Board of Directors approved the first comprehensive marketing plan to expand Educational Partners, improve identity in the horse industry, and develop a strong health care message to owners. It worked! "AAEP Online" was also launched, receiving over a quarter million hits in 1997.

John Paul became the third treasurer, following Jim Smith and J. Clyde Johnson. Mr. John Snobelen, Ontario Minister of Education, became the first industry representative board member.

Culminating several years of research, investigation and on-site visitations, the AAEP issued a report labeling the management of pregnant mare urine (PMU) ranches as responsible. N.T. Messer IV, Mr. Norman Luba, and several AAEP members in the United States were involved in the comprehensive investigation. Once again, AAEP demonstrated leadership and reason in the face of public and industry misinformation and (perceived) crisis. Subsequently, AVMA supported AAEP. "The AVMA commends the AAEP for its dedication to equine welfare and recognizes AAEP's leadership role in the investigation of issues regarding the use of horses in the PMU industry." - David E. Granstrom, AVMA

Horse owners responding to a "major survey" indicated that they viewed their veterinarians as more ethical and professional than their physicians and attorneys. The equine practitioner was perceived as highly valued in their horse communities, but in need of more and better lines of communication.

The Dolly Green Research Foundation gave AAEP a \$25,000 grant.

AAEP inaugurated what was to become the Annual AAEP Foundation Silent Auction at the Phoenix meeting. The initial auction proved to be a success financially - \$21,000 to be directed toward research, scholarships, and contributions to research organizations, e.g. Morris Animal Foundation, AQHA Foundation, and Grayson-Jockey Club Foundation. The auction was also a social success. Participants and observers alike had great fun, and it has become a popular annual event.

The 1997 meeting initiated the first Frank J. Milne "State of the Art Lecture." N. Edward Robinson spoke on the "Lower Airway of the Horse." Another first was a Keynote Speaker. Mark Victor Hansen (Chicken Soup for [You Name it]) was sponsored by Bayer.

A post-convention course, "Steven Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective

People” was also offered at the annual meeting. Covey’s motivational techniques and book were very much in vogue at the time, had been experienced by the Board, and seemed ideal to counter the “70 Really Bad Habits of Equine Practitioners.”

The Scientific Session was both wide and deep and included a seminar on Equine Protozoal Myelitis (EPM), as well as an interesting Forum on the Western Performance Horse. The “table topics” introduced as noon-time CE were an immediate, overflow success.

On April 5th and 6th of 1997, Harrison Coerver facilitated a Continuing Education Planning Session. Two days of AAEP self-examination covered a wide range of assessments and action plans. One of the most successful conclusions of this effort was the concept that Owner Education could (and did) become a fruitful part of the AAEP annual meeting.

Harrison Coerver was retained in August to conduct research of members as part of the CE strategic planning process. The objectives were:

- Overall member satisfaction with the Annual Convention
- Determine sources of member CE and degree of satisfaction with each source
- Ascertain new opportunities for AAEP to provide CE to members

Out of 1800 members surveyed, 900 responded. There was 100% response from the 30 leader surveys. Many good ideas were engendered:

- Wet labs are important
- Exhibits area is important
- “Keep it practical” (50%)
- “Stay with science” (40%)
- “Mini CE meeting” is a good idea (regional)

(Subsequent attendance did not support this)

Rex Hinshaw of Prescott, Arizona (by way of Boulder and Fort Collins, Colorado!) was the Distinguished Life Member of 1997. Rex was a career racing regulatory veterinarian. Beginning at the track in Prescott, Arizona, Rex served most of his career on the Phoenix track as the State Veterinarian for Arizona.

Dr. Stewart K. Harvey, the 28th president in 1983, passed away on December 14, 1997. “Stew” was a loyal and avid worker for AAEP. He was involved in numerous committees and for many years he supervised audio-visual sections of the Scientific Sessions. He was a proficient program evaluator, as well as top aide to Frank Milne, retrieving scientific papers for the Proceedings Book and working with Earl Bower on the AV sections.

“Dr. Stewart Harvey was the 1983 president of AAEP. Stew brought to our organization many talents, not the least of which was tenacity. As an early member of the organization he was vitally interested in making sure the educational program ran smoothly, manuscripts were turned in, and the speakers were given a memento of thanks. Whether serving on the board of directors, or as a member or chair of a committee, working on patients, or educating Morgan horse clients, Stew was a dedicated equine practitioner. His year as president included many long days and difficult decisions concerning racetrack medication, including Butazolodin. Good principles guided his practice and his AAEP membership throughout his professional career. He was a mentor to many before the term was popular.” - J. Clyde Johnson

RICK ARTHUR
PRESIDENT - 1997

My first Board of Directors meeting was in Nashville in 1986. I was appointed as an alternate from District VIII. Dr. Sheehan's first choice was Dick Mannsman but he couldn't be reached so I got the mount. Everett Macomber was the actual District VIII representative. I remember him telling me the board was making a big change; the alternates could sit at the table. That was better than a chair against the wall but that didn't mean we could talk.

What a mess it was those first few years. Mike Nolan had replaced Sage Kester and things weren't going well. Mike fought with all the presidents and did what he wanted. The board of directors met once a year at the annual meeting and those were grueling times. We were divided into three committees and worked every minute of the annual meeting. In fact the first full annual meeting I saw from the time I got on the board was my own in Denver 1996. Even with all that time in meetings we got very little done.

I enjoyed every president I served under from Jim Coffman to Terry Swanson. They were all wonderful men and most were obvious leaders. I have always been impressed how well the AAEP has been able to find the best people.

The most important event during my 8 years as a Director was replacing Mike Nolan with Gary Carpenter, a seminal event for the AAEP. Dick Sheehan and Fred Arnold are both nice guys and had tolerated Mike Nolan more than they should have. Mike Nolan made a mistake when he messed with Jim Voss. Everything came to a head a few months into Jim's presidency. The board met in an emergency session in Dallas and Gary Carpenter was selected as the new Executive Director. I dread to think of where the AAEP would be today without Gary Carpenter's tenure. What a change he brought to the organization. His chosen profession is being an organization executive. He did his job as professionally as any veterinarian

in the AAEP took theirs. The AAEP is light years ahead of that first meeting in Nashville in 1986. With Gary we began to get things done in a reasonable time. We went from one overworked meeting a year to three productive meetings a year with excellent communication in between.

There were two aspects of those years on the Board of Directors which I'll never forget. One was the amount of smoke Tom Phillips, Gary Lavin, and Mike Nolan could produce at one board meeting. The smoke was phenomenal and I always ended up sitting between Tom and Gary. The other was how much whisky we would drink. I tried to keep up but I just couldn't do it. I was way out of my league. I took weeks to fully recover after each meeting.

My years on the Executive Committee were very different from the other years on the Board of Directors. I only missed one meeting of the board but it was always different after that. The Director at Large in my time didn't do much except "learn the ropes" in preparation for his year as President-elect. As with all EC members we met four times a year and made many of the decisions. The Vice President year was a bit different. The responsibility for In-Depth seminars was handed to the Vice President that year. I had already put together two In-Depth seminars for the following year for my program in Denver which ended up on Terry Swanson's program in Lexington.

As with everyone else my year as President-elect was a terror. That's the year you are the Program Chair. I believe my program was the last year the President-elect did almost everything on the program except the two In-Depth seminars handled by the Vice President. I loved the challenge and the opportunity. For much of the summer I was up until midnight and back on the phone at 4 AM the next morning. On top of everything else my partner had gone out on permanent disability a few months previously and I had just become a solo practitioner. My annual meeting was Denver in 1996. I'm proud of what we accomplished there. The Denver meeting broke the mold and opened the doors to innovation and expansion at the annual meeting in the following years. There was considerable resistance to some of things we did but all of them are now permanent features such as expanded Table Topics and the Personal/Professional Development sessions. I certainly consider my year as President-elect/Program Chair my greatest achievement in veterinary medicine. CE expansion had been my major focus from the strategic plan that been developed a few years earlier. Besides the changes to the annual meeting, the resort symposium and the summer meetings in subsequent years came from that effort.

During my President-elect year occurred one of the most disturbing events in my entire time in the AAEP leadership. That is the governance changes that altered the way people are elected to the Board of Directors as well as other governance changes. I've always felt the changes were done in a less

than straightforward way. The people involved in that process will know who they are. The experience was a good lesson in organizational politics and I have no hard feelings. The goal was a good one, to give the membership a greater say in the organization's leadership. My objection was that referral practice veterinarians and university professors would have an unassailable advantage over the average practitioner in being elected to the Board of Directors. That has proven to be the case. This is not to say current directors aren't very talented people; they certainly are. But the hard-working, gung-ho, AAEP member practitioner who worked hard for the organization no longer has the same opportunity to reach the Board of Directors as they did in the past. Besides, a racetrack practitioner couldn't be elected dog catcher. Since the governance changes the only racetrack practitioners to move on to the Board have been in the new Director at Large positions which are elected by the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the nominating committee. There were several years when no racetrack practitioners sat on the Board of Directors.

I had one of the best years any AAEP President ever had, no problems, no controversies and a great year with great people. I was away from my practice 43 days that year. I went to Dubai for the World Cup and to England for the BEVA meeting. But the best perk as AAEP President was front row seats at the National Finals Rodeo courtesy of Doug Corey. The second best was being program chair for the first resort symposium in Maui a few months later as Immediate Past President.

My only regret was not tackling the racing medication issue. My excuse was the time wasn't right to move on that issue but that is still just an excuse. Fortunately, Ben Franklin and Wayne McIlwraith had the wherewithal to tackle the problem and see it through a few years later. I did accomplish one goal I'd set out when I first came on to the Board of Directors many years ago of which I am particularly proud. That was to do away with tuxedos at the annual dinner. That's one thing I'll take credit for with a good assist from Gary Norwood.

It was a great run but you know your time has come and gone when you call the AAEP office and they don't know who you are and the Executive Director is in a meeting. This used to be an organization run by the past presidents. That's not true anymore; we're has-beens. As much as I hate to admit it that is one governance change that's for the best.

Being President of the AAEP is the greatest achievement in equine veterinary medicine many of us will ever attain. This is especially true for practitioners. That's why we all consider it such an honor to have been chosen AAEP President. You will be labeled the rest of your life, and probably in your obituary, as a past president of the AAEP.

I am much better dealing with people today, especially within organizations. That is what the AAEP President does. You either learn to get people to help you achieve the organization's goals or you fail. The best part of my years in the AAEP, above and beyond being President, are the lifelong friends one develops from working together with so many fellow veterinarians for a common goal. These are wonderful people who care dearly about the AAEP, veterinary medicine, and each other.

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1998

For its 44th annual meeting, the AAEP chose Baltimore, a city that had never before hosted the Annual Convention. The Frank J. Milne "State of the Art Lecture" featured Dr. O.J. Ginther's presentation on equine pregnancy in addition to his guitar artistry!

AAEP received strong support from fine Educational Partners: Bayer, Boehringer Ingelheim, Vetmedica, Inc., Purina Mills, Inc., 3M Animal Care Products Division, and Pfizer. What an interesting evolution for AAEP! From birth to 1985, no commercial exhibits and all vendor representatives were strictly proscribed even from attendance at conventions. From 1985 to present, commercial exhibits have grown to a significant driver of the educational and financial success of the AAEP. Educational Partners, another step in the progression, enhances AAEP program strength even more.

Bayer Animal Health, an Educational Partner, again sponsored the Keynote Speaker, Mr. Ed Foreman, lecturing on "The Successful Life Course."

Baltimore 1998 was also the meeting that inaugurated the "Kester Lecture," which morphed into the immensely popular Kester News Hour. AAEP veterans are unanimous in the opinion that this feature is exactly what Sage Kester envisioned - fast paced, state of the art, current developments of value to practitioners and the industry, and most importantly, delivered with authority, clarity, and brevity.

John Madigan and Larry Bramlage filled the bill to everyone's benefit and delight.

One day prior to the convention, the Society for Theriogenology (SFT) held its annual meeting in Baltimore, which allowed AAEP members to complement their CE experience in addition to the AAEP Scientific Sessions. This had been done jointly - and successfully - with the Association of Equine Sports Medicine in 1985.

Behind the scenes, the ad hoc Governance Committee, chaired by Pete Haynes, worked nearly continuously. President Gary Norwood charged Haynes and Executive Director Gary Carpenter with developing structure and refining the volunteer leadership system of AAEP and their shared roles and responsibilities with the growing staff. The committee met in Covington, Kentucky in October of 1998 and developed the plan to be implemented at the 1999 annual meeting. Among other mandates for volunteer training, Forums were developed. Some standing committees were eliminated, industry liaison was transferred to staff and Board liaison was established to Forums and eliminated to standing committees.

Throughout 1998, AAEP conducted inspection studies of United States and Canadian horsemeat production facilities. This was done at AAEP expense and the results were presented to AVMA and AHC. In 1996, AAEP had supported reforms brought about by the Commercial Transport of Equine to Slaughter Act, which was passed in 1996 and funded in 1997. AAEP members were at the forefront of studies supporting this law, among them Venaye Reece and Michael T. Martin.

The issue of horse slaughter re-emerged in 2004 in the U.S. Congress. AAEP leadership will be required to bring reason and science to another unreasoned and misunderstood issue.

Also in 1998 the AAEP entered into an agreement with the British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) to publish an American edition of the BEVA journal, Equine Veterinary Education (EVE). AAEP members would receive a subscription to the bi-monthly journal as a benefit of membership. In addition to jointly generated articles, the American edition would include AAEP material and advertising not included in the BEVA edition. A new editorial board evenly comprised of AAEP and BEVA members was formed for close collaboration on editorial selection. Advertising, AAEP editorial pages, production, printing and mailing of the American edition originated in the AAEP office.

In addition to the AAEP's new relationship with BEVA, President Norwood worked to strengthen relationships with the World Equine Veterinary Association and the Mexican Association of Equine Practitioners during his presidency. This commitment to outreach also extended to the horseracing industry. In 1998 the AAEP leadership decided to make a large contribution to the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) to help jumpstart the organization and show that the AAEP supports the racing industry.

The Practice Management Seminar returned to Keystone, Colorado in August. One of the featured speakers was Robert Stevenson, author of *How to Soar Like an Eagle in a World Full of Turkeys*.

Ralph C. Knowles was awarded the Distinguished Life Member Award for 1998. After his 1950 graduation, Ralph practiced in Colorado for 5 years and then began a career in government service that spanned over 45 years.

“By his action, Ralph Knowles, more than any other individual, is responsible for the success of national and international equine disease prevention and control programs.... He provided published papers (over 38) and news releases advising AAEP members and others on actual and potential disease outbreaks. He was a major contributor in our success. In

doing so, he generated considerably more work for himself and placed his career in a position of risk. He always chose to do the right thing, fortunately for AAEP and the industry. I have long admired him.” - Wayne O. “Sage” Kester

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1999

On January 3, 1999, Wayne O. Kester succumbed to complications of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease). He was 92. Brigadier General (USAFVC retired) Kester was the fifth president of AAEP.

"In his 70 years of service to the equine industry, he pushed AAEP into active involvement in equine research and disease control. He served as Executive Director for 25 years. "Sage" was the first recipient of the AAEP 'Beyond the Call' Award and was awarded Distinguished Life Member in 1983. The AAEP international headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky was named the 'Kester Building' in his honor.



"A 1931 graduate of Kansas State Veterinary College, Kester entered private practice for two years before joining the Army Veterinary Corps as a 2nd lieutenant in July of 1933. He and first wife Inez were stationed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. During World War II he was Chief of Veterinary Services responsible for safety and security inspections of foods issued to U.S. forces in the Pacific Theater. In 1949 Kester was reassigned to the Air Force and established its Veterinary Corps. Before retiring in 1957, he became the first veterinarian Brigadier General in the U.S. Air Force and served a record 12 years in the Pentagon.

"He was President of the AVMA in 1958, a Director of Research for the Morris Animal Foundation, consultant to AQHA, the American Humane Association, and the Arabian Horse Registry. General Kester was instrumental in organizing the American Horse Council in 1968 and served on its Executive Committee for 20 years. An accomplished and avid horseman, he was founder of the North American Trail Ride Conference and a 47 year riding member of Colorado's Roundup Riders of the Rockies.

"His determination and leadership are illustrated in this often given advice: 'Keep on doing what you're doing only do it better!' General Kester is survived by his wife, E. Lucille Moore Kester, also a long time worker and supporter of AAEP. They were married in 1969 and resided in Paradise Hills on Lookout Mountain above Golden, Colorado." - Gary Carpenter, Executive Director, American Association of Equine Practitioners, January 20, 1999

At the Resort Symposium in Hawaii in February, the Executive Board finalized documentation of the Strategic Plan for AAEP. The effort begun in 1996 responding to the 1995 Strategic Plan resulted in several changes to AAEP structure:

- Direct member election on Board Delegates
- Balance and diversification of CE offerings
- Increased relevance to “new generation members”
- AAEP brand marketing

The Resort Symposium was a marked success as measured by response from officers, staff, and attendees.

The Encore meeting was in Minneapolis, August 5 - 8. As the name implies, it was a repeat performance digested from the best of the prior year’s convention.

Lexington, Kentucky was the venue in September for the Practice Management Seminar.

Much to the chagrin of Richard Galley, the Annual Convention was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. By the end of the meeting, even Galley thought it was a remarkable annual convention. The expanded roster of offerings was continued; Table Topics were very popular, as usual.

The AVMA/AAEP Equine Welfare Forum featured 10 outstanding speakers in an all day session. Again this was a leadership response by AAEP (two years earlier), which was emulated by CE venues all over North America.

Professor I.G. Joe Mayhew delivered the Frank J. Milne Lecture: “The Equine Spinal Cord in Health and Disease.”

Keynote speaker Lowell Catlett gave an engrossing lecture to a full house - Do Equine Practitioners Have the American Genius for Marketing? Example: North America has the safest and most accessible water supply in the history of the world! What is the largest selling beverage in North America? (“No, Dr. Bramlage, it is not beer!”)

1999 AAEP AWARDS

Sage Kester “Beyond the Call”G. Marvin Beeman, DVM
 AAEP’s most prestigious honor is presented to an individual who has made significant and long-lasting contributions to equine veterinary medicine and the community. The award is named in honor of its only previous recipient, General Wayne O. Kester, DVM.

Distinguished Life MemberJohn T. Vaughan, DVM
 The AAEP Distinguished Life Member designation is awarded annually in recognition and appreciation of dedication and meritorious service to the veterinary profession and the advancement of equine medicine.

The Lavin Cup..... Tom Dorrance

Named for the AAEP past president A. Gary Lavin, VMD, this award is presented annually to a non-veterinary individual or organization that has demonstrated exceptional compassion or developed and enforced rules and guidelines for the welfare of the horse.

**The George Stubbs AwardKenneth L. Maddy, former
California State Senator**

This award recognizes outstanding contributions made to equine veterinary medicine by an individual other than a veterinarian.

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2000

“Y2K” came and went for AAEP much the way it did for the rest of the known universe - some ups, some downs, some perceived crises, new ideas, etc. “Keep doing what you’re doing only do it better!” General Kester’s maxim plus solid board experience brought the leadership capacity of Ben Franklin Jr. to the fore. AAEP maintained its steady course of CE, innovation, and long range strategic planning.

April 1, 2000. Executive Director Gary Carpenter announced his resignation from AAEP to become executive vice president of The Jockey Club. Under Carpenter’s guidance, AAEP grew in strength and relevance to its members and to the equine industry. Energizing members, directors, staff, and past presidents, Carpenter directed the AAEP through profound long-term strategic planning and governance changes.

Mr. David Foley became the executive director of AAEP effective May 1st. David was the deputy executive director and convention manager.

“Foley managed the areas of membership services, conferences and trade shows, AAEP publications, and the AAEP website. During his tenure, AAEP added three new educational meetings, and the association’s annual convention set new records for attendance and vendor participation. He is a native of Louisville and a 1985 graduate of the University of Kentucky. David’s strong record of achievement within AAEP uniquely qualifies him to successfully guide our association. We are pleased to have him as our new executive director.” - AAEP President Ben Franklin, Press Release.



FRONTLINES *David Foley*

I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you how pleased I am to be your new executive director. The past twelve years working for you and under the leadership of Gary Carpenter has given me the best preparation I could ask for. It has been a true pleasure and a great journey. I am both excited and challenged by what lies ahead in my new and different capacity as executive director. This promotion is, however, somewhat bittersweet. AAEP is losing a tremendous asset in Gary. He has big shoes to fill.

Many heartfelt thanks to the Board for their unwavering confidence in me; the members who’ve sent countless emails, notes and calls; and an extremely supportive staff who’ve already begun to ease the transition for me. All are vital to our success and I believe we’re off to a great start.

AAEP’s primary focus has always been one of education, which we will not

lose sight. But as you know, we find ourselves dealing with many other issues that affect the veterinarian and the horse industry. Medication issues, equine welfare and therapeutic options as well as many others continue to remain on our “radar screen.” But rest assured, under the direction of a strong volunteer leadership and a solid strategic plan, we are well poised to work with the veterinary community and equine industry to ensure that AAEP stays on top of these emerging challenges.

It is impossible to completely prepare for what may lie ahead. Consider, however, that we have a forward thinking Board, a wealth of experience and wisdom in our volunteer leadership and members, and a reputation for being innovative problem solvers. Together, we’ll make the grade.

But, back to CE for a moment.....we have a lot of exciting opportunities planned this year to help you continue your professional and personal growth. Virtually, something for everybody. Many of you have told us of difficulties attending the Annual Convention, so we’ve developed Encore just for you. Others have expressed a desire for more education relating to practice management issues... we’ve got that too. Then, of course, the Annual Convention rolls back into San Antonio this year. I hope you’ll take advantage of these opportunities.

The door is always open. If you’ve got ideas, concerns, suggestions, whatever...let us hear from you. This is your association.

The eighth Annual Practice Management Seminar was held August 28 - 30 in Gleneden Beach, Oregon. Sponsored by Educational Partner Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, the seminar addressed practice leadership, team building, setting fees, and developing a “strategic marketing plan.”

As of the year 2000, The American Livestock Insurance Company and AAEP had awarded nearly \$100,000 in financial assistance to veterinary students. The program began in 1989.

“Horse Sense - A Monthly Guide for Equine Health,” which is a horse health calendar program for members, debuted in 2000. The response was enthusiastic - 24,000 calendars ordered. Orders benefit the AAEP Foundation. The program has been a continued success.

The Encore meeting was held in Orlando July 28 - 30. Chris Pollitt reprised his Albuquerque Laminitis seminar as well as some dated and new material. There were rave reviews and plans to continue Encore in 2001.

The August issue of the AAEP Report carried a cautionary discussion by Doug Byars on the misuse of erythropoietin (EPO or Epogen) in performance (race) horses. It was an early warning about a Drugs and

Medications problem that as of four years later is still difficult.

On November 29, AAEP Past President Edwin M. Churchill passed away in Boca Raton, Florida. Ed was the fourth president of AAEP in 1958. He was a charter member and editor of the second Proceedings Book. After being a professor at the Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, Ed developed a practice based in Maryland but involving racetrack and broodmare work on the East Coast. He received the AVMA 1959 Practitioners Research Award and was named AAEP Distinguished Life Member in 1959. His was a life long passion for equine practice on the highest level and translated into passion for AAEP to the end of his life.

The 2000 San Antonio Meeting moved to November 26 - 29 rather than the traditional first week in December. Given the thirst for quality, current CE, and its other long-standing traditions of collegiality as well as the attractions of San Antonio, the convention was the usual success.

In addition to being a fun social event, the AAEP Foundation Benefit Auction raised just under \$35,000.

Distinguished Life Membership was conferred upon three giants of AAEP: Coffman, Lavin, and Shideler.

Robert K. "Bob" Shideler, was the 20th AAEP President (1974), a teacher, practitioner, and devoted AAEP volunteer for many years. Returning to his alma mater after a complete career in Sardis, Mississippi and Danville, Illinois, Bob rediscovered his special love for teaching and students. Because of his life and spiritual values, Bob rarely ever escapes the designated invocation given at AAEP functions - nor does he want to.

Dr. Jim Coffman, 32nd President in 1986, has an ongoing commitment to the veterinary profession and equine veterinary medicine. Along with Boss, Vaughan, Owen, and Beeman, Jim represented the entire profession, specifically equine practice, on the AVMA Professional Liability Insurance Trust (PLIT). Coffman has brought to his career superior intellectual focus as a researcher, teacher, administrator, and AAEP leader.

A.G. Lavin, the youngest designated Distinguished Life Member in AAEP history, is nothing if not the poster boy for AAEP and industry leadership. Two-term president, founder and sponsor of the prestigious Lavin Cup, Jockey Club Steward, and sale inspector, Gary has represented AAEP to the industry and the public with articulation and professionalism. AAEP is proliferating the numbers and types of awards it bestows. If ever there is a "Worked His Ass Off for AAEP Award," A.G. Lavin is the first nominee!

These men, by their actions on our behalf, are examples of and reasons

for the high esteem that AAEP commands.

BEN FRANKLIN, JR. - 2000 PRESIDENT

Some recollections from my time on the Board of Directors:

- Governance changes were made to form a smaller, more nimble Board of Directors (BOD) that served shorter terms and included an “Industry” board member.
- The term of service for the Board of Directors had been three years as an “alternate” and three years as a voting member. My term was changed to four years and subsequent terms were to be three years.
- Gary Carpenter brought innovative approaches preceded by long-range planning sessions, which had been preceded by AAEP member surveys.
- More continuing education meetings other than Annual Meeting... The Practice Management Meeting
- Policy statements on ethics, horse slaughter, thermocautery, and shoeing were memorable debated issues.
- Educational Partners

I was fortunate to be the last person elected to the position of Director-at-Large with the description of the office at the time, including membership on the Executive Committee and traditionally ascent to the office of Presidency.

FRANKLIN PRESIDENT-ELECT YEAR - 1999

At this time, it was traditional for the presidents elect to spend a tremendous amount of time making many of the decisions on programming and program participants. Thanks to Wayne McIlwraith, this burden had been largely redistributed into a streamlined planning mission that leaves the president elect as the Chair of the planning.

The 1999 Annual Meeting was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Initial apprehension and nay saying about Albuquerque by some members was quashed with the record attendance. I found that convention officials of cities would lie through their teeth and promise the moon BEFORE the convention. If they don't produce...it's already too late!

Through my efforts in planning the convention, I came to realize several things. One, AAEP has an outstanding, hard-working, and dedicated staff. Two, the AAEP has a tremendous resource of willing, qualified, generous member volunteers waiting to be asked to help!

Memorable for its shock value was the notification (on Sunday night) that

the scheduled “State of the Art” speaker for Monday morning, Dr. Mayhew, was in the emergency room of the local hospital receiving treatment.

Wet labs were getting very popular at the Annual Meeting. My desire to have a wet lab involving cadaver/cadaver parts proved to be very challenging. It seems that transporting cadaver parts across state lines for other than food purposes requires some red tape that needs unraveling the first time you try it! On top of that, Dr. Stashak, who had all of the equipment, spent most of the night calling to inform me that he was snowed-in in Colorado and would be unable to be present when the wet lab started. Other capable AAEP members took over and the project was a success

Franklin Presidential Year - 2000

The millennium was off to a big start for AAEP after our meeting of the BOD in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The stock market was soaring and plans were made for the biggest spending effort in AAEP history. These are some of the challenging issues that ensued as a result of BOD action:

- The medication issue: A public relations company would assist our staff and BOD in tackling the issue that has been a bane to AAEP since its inception. AAEP developed and approved a medication policy for racehorses that would proceed to other disciplines. It would be called “Policy on Therapeutic Medication in Race Horses.”

- A branding effort for AAEP and its members was developed. The new logo and “tag line” would be part of that effort. The effort was/is to make horse owners and the public aware of whom we are and what we do and for whom we do it.

- The AAEP headquarters building was renovated with the addition of several hundred square feet of office space, a new telephone and computer system, and a new elevation.

- Executive Director search: An extremely objective search task force selected Mr. David Foley to succeed Gary Carpenter. Little did we know what a gem of a choice this would be. AAEP never skipped a beat.

- Leadership training: AAEP had struggled with how to identify future leaders of AAEP. In 2000, we held our first “Leadership Training Conference.” Prospective leaders that were identified by the members of the BOD were informed (in depth) about the functions, duties, and efforts of AAEP and its leadership.

- AAEP Foundation: The AAEP Foundation was formed in 1993 but was loosely oriented in its mission. A Long-Range Strategic Plan was

implemented to establish a firm mission, set new goals, and make new strategies for the Foundation.

- www.myHorseMatters.com: Just as 2000 was coming to an end, AAEP launched the horse owners website in a continuing attempt to involve horse owners with horse health issues.

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Mr. Duncan Alexander

2001

In 2001, AAEP again made a concerted effort to bring together racing industry leaders to address medication issues. This effort created the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTTC) as a result of the annual Racing Industry Symposium in Tucson, Arizona. The hope of this (and meetings in 2002, 2003, 2004) is to develop national medication standards - standards for drug testing as well as policies of enforcement and penalties (See Drugs and Medications Timeline Appendix II 2001).

The keynote speaker for the 47th Annual Meeting in San Diego was Morgan MacArthur, DVM and international motivational speaker.

Distinguished Life Membership was conferred upon Peter Haynes, the 38th President in 1992, two term Past President, ad hoc chair, and architect with Gary Carpenter of Strategic Long Range Planning and Governance of AAEP.

M.B. Teigland received the Distinguished Educator Award. "Teig" has been and remains one of the industry's most articulate voices for a reasoned and scientific basis for medication in racing. Over the past 50 years he has educated almost as many racing commissioners as veterinarians. Melbourne, a name he did not greatly appreciate, became "Murray" in a Daily Racing Form article by Joe Hirsch, and the new moniker seemed to stick. However, to over two generations of veterinarians, racetrackers, and other friends he is "Teig."

Winner of the Distinguished Service Award was educator N.T. Messer IV. AAEP showed industry leadership in bringing thorough investigation and factual data to the sometimes hysterical debate over Pregnant Mare Urine ranching. Messer spearheaded and participated in that leadership.

David Foley was also a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Long a stalwart of the AAEP staff as convention manager, David transitioned AAEP seamlessly to his Executive Directorship succeeding Gary Carpenter.

The events of September 11, 2001 had an effect on convention attendance, but it was not significant long term.

The Frank Milne "State of the Art Lecture" was delivered by James N. Moore, DVM, PhD and featured, in addition to erudite discussion, some of the best graphics seen at AAEP. The lecture covered Equine Gastrointestinal Anatomy, Function and Selected Intestinal Displacements as well as Perspective on Endotoxemia. The emphasis of the Dolly Green Lecture Series was on "Lameness in the Athletic Horse."

Seven wet labs were conducted: Dentistry, Lameness Diagnosis, Neurology, Reproduction, Ultrasound, Advanced Ultrasound, and Laser Surgery. The second AAEP Horseman's Day continued and built on the success of the inaugural event at San Antonio in 2000.

C. Wayne McIlwraith, BVSC, PhD, FRCVS
Diplomate ACVS
Barbara Cox Anthony University Chair
Colorado State University
Professor of Surgery
Director of Orthopedic Research
47th President of AAEP

Years on the Board

I was on the Board under the old system: three years as alternative member on the "Executive Board" 1989 - 1991 and Board of Directors 1992 - 1994. I was excited and honored to be put on the Board with so many big names in the equine veterinary community. I was, however, struck in those early years with the cumbersome system of subcommittees A, B, and C reworking committee work, and this was highlighted in a farewell speech of Pete Haynes. I thought that the repetition and reconsideration of committee recommendations was very inefficient. At the same time, I saw the start of the evolution to strategic planning, new vocabulary, such as "paradigm shifts," and the energy of Gary Carpenter getting the machine more efficient.

During my second three years on the Board, Pete Haynes had formed the Educational Programs Committee with me as the first Chair, and this led to the development of the Proceedings Book being at the annual meeting. It was an exciting change, including some negative sentiments initially over the loss of the heavier tome that came out six months after the meeting, but they soon were replaced by appreciation of having a good record at the meeting. Acknowledgements to Frank Milne, however, for his tireless work in editing the large proceedings over all of the years. My one slightly humorous memory would be the reputation that I acquired for "multitasking" during Board meetings, resulting in J. Clyde quietly requesting that I stop doing it during his tenure as president. I think the word got out, and I was watched closely by everyone during that last year!

Year as President Elect

My President Elect year started the night that I got back from New Zealand in January, when Gary Carpenter phoned to tell me that he was taking the job with the Jockey Club. It was a big shock to President Ben Franklin, but Gary stayed to help us through the transition, and when we hired David Foley in May, everything proceeded well in the office. David

immediately stepped up into the big job, going from co-worker to leader of the staff, and rapidly going up the learning curve as our main liaison with various factions of the equine industry. I mainly remember the President Elect year because of being Program Chair. Picking topics and organizing in-depth seminars was easy; getting all of the manuscripts in was more difficult. I could not have done it without Carey Robinson, Gin Preston, and the Educational Programs Committee - what resources. One never feels alone in either the President Elect or President position. The Executive Committee has definitely developed into a very functional unit with everyone's input.

Year as President

As it is for any president of AAEP, it was a busy year, but very fulfilling. It was also the year of the Medication Summit. AAEP had come out with a "new" medication policy at the end of 2000, and our strategic plan was to organize the Summit at the University of Arizona Racing Symposium and to get all segments of the equine industry together. That part went very well, and it was gratifying to have all segments together at Arizona and for us to hand over our effort from the last two years working towards a national uniform medication policy. It wasn't all easy, and we did come under some degree of attack from certain AAEP members who did not want to see their individual State's medication policy change. The support and agreement of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors was critical.

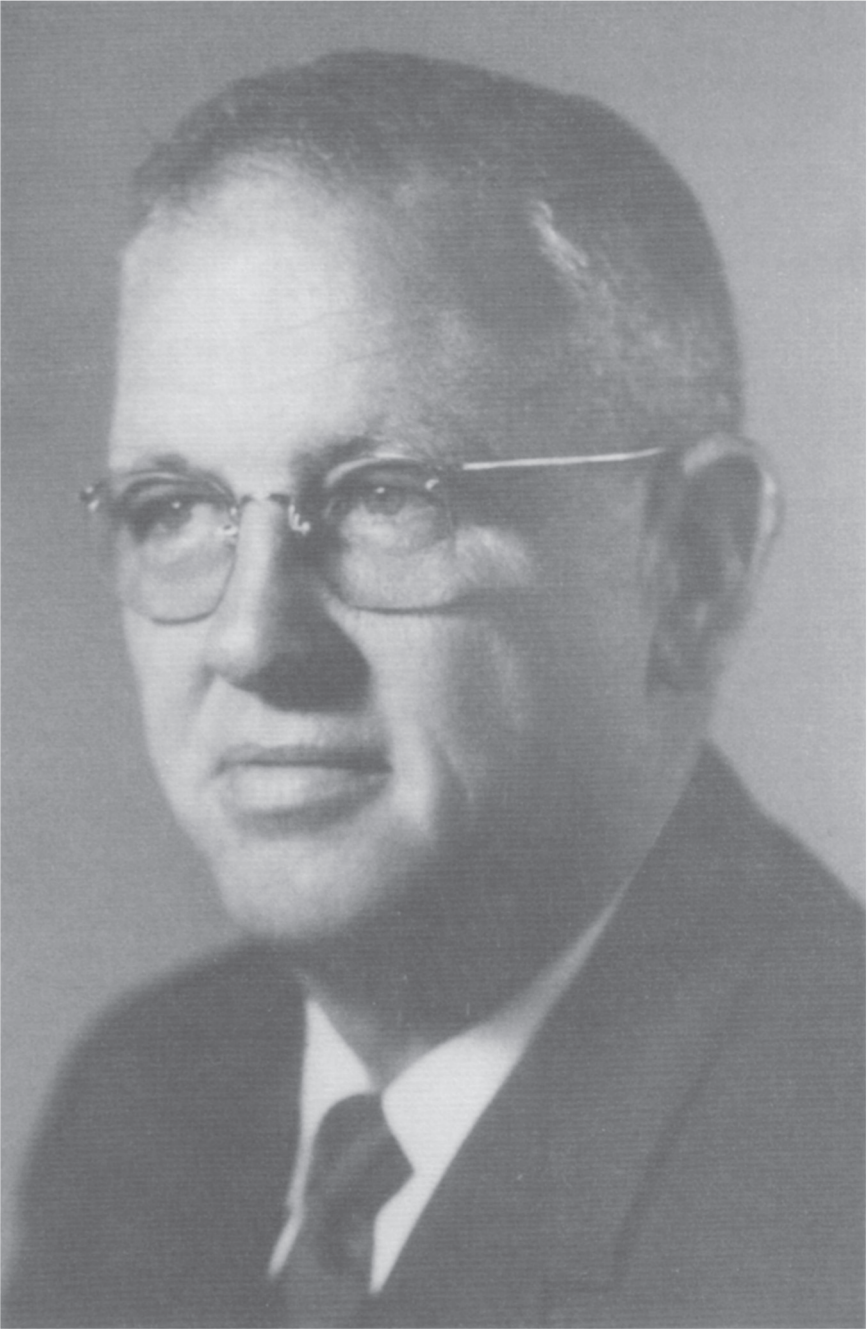
The Impact of AAEP in my Life

Ben Franklin started my presidency by telling me that this would be the greatest honor in my career. It is certainly a huge honor, particularly for someone who trained in New Zealand and came to America for a period of training and never left. Particularly notable:

- Acceptance and support in working with AAEP has convinced me of the open-mindedness of AAEP members.
- The life-long friends that I have made are too numerous to mention.
- AAEP has given me most of my training in administration and leadership.
- AAEP has kept me in tune of the continuously changing needs of the equine industry as it relates to my work as both an equine surgeon and researcher.

Joe Burch
1923 - 2001

In August of 1940 a ranch kid from Tulia, Texas stepped off the train in Fort Collins, Colorado. Inventory: All possessions in a borrowed suitcase;



Dr. Joe Burch

life experience and worldliness, nil; love of horses, big as Texas; desire to become a veterinarian, unlimited. In 1945, Colorado Agriculture and Mechanical College graduated Joseph Burch, DVM.

“I first met Joe in the fall of 1945. We took the state board (FL) examination together in Jacksonville and then flew together on a DC-4 to Miami and went to work with our new jobs immediately. Joe was employed by Dr. Larry Kelly in Fort Lauderdale. We both did a lot of dairy cattle work in the summers as we only had racing for 120 days in the fall through early spring. Joe met Margaret in Fort Lauderdale and they married in 1946.

“Joe was always interested in blood chemistry studies in his clients’ horses and did present a paper on his evaluation of chemistry findings at an early AAEP meeting.”
- M.B. Teigland

“Joe was born in 1923 on a Texas cattle ranch and grew into a lifelong love of horses. Upon graduation from Colorado A and M College in 1945, he established a race track veterinary practice based at Gulfstream Park as well as serving clients at Hialeah Park and the old Tropical Park. With no summer racing, Joe took his practice to the New England tracks for the summers.

“In the mid-seventies, Joe concentrated solely on building and maintaining his practice at the three South Florida tracks with the help of his son George, with whom he formed a veterinary partnership in 1976. Joe was highly respected by both his clients and his colleagues. Joe was an especially gifted storyteller and racing aficionado who was always generous and approachable to anybody down on their luck.

“Joe and his wife Margaret were married for 54 years. They traveled the world during vacations that began on their 25th wedding anniversary. Both were gifted ballroom dancers; heads would turn in admiration whenever they were on the dance floor!”
- Alice (Mrs. George) Burch

Joe Burch, 12th President of AAEP in 1966, passed away on November 14, 2001.

2002

Dr. Jerry Black of Oakdale, Calif., served as president in 2002, and dedicated his presidency to equine welfare. One of his first acts as president was to reestablish the AAEP's Equine Welfare Committee. During this first year, the Welfare Committee examined several existing position statements and updated the association's positions on such topics as the transportation and processing of horses as well as soring.

The push for uniform medication rules in horse racing continued during Dr. Black's presidency. His concern for the appropriate use of therapeutic medications also extended to the non-racing performance horse world, as the Board of Directors approved a new medication policy for these disciplines as well.

Dr. Black also spearheaded a long-range strategic planning session for the association during his term as president. Some of the key goals of the plan were to attract more students to equine medicine and increase the association's branding efforts with its own membership and within the horse industry.

AAEP produced three member reference publications in 2002. The third edition of "Drug Determination Guidelines," "Vaccination Guidelines," published in both English and Spanish, and the sixth "Guidelines for Determining the Age of the Horse," the culmination of work by the AAEP Aging Guide Task Force, Mike Martin, Chairman, and members Jack Easley, Dean Scoggins, and Leon Scrutchfield. The Sixth Edition is the finest and most graphic guide to date, including excellent discussion and beautiful color plates. It is truly a gold standard from AAEP to the profession and the equine industry.

Another pro-active area for AAEP was the approval in 2002 of four "welfare position statements" recommended by the AAEP Welfare Committee and approved by the Board.

- Policy on Therapeutic Medications in the Non-Racing Performance Horse
- Position on the Transportation and Processing of Horses
- Policy on the Practice of Soring
- Position on the Use of Horses in Urban Environments

AAEP formed the Emergency Preparedness Task Force in 2002 to help practitioner members prepare for natural or man-made disasters.

Distinguished Life Member 2002 was James L. Voss, the 35th President in 1989. Past presidents of AAEP uniquely among veterinary associations do not fade into obscurity - well, obscurity maybe, but they continue to be actively and strategically engaged in the Association. Jim Voss exemplifies this concept, assisting subsequent presidents with counsel and guidance, continuing committee work, and continuing education programs.

The Distinguished Educators were John Fessler and Ronald Genovese. Fessler was a longtime professor of Equine Surgery at Purdue University and major professor of Wayne McIlwraith, among other things. Ron Genovese, track practitioner and early advocate of distal limb ultrasound examination, has lectured nationally and internationally.

The Lavin Cup was presented to Dayton Hyde, founder of the Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary.

Jay Merriam, AAEP leader in welfare issues as well as inter-American CE, was given the AAEP Distinguished Service Award along with H. Steve Conboy, who has represented AAEP in many forums, including the American Horse Council. Additionally, he is a recognized authority in brood farm practice.

The Keynote Speaker in Orlando was arguably the most colorful and animated speaker that AAEP members had experienced. NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Terry Bradshaw gave a spirited talk, mixing his athletic days with his experiences breeding and training quarter horses.

David Nunamaker, Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons and Chair of the New Bolton Department of Clinical Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, delivered the Frank J. Milne "State of the Art Lecture."

Table Topics, Sunrise Sessions, and Wet Labs all drew overflow attendance. Concurrent with the scientific program were Professional Development Practice Management presentations as well as a one-day AAEP Computer College.

A "Live Horse" demonstration, focusing on handling the problem or resistant horse, was presented by Mr. Joe Wolter (6666 Ranch) and Mark Fitch. In addition to being an expert and graphic lecture for practitioners, the tuition proceeds (\$35 per attendee) benefited AAEP and AQHA foundations. It was a very popular and practical demonstration that will be repeated many times in many venues.

Another first for AAEP in 2002 was a technician program with 8 hours of CE designed especially for equine veterinary technicians.

A TRIBUTE TO JOE SOLOMON

Dr. Joe Solomon was dedicated to five aspects of his life: his family, his profession, the well-being of the horse, the racing industry, and his clients. Joe was a man of astute vision; he was a driving force in the founding of AAEP, and in the 1950's and 60's he saw the need for investing in and constructing a privately owned clinic to advance the care of horses with the emerging technologies of the time.

Joe was especially dedicated to fellow practitioners. He envisioned a medium for equine practitioners to come together to share knowledge, experiences, new technology, and to grow professionally. He also wanted that same medium to be a vehicle to help practitioners deal with the industry; to counsel, advise, protect, and solve many adversarial dilemmas that equine practice presents. This vision was seminal in the development of AAEP as a respected industry organization that has a positive impact on the practitioner as well as the health and welfare of the horse. Many times he championed the cause of any one practitioner to the highest level.

The first question he asked me when I joined him as a veterinarian in 1964 was, "Are you an AAEP member yet?" The AAEP was as important to him professionally as was practice itself!

He practiced quality veterinary medicine and took an active role in state and national racing activities from medication rules to day-to-day racetrack operations. He constantly participated in all activities that dealt with the image and position of the equine practitioner and the horseman.

Mostly he cared about the horse. All of the extra unpaid projects he took on had the same bottom line - the well-being of the horse and the people responsible for its medical care, the veterinarian.

Consider the end result and what the AAEP represents today.

- Ron Genovese, V.M.D.

Joe Solomon passed away on January 12, 2002.



Dr. Joe Solomon

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2003

The year began with the 5th annual Resort Symposium in Queenstown, New Zealand, January 25 thru 27. Despite concerns that members might not be willing to travel halfway around the world for an AAEP meeting, the event was considered a “sold-out success,” drawing over 105 veterinarians and 75 guests.

Tom Lenz, former Marine, resident veterinarian, industrial veterinarian, horseman, and committed equine practitioner, was the 49th president of AAEP. Several Executive Board meetings throughout the year dealt with items such as the use of horses in urban environments, reestablishment of a committee on equine insurance, a farrier/AAEP task force, triennial review of policy and position statements, and planning for the 50th anniversary of AAEP. The Consortium on Race Day Medication that was initiated in 2002 by AAEP continued to be a focus for the Association’s leadership. Legislation to outlaw the processing of horses for human consumption was introduced and required much of the attention of the Executive Committee throughout the year. Travel took board members to New Zealand; Lexington, Kentucky; Fort Collins, Colorado; and New Orleans, Louisiana.

A brand new Focus meeting was added to the AAEP continuing education line-up. Held in conjunction with the Practice Management Seminar, Focus was unique in its complete concentration on an in-depth exploration of a single modality or condition. Greeted with an enthusiastic response from members, the topic of the first meeting was equine reproduction and was held in Ft. Collins, Colorado.

The Horse Magazine and EQUUS magazine joined the AAEP Educational Partner Program, and both the U.S. Equestrian Federation and the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) joined with the AAEP as alliance partners.

At their 69th annual meeting, The Association of Racing Commissioners (ARCI) presented its prestigious May Award to AAEP. Past President Rick Arthur was on hand to receive the award, which recognized the AAEP as “an organization in racing for the highest level of service and contribution to the betterment of the racing sport.” (See Drugs and Medication Timeline 2003)

On January 27, 2003, Robert L. Boss, the 28th president of AAEP in 1982, passed away.

“Bob Boss might qualify as a paradox in this age of political correctness and mealy-mouthed diplomacy. He made friends easily and more important steadfastly, but he never compromised his principles to do so. He defined the meaning of “strength of his convictions,” and in the forty years that I knew

him or knew of him, I never saw him vacillate once he had taken a stand, neither for his enemies nor friends. The profession was fortunate to have benefited from his leadership. This world would be a lot better with more like him.” - J. Thomas Vaughan

The 49th Annual Meeting, November 21 - 25, broke all prior attendance records. The number of student attendees more than doubled, there was a record number of AAEP registrants and a sold-out record number of commercial exhibitors. In all, nearly 6200 attended the meeting in New Orleans, a very popular venue that had hosted AAEP in 1967 (Neal Lusk, President), 1981 (Vaughan), and 1987 (Sheehan).



Robert L. Boss

All scientific presentations, including live and wet lab (“hands on”) demonstrations, were held at the Morial Convention Center. Social functions, such as Alumni receptions and the President’s Luncheon, as well as the Horseman’s Day program, were held at the Hilton Riverside headquarters hotel. The 2003 convention was also the venue for the second AAEP Technician’s Program, a full day of CE lectures and demonstrations designed specifically for equine veterinary technicians. Back by popular demand were the fine demonstrations on handling the problem horse. Demonstration proceeds benefited the AAEP Foundation and the American Quarter Horse Foundation. Mark Fitch, equine practitioner from Boulder, Colorado, repeated his presentation from the 2002 meeting. Mr. Buster McLaury was the horseman behaviorist. President Tom Lenz moderated the session.

Responding to member surveys and concerns, the keynote speech was given by William B. Brown on “Ethics in Action for Equine Practitioners.”

Awards and honors:

- Norman Rantanen - distinguished career devoted to the diagnostic imaging specialties of radiology and ultrasound.
- Loren H. Evans, DVM - distinguished career educator, University of Pennsylvania

- AO/ASIF 1

AO/ASIF was honored for their support of equine courses and orthopedic research worldwide studying internal fixation for fractures. The group's veterinary focus has been maintained principally due to humane reasons, funded by profits from their human medical base of operations. Al Gabel, Bob Copelan, Bruce Hohn and other orthopedic faculty conducted early instruction in the United States at the Ohio State University.

- The Lavin Cup

Presented by past president A.G. Lavin to the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association "for successful and ongoing efforts to protect the health and welfare of the animals that participate in its events."

The AAEP Foundation Auction raised a record \$108,000 for research and scholarship. The benefit auction was a success that will be difficult to repeat. Among the winning elements, it is a challenge to identify any one dominant to the importance of the evening.

- Good food, great music, plenty of dancing
- Humiliating but hilarious stage performances by AAEP alleged notables extolling the virtues of the Foundation
- "Salute to Heroes on Horseback," with a special and moving appearance by officers and horses of the New Orleans Mounted Patrol
- Kick off of the 50th Anniversary Year of AAEP, featuring the parading of an antiquity - notably Robert W. Copelan, Paris, Kentucky, an original founding member of AAEP in 1954. (The "old dinosaur" can still breathe fire when necessary.)

During 2003, Stephen W. Reed was named the winner of the prestigious WEVA Award presented by the World Equine Veterinary Association and Schering Plough Animal Health Corporation. Steve Reed, a long time presenter at AAEP scientific sessions, was one of the first planners of seminars and panels (1985). He served on the Board of Directors of AAEP 1996 - 1999.

The AAEP ended 2003 with its largest membership in history: nearly 6,500 veterinarians and over 1,500 veterinary students as members.

¹ Arbeitsgemeinschaft fur Osteosynthesefragen/Association for the Study of Internal Fixation

2004

The 50th anniversary year started off with AAEP's Resort Symposium in Cozumel, Mexico, which was held January 30 - February 1. Attendance was just over 100 members and guests.

Ongoing throughout 2004 and leading up to the convention in Denver, AAEP held a monthly write-in contest entitled "My Vet Matters." Owners responded with letters extolling the value of their relationship with their equine practitioner.

AAEP selected Dr. Jim Morehead chairman of a five-member task force to deal with contemporary issues surrounding the compounding of drugs. The committee is charged with developing educational literature for AAEP members regarding legalities of drug compounding. The task force is also charged with making sure that exhibitors at annual meetings are within legal compounding guidelines.

Additionally, a task force was formed to explore further incorporation of veterinary technicians into the AAEP CE process.

AAEP will be working with the National Commission for Veterinary Economic Issues (NCVEI) for the data specific to equine practice.

The Focus/Practice Management meeting was scheduled for July 22 - 24 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky and covered joint disease as well as current practice management issues. The Brown Hotel was where AAEP began in 1954.

On July 25th, following the Focus/Practice Management meeting, the AAEP Foundation presented a one-day Equine Laminitis Research Meeting and Panel, also at the Brown Hotel. The meeting was co-sponsored with the Grayson-Jockey Club Foundation, Morris Animal Foundation, and the American Quarter Horse Foundation.

"THE HORSE DOCTORS"

From the Assyrians, who invented the cavalry, to Alexander the Great, the Huns, and the Mongols, who used it, through the U.S. cavalry of WWI, the horse was man's warrior companion. In return for service in battle, the armies researched and improved the health of the horse between wars. This was a unique and useful partnership for both man and the horse.

On July 1, 1948, with the transfer of the U.S. Remount Service from the Army to the Department of Agriculture, man's 4000 years of military partnership with the horse ended. The USDA lacked the kinship the Army held for the horse. When the horse came into their purview, within four



L.R. Bramlage, DVM MS, 2004 President

months they grounded the flag of equine research, closed the remount depots, and converted the equine research facilities to beef cattle. Equine medicine and surgery was considered a waning profession and government bowed out of its long-standing partnership with the horse.

For six years, equine post-graduate education existed only as intermittent segments of general veterinary meetings. Even organized veterinary medicine was skeptical about the future of equine medicine and surgery.

Then, on December 4, 1954, in Louisville, Kentucky, things changed. The first meeting of the veterinarians who spawned the AAEP was held. Their stated mission was to collaborate to look after the health and welfare of the horse. Their unstated mission was to pay a debt. A debt to the animal they served and who had served man so well for so long. A debt so large it is incalculable to the debtor, but so dear as to be inconsequential to its holder. A debt incurred over centuries, to an animal that fought our wars, carried our burdens, and entertained our young.

In the Brown Hotel in Louisville, 50 years ago, the AAEP re-raised the banner of equine healthcare and took over equine continuing education for the profession. We became “the horse doctors.”

Occasionally two parties' good fortune will merge at the same opportune moment. Such is the partnership of the horse and the AAEP. Fortunate is the AAEP that the forces of nature and the hand of God created an animal as strong as an ox, but as fragile as a puppy, an animal capable of intelligence and stupidity simultaneously. An animal as bold and beautiful as a model, but so flawed that it would need its own medical professionals to thrive. When the government gave up on the horse, we stepped up.

Fortunate is the horse that love of equine practice and a quest for excellence melded 50 years ago in a hotel in Louisville, Kentucky as the AAEP. The American Association of Equine Practitioners was formed to look after the health and welfare of the horse. And, we do.

We will not surrender this trust to the well-intentioned but misinformed. Pretenders to our mission are often misguided in intent, but always resolved in will. They present a challenge, for their resolve comes from the same unquenchable drive as ours, the love of the horse. We must assure our care of the horse is not compromised by their care for the horse, and that well-intentioned but misguided endeavors to help the species don't end up hurting the individuals. Education is our weapon and the horse once again our combat companion.

In our increasingly urban society, a love of the spirit of the horse has largely replaced familiarity with the individual. Horsemanship has been

replaced by an abstract reverence for the horse that borders on passion, but is rooted more in the cinema than the corral. It is our goal to temper this enthusiasm with understanding, but without dampening it, and to assure it is channeled to the benefit of the horse, not its detriment.

As the horse has moved from farm to the stable, the needs of the animal have not changed, but the care of the horse has. The equine population of this country has rebounded from its ebb in the fifties to a crest that now mirrors the all time high in horse numbers. But horses are no longer only laborers, they are also entertainers. The value of the livery of horses has been replaced by the value of the individual. We are a part of the equine population boom. As their doctors our mission is their health and welfare.

Man's debt to the horse continues to mount and be paid today. Our wars are now more against burning out than burning up and our burdens more psychological than physical. Our children are as perplexing than ever, with their continual need for sensory stimulation. But all of us are freed by the unqualified devotion of a beast five times our size, ten times our strength, and many times our speed.

Though the individual horses change, their affection for mankind and ours for them remains unchanged. They are physically so well made for athleticism and mentally so perfect for companionship that their role today for their owners is no less valuable than it was for the cavalry of the past. Their care is our vocation, not just a job.

Each of us has a different perception of the perfect equine specimen, perhaps a favorite animal, a favorite discipline or a favorite performance, but that favorite specimen will have too little bone for durability, too much intestine for practicality, and too little common sense for Darwinian survival in our urban society. What he will have is the right athletic ability to lay claim to the title of the kingdom's best middle distance athlete and the right charisma to be the world's best friend.

The horse's devotion to man through 4000 years has earned the best care we can provide in return for that service. It is the AAEP mission in our second half-century to continue the protection of equine health and welfare, for we are "the horse doctors."

We pledge to bring the best and the brightest into our profession to carry on that mission. Our organization has no hidden agenda. Our leaders are not paid, they are volunteer. They cannot quit, for theirs is a calling, not their career. They have no need for controversy or publicity to raise money, for they are not a gathering of sensation, but one of substance. Our job year after year is to present the newest and best in continuing education and to assure the most informed public policy for the health and welfare of the

animal we serve. We don't take that mission lightly, and we will not surrender it to pretenders. We pursue it with determination and competence. It has been our mission for 50 years. In the equine healthcare arena we are unchallenged. In the equine welfare arena we are unmoving, for we are "their doctors."

For 50 years the AAEP has accepted the responsibility for equine healthcare and earned the credentials to be the equine welfare ambassadors. For the combined future of the AAEP and the horse, we will be the voice of equine welfare at all venues appropriate and the voice of equine health at all venues period. For 50 years we have been, and for the future we pledge to be the equine advocates in all veterinary and industry settings. To the horse, our warrior companion for 4000 years, "we promise not to trust your healthcare to anyone of less than your noble heritage."

We pledge, that as we enter our second half-century, the AAEP will remain "the horse doctors."

— L.R. Bramlage, DVM MS

Delivered December 2003 as his inaugural address
as the 50th AAEP president.

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Drugs and Medications Timeline

Preface

As of this writing, AAEP and the racing industry are trying to come to terms with the issue of race horse medication. Success is purported to be imminent and will indeed be eminent. This history must factually remind us of the length and breadth of the struggle.

Wayne O. Kester, in his preface to *The History of the American Association of Equine Practitioners: The First Thirty-Five Years 1954 - 1990*, had this to say: “Medication of race horses (is) the dominant, most troublesome and most time demanding issue continually confronting AAEP since day one....” Clearly not much has changed. In this author’s opinion, there is a subtle sophistry in the gallant and brave description of our current efforts to unify the racing industry. Laudable as it is, we must remember that this quest has been at the AAEP table for 50 years! The hoped for success will not be a single act or effort... hence the timeline.

Drugs and Medications Timeline

1954 Primary impetus of the founding members was the poor image of the racetrack practitioner. “...before the first regular meeting of AAEP, a Los Angeles daily newspaper carried the rather startling headline ‘Cops Ride with Vets’ – startling at least to veterinarians and certainly a blow to veterinary prestige.” [K p.1]

1955 The third business meeting and first professional AAEP meeting was attended by eight AVMA officers and executive board members (Kester was at that time President Elect of AVMA).

“The entire first morning and closing afternoon were devoted to analyzing the many problems confronting the practice of veterinary medicine in the racing industry. This historic meeting set the pattern whereby the AAEP received national recognition and moved into its rightful position among the organizations that support and advise the racing industry in the United States and Canada.” [K8]

AVMA President Elect Kester wryly observed that he and Floyd Cross, AVMA President, were happy to hand off responsibility for mending the tarnished image of the racetrack vet, never suspecting that the retired Air Force Brigadier General would be at the front in that battle for the next 35 years – it was a life sentence that he relished!

Also at the first professional meeting Jack Robbins, L.J. Cook and N.C. Roberts were appointed to survey and study the rules of racing in the various states. This study culminated five years later in AAEP unanimously approving and publishing recommended rules of racing with respect to medication. [K9]

AAEP President Willard Guard attended the annual meeting of the National Association of State Racing Commissioners (NASRC) in Baltimore, establishing precedent of AAEP and NASRC liaison over the years.

- 1956 AAEP initiated a policy of forwarding its membership roster to NASRC with a request for a report on any veterinarian who might not be in good standing with the NASRC.
- 1957 AAEP Program included Mr. Marshall Cassidy, Secretary of the Jockey Club and Director of Racing, New York Racing Association (NYRA), who began the precedent of discussion of racing industry problems common to racetrack management, horsemen, official racing chemists, and veterinary practitioners. [K17]
- 1958 August – Four members of AAEP were invited and attended the Jockey Club Roundtable in Saratoga, New York, establishing a liaison that continues to the present day. The attendees were AAEP President Ed Churchill, Past President Horace Davis, and Executive Board Members Jordan Woodcock and William O. Reed. President Churchill also attended and participated in the NASRC and TRA annual meetings.

A major milestone was AAEP's first convening of a blue ribbon industry panel with representatives of the Horseman's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA), the Thoroughbred Club of America, the Association of Official Racing Chemists (AORC), the NASRC, the Racing Stewards, the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau (TRPB), the U.S. Equestrian Team (USET), and the Grayson Foundation. (See picture K22)

- 1959 AAEP pointed out to the racing industry that procedures for collection of urine and saliva varied widely from state to state. Standardization was needed and urged. (AAEP also urged that pre-race examinations should be required and that requirements should be standardized.)

AAEP convened the second industry-wide panel to discuss (and debate) regulatory policies. According to Kester, [K 27] it was a memorable afternoon's work with many contributions from members present from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Details of the proceedings are recorded in the 1959 proceedings book. At the close of the session, a model rule was presented by Dr. Jordan Woodcock. This "policy and rules" adopted unanimously one year later has endured to the present day with only minor revisions and is still the gold standard for the industry, albeit not universally applied or

appreciated. Nothing better for the horse and the racing industry has come along in the intervening 45 years!

AAEP publicly announced its recommended rules of racing with respect to medication. This was the result of five years of survey, study, and debate, and was unanimously adopted by the membership. The task of being the public spokesman for AAEP's recommended rules fell to Dr. Jordan Woodcock, AAEP President and also the commission veterinarian for the State of New York. A veteran of 17 years with NYRA, Woodcock was nationally and internationally esteemed as a racing regulatory official. Additionally, he was quintessentially an urbane and articulate gentleman impressing all as a sophisticated New Yorker. At the NASRC convention he expounded and defended the AAEP proposal with clarity and conviction. Although many commissioners were impressed, many were unconvinced and some were very defensive of the old standard "48 hour rule." New York was unconvinced and Jordan Woodcock's commission was terminated. Even the severest critics of history have come up with no better proposal than the 1960 AAEP Guidelines. "In the history of racing, there has been controlled medication and uncontrolled medication. There has never been what some jurisdictions [to this day] refer to as 'no medication.' "

POLICIES PERTAINING TO MEDICATION OF RACE HORSES

1. Prohibition of the use of a stimulant, depressant, narcotic, tranquilizer, or local anesthetic in a manner that might affect the racing performance of a horse.
2. Full use of modern therapeutic measures for the improvement and protection of the health of the horse with the understanding that such medication may be used on the day of a race by express permission of proper officials.
3. Maintenance of personal veterinary records which accurately record all medications – such records to be made available to proper racing officials on request in case of questions regarding an entry.
4. The administration of all drugs and all medications to any horse shall, on a local option basis, be reported to the Commission Veterinarian. (Every report of veterinary treatment shall be held confidential and protected as an investigative or security file compiled for law enforcement purposes, provided, however, that the commission may disclose such portion of the report as may be required in the exercise of its lawful jurisdiction.)

1961 Probably best labeled as the year of the "Butazolidin Wars," 1961 saw

the emergence of two of the great paragons of AAEP leadership: Gene M. Bierhaus and M.B. Tieglund. Phenylbutazone had been used sub rosa for five or six years before a reliable urine test was developed in 1961. Primarily obtained out of Mexico, the 100mg pills became popularly known as “red hots.” As soon as the test was standardized by the Racing Chemists, most racing jurisdictions banned its use; some jurisdictions chose to ignore it. The Colorado Racing Commission veterinarian, Gene M. Bierhaus, adopted a “permissive medication” program. California, where Alan Edmondson was the commission veterinarian in charge, soon followed. Two factors made the controlled medication program possible: first was the presence of an accurate urine test, and second was the ability of the racing commission veterinarian to work with track practitioners in an atmosphere of mutual trust and transparency. At the higher national levels, the statesmanship of M.B. Tieglund kept AAEP from becoming adversely embroiled in the national and heated controversy over the use of Butazolidin in racing. In all forums, he diplomatically but firmly reported that AAEP was committed to ethically modern and honorable practice in the best interest of the health and welfare of the horse. AAEP did not promulgate rules but was morally bound to abide by the rules of each jurisdiction. Tieglund, through his leadership (and 30 years of racing medication discussion), became a major spokesman for the AAEP position to be supported by Joe O’Dea, Bob Copelan, Marvin Beeman, Joe Solomon, Bernie Brennan and the original framer of the recommended rules, Jack Robbins.

Also, 1961 marked the first publication of the AAEP Ethics and Professional Guidelines with sections covering:

Section 2 NASRC/AAEP sharing of disciplinary information (1956)

Section 6 Medication of Race Horses (1959)

The publication was updated and expanded in 1982.

1962 It became apparent that the president and president elect could not by themselves deal with the required liaison and consultation with the racing industry. The Equine Practice Committee was formed and “continued over the years to maintain close liaison with NASRC committees, Official Racing Chemists and others with interests related to veterinary medicine in the racing industry.” [K 43]

This committee was also charged with investigation of any instance of an AAEP member under disciplinary action by any Racing Commission in the U.S. or Canada. The committee reported its findings and recommendations to the AAEP Executive Board for

action ranging from expulsion of the member or “depending on the facts of the case – coming to his defense.” [K 43]

AAEP Equine Practice Committee – Jack Robbins, Chairman
William O. Reed Gene Bierhaus James O’Connor
John Rosborough Ed Churchill O.R. Adams
Joe Burch Harry Johnson William R. McGee
Jordan Woodcock Neal Lusk
M.B. Tieglund Joe Miller
Wayne Kester

The Lexington, Kentucky meeting featured a panel of horsemen in an “off the record session to voice their opinions as to what veterinary medicine could do” for each of their particular portions of the industry. [K 43]

As a result of meetings by the Equine Practice Committee with NASRC and Official Racing Chemists, a unanimous opinion by year’s end was that “AAEP’s policy and position on medication was correct, and that it was time for AAEP to publicly restate its views.”

These meetings were held with the full public and technical support of the AVMA. L. Meyer Jones represented AVMA in the meetings. [K 45]

Philosophy and Origin of AAEP Policies on Medication – These are best described by the following statement unanimously adopted by the American Association of Equine Practitioners at its 9th annual meeting in Lexington, Kentucky, December 9 – 11, 1963.

Statement

The Equine Practice Committee was created to study a subject familiar to everyone, highly complex and controversial, and virtually insoluble at this point. The most urgent problem facing our profession and the racing industry today involves the medication of horses in training. Without attempting to stir up any controversy, but because we care, and because we do have the right to submit an opinion, we feel that it is propitious to do so at this time.

Early this year, our Equine Practice Committee began an exhaustive and intensive study of all problems associated with medication. Meetings were held with members of the Association of Official Racing Chemists; consultations were conducted with a leading veterinary pharmacologist; opinions were obtained by thoroughly canvassing practitioners as well as the various regulatory veterinarians; experience with “controlled medication” in Colorado was explored and evaluated; our Committee itself spent many hours

weighing every aspect of the problem in order to formulate equitable and practicable medication policies.

A recommendation of rules pertaining to medication is primarily impossible to develop without first ascertaining basic facts and an acceptable philosophy. Fundamentally, we were assured that many racehorses are in demand of some degree of therapy to maintain them at a normal level under unnatural environmental circumstances and the undue stress and strain to which they are subjected. Thus, a blanket indictment of all medication, however innocuous or harmless, would be unfair, impossible, and uneconomical to establish.

Our next step was to define and delineate the areas of such allowable therapeutic medication. Philosophically, we agreed that medication which was beneficial to the health of the horse and maintained or aided its general physical condition should be acceptable as long as this medication was not a stimulant, depressant, or local anesthetic, and as long as it was not used for fraudulent purposes. Such medications should then be appraised on the basis of their therapeutic value, and if they maintain or return a horse to normal, they should be regarded as a valid asset to every facet of the racing industry. Correlated with human beings, a diabetic remains competitive with the aid of insulin; a baseball pitcher with a sore arm is able to participate with the proper remedial aid; a football player can receive necessary therapy for a sprained ankle; an anemic track star is allowed necessary hematopoietic treatment.

The basic demand of our profession is to be able to treat and attempt to cure, and to be able to restore a pathologic condition to a normal state. Deprivation of this purpose is therapeutic hypocrisy.

In our role as professional advisors and consultants, we have evolved a plan which we feel is basically sound and acceptable. It is not our intention to necessarily offer this as a final answer or solution to the various complexities of the medication issue, but we do offer it as a starting point from which interested and authorized parties may proceed to modify, rescind, or accept its contents in an effort to solve a very serious problem facing each of us as veterinarians and the racing industry at large.

Recommendations:

Our recommended 4-point policy follows with an inclusion of necessary statements to better explain and clarify our position.

1. Prohibition of the use of a stimulant, depressant or local anesthetic in a manner that might affect the racing performance of a horse.

(Stimulants and depressants are defined as medications which stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems.) It is further recommended to prohibit the use of any drug, regardless of how harmless or innocuous it might be, which by its very nature might “mask” or “screen” the presence of the aforementioned prohibited drugs.

The parenthetical statement is included since this criterion is being currently used by the Chemistry Research Fund of the NASRC to evaluate various drugs.

2. Full use of modern therapeutic measures for the improvement and protection of the health of a horse, with the understanding that no such medication will be used on the day of the race except by express permission of proper officials. (“The day of the race” is to be determined by proper authorities on a local option basis.)

This statement at once prohibits medications on the day of a race, except under specified conditions, and it allows local authorities to establish time limits of their choice for medication on the day before a race, without necessarily reverting to the controversial hourly basis. It further discourages unscrupulous medication on the strength that a stimulant or depressant would not be apt to affect a horse’s performance when used other than on a racing day.

By prohibiting treatment on racing days, the veterinarian is provided maximum protection against fraudulent acts by other parties. Furthermore, we feel that treating a horse on the day of the race, regardless of how good the intent, may tend to be demoralizing and unethical before the eyes of other parties.

3. Maintenance of personal veterinary records which accurately record all medications – such records to be made available to proper racing officials on request in case of questions regarding an entry.

The routine written reports, mandatory in some states, have tended to serve no useful purpose, and in some instances have actually been abused. Experience has proven that they are of diminishing importance, and that a properly maintained personal record would provide adequate information for all medication other than that mentioned in policy 4.

4. Reporting to proper officials the administration of controversial medications in accordance with local option for the purpose of evolving and evaluating definitive information.

This policy is the basis of the present Colorado experiment with “controlled medication,” which has been so highly successful in allowing and thereby evaluating the so-called “gray area” drugs – medicants which are neither stimulants, depressants, nor local anesthetics, but which by virtue of their therapeutic qualities might dramatically affect a horse’s performance.

Those of you who have been following our efforts will recognize the foregoing policies as being essentially the same as those adopted three years ago at our sixth annual meeting in Phoenix. We have attempted to further clarify and broaden them to currently include all phases and developments of the equine industry.

After due consideration and effort, we feel that the above rules would be correspondingly fair and judicious for the public, the horseman, the owner, the breeder, the various regulatory groups, race management and the equine practitioners.

If rules pertaining to medication could be more clearly defined and standardized, the practice of ethical veterinary medicine would be greatly simplified and facilitated.

In closing, we would like to firmly emphasize that although we feel that there is a need for a re-evaluation of racing rules, relative to medication, we shall continue to be guided by and abide by all legally established rules in all States and Provinces. Finally, we would also like to add that we shall willingly continue to offer our services to all parties in an intensive effort to resolve this most vital problem.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack K. Robbins, V.M.D.
Chairman, AAEP Equine Practice
Committee
December, 1963

1965 Evidence of improving attitudes towards racehorse medication policies were reflected by the following article from the January 15th issue of The Daily Racing Form. [K48-49]

“The position of the California Horse Racing Board on the medication rule, as outlined last Monday by member Neil J. Curry, has triggered a veritable avalanche of astonished but 100 percent favorable comment from all segments of the industry. It took a great deal of moral courage for the Board to disengage itself from emotional aspects of medication and strip the problem of all issues except basic facts. The rule, as envisioned by the Board, is one that

the California industry can live with and moreover, it will be fair to all concerned. The observation is inescapable that the chemists and veterinarians in America are more clearly understanding one another's point of view and problems, and in this happy state of affairs a lot of credit goes to NASRC president Bill Miller of Illinois, who long has been quietly, but nevertheless effectively, working for an equitable solution for all concerned, including the public, as to the definition of where sensible, competent medical care ends and 'help' begins.

"Dr. Jack Robbins pinpointed the situation quite accurately when he noted: 'In modern day racing there is a tendency toward longer meetings and more races (the ninth and sometimes even the tenth) with a consequent pressure upon horsemen to race more often and keep their horses in training longer than was the case years ago. This being the case, it is inevitable that the services of a veterinarian to treat horses well within legal and commonsense limits have become more and more in demand. Speaking for myself, I see a ray of hopeful light dawning from a hitherto confused situation and I believe the racing board is about to make the most significant advance in technical racing in modern times in the West.' Incidentally, the racing board in its proposal would take all responsibility off the shoulders of the veterinarians and make the trainer alone responsible. Curry noted, 'Presently, the veterinarians are given the dual responsibility of treating and training, which is not proper.'

"Curry warned that under this proposed rule, the trainer would be entirely responsible and that in the event of positives, rulings would be 'severe.' He noted, 'It seems to me that present rules put a lot of responsibility on the veterinarian that rightfully belongs to the trainer. After all, the trainer, not the veterinarian, is the man who enters the horse and knows that he is entered.'

"Of even greater significance were the following quotations pertaining to the California Racing Board action, which appeared in *THE BLOOD HORSE*, February 20, 1965. These were indeed indicative of the effectiveness of AAEP's long-standing push and position:

'Concerning California's rule change, deleting the 48 hour provision against medication and adopting a prohibition list which would not include many analgesic type medicants, Dr. Jack Robbins of the American Association of Equine Practitioners hailed the California Racing Board's action as the adoption of a new philosophy of medication rather than a new rule.

'It appears to be fair to all concerned. Five years ago there seemed to be a problem distinguishing medication from doping. The AAEP has

been trying to explain therapeutic medication as an effort to maintain the general, normal condition of a horse. I think this rule is a good one.’

“Dr. Murray Tiegland, who for several years has worked with Dr. Robbins and other members of the AAEP to get a workable uniform rule on medication passed, said, ‘I hope people will realize California has a solution to a long-term problem. There is no better way to protect the public than to send a horse to the track properly medicated.’

“As to the trainer’s responsibility under the California rule, George Poole said, ‘Someone has to be responsible, and I can’t think of anyone else. The horse runs for the trainer, the trainer gets his percentage, the trainer should be held responsible.’

“Trainer Noble Threewitt, President of the California HBPA, said California horsemen are very happy with the rule: ‘It may not be the answer for all our problems, but it is a great step forward.’

“Neil J. Curry of California, who has been a leading figure in obtaining a workable medication rule in California, said, ‘We did away with the time element. We felt the 48 hour rule was useless, invited deception, was a trap for the innocent and a defense for the dishonest. We did not adopt a permissive list of medication, but a prohibited list. We have prohibited narcotics, stimulants, depressants, local anesthetics, and derivatives of phenylbutazone. That’s it. If anybody is found using any of these, he is out – suspended, his license revoked, or ruled off for life.’”

1966 AAEP was instrumental in the publication of the Commissioner’s Manual by and for the National Association of State Racing Commissioners. “The first such book ever published, it contained a 16 page section written by John P. Rosborough and W.O. Kester representing AAEP. The Manual covered all aspects of racing pertaining to Racing Commissioners.” [K 66]

1968 May 4th, the Kentucky Derby was won by Dancer’s Image. Monday, May 6th the stewards at Churchill Downs announced that Dancer’s Image had been disqualified, moved to last place, and that second place finisher Forward Pass would become the official winner of the 1968 Kentucky Derby. Chemist Ken Smith had (allegedly) found traces of phenylbutazone in the post-race urinalysis of the winner. Churchill stewards later changed the ruling and left Dancer’s Image as the nonpurse winner of the Derby. Kentucky racing rules made no provision for disqualification of a horse running on a “forbidden

drug,” only that the horse not share in the purse money.

Dancer’s Image owner Peter Fuller armed himself with lawyers, notably Edward S. “Ned” Bonnie, and the commission and court proceedings were to go on for almost three more years. The disgrace and ruination of Thoroughbred racing predicted by *Sports Illustrated* did not happen. However, the case opened the Pandora’s Box of racing drug regulation by litigation.

Ned Bonnie, arguably the best lawyer in the equine industry, over the next two years “represented 12 horsemen on Talwin charges in Louisiana, another dozen on DMSO charges in Illinois, one in Pennsylvania and another in Michigan. All were cleared.” (Tony Chamblin, *Horsemen’s Journal* January 1971)

1969 Effective January 1, it was announced that the AAEP would regard participation in private (racetrack) practice by a regulatory veterinarian at the track where he/she was employed as a serious breach of ethics and might be cause for termination of membership or other disciplinary action. A regulatory veterinarian could administer emergency first aid, but such treatment would be administered without fee and the case referred to a private practitioner for further care.

1971 American Horse Shows Association (AHSA) was confronted with the problem of illegal medication of show horses. Veterinarians and the public were already jaded by the knowledge that horse racing had an element willing to illegally medicate (“drug”) racehorses to affect the outcome of races for purses or mutual wagering payoffs. However, the unhappy fact that the horse show industry had persons willing to do the same thing for ribbons and trophies seemed even more unconscionable. This was especially true when it involved young riders and amateur riders. Dr. Jordan Woodcock was selected as the first administrator of AHSA Drugs and Medications rules. His system used local practitioners to collect and submit urine samples at shows nationwide. With the able teamwork of Mr. Ned Bonnie, the “chain of evidence” status of sampling and testing became unimpeachable, and woe be unto the malefactor who fought Ned Bonnie and evidence of a positive test! Most offenders paid their fines, accepted their suspensions, and did not quibble. The program has been continued by John G. Lengel and emulated by other associations.

1975 A match race between Foolish Pleasure and Ruffian resulted in the catastrophic breakdown of Ruffian, dealing a serious blow to the racing industry replete with recriminations on all sides. Ruffian, large, black, beautiful, fast, and undefeated, had captivated fans in and out of the racing industry nationwide.

Responsibility for Medication of Race Horses

On the subject of controlled medications, AAEP President Dr. G. Marvin Beeman stated at the 1975 convention: "The medication issue is needlessly confronted with two unresolved problems. First, few people understand the fact that racehorse medication is a triple responsibility that must be shared equally by (1) those who request medication; (2) those who give the medication and (3) those who pay for the medication.

"Second: Too little is known regarding the actual physiological effects in the horse of many medications now used. If they are beneficial, how and why? If harmful, how and why? And, equally important, are they worthless for the purpose used?

"I believe there is an urgent need for a series of seminars directed toward presenting the medication picture by and for owners, trainers, veterinarians, racetrack management, racing commissions, chemists, and all others involved in this complex problem. From this, I believe, would come a greater appreciation and fuller acceptance of responsibilities as well as guidance and support for vital drug research programs."

1976 At the urging of AAEP, the NASRC formed the Veterinary Chemist Advisory Committee. (Details and committee structure are recorded in Kester's First 25 Years history. [K 87] Initial efforts involved definitive research on the safety and use of phenylbutazone and furosemide on racing horses. The committee findings (1977) were widely published in AAEP and NASRC bulletins. Of course not all elements and jurisdictions agreed with the finding that "properly used, both drugs are safe, therapeutic agents."

1979 "Horseracing became the target of many humane organizations. Alleged abusive use of medication was used as an excuse for the attack. It also became the battleground. It was exploited on national television, at many meetings, and extensively through the press. Legislation was drafted with the intent of preventing all medication and placing enforcement under federal government control." [K 86]

The response of AAEP leadership was to create the office of Delegate to Racing. AAEP leadership for 25 years had been engaged continuously in dialogue with the racing industry regarding medication policy and progress had been made. Continuity with racing organizations as well as various state regulatory and practitioner groups was critical for AAEP. Kester acknowledged that such an office was "long needed." [K 87] The man chosen was Joe Solomon, career racetrack practitioner, AAEP founding member, and past president. Through his

devotion to this office, Joe Solomon was able to reach all vital stakeholders in the racing industry. His diplomatic style and easy accessibility provided important consistency to the AAEP message. With Solomon, AAEP presidents and leaders had accepted and respected access to the industry, the press and racetrack practitioners.

Here excerpted are some of the comments of AAEP President Bernard Brennan made to the February meeting of the Thoroughbred Racing Association: “We as a profession serve three groups in racing as advisors on professional matters in the best interests of the horse’s health and well-being: (1) Those who own and operate race tracks (2) the state racing commissions and equivalent regulatory officials and (3) those who own the horses.

“We do not have control over medication practices, nor do we write or enforce the rules that regulate racing. We are limited to providing professional information to the responsible officials. We do believe that a well-controlled medication program, wherein full professional judgment may be exercised, is in the best interests of the horse’s health and well-being.

“Do we have stated policies? Yes. In 1959 after four years of study, AAEP unanimously adopted four basic policy statements. These have been updated, but little changed in 20 years.

“We believe our policies are correct and in the best interests of the horse’s health and well-being. Many racing jurisdictions have implemented their rules to reflect these policies of the AAEP.

“All AAEP members are subject to the Code of Ethics of the American Veterinary Medical Association and of the AAEP. I would like to quote one item: ‘We firmly emphasize that we shall continue to be guided by and will abide by all legally established rules in all States and Provinces.’ ” [K 83-85]

1980 Representatives Bruce Vento (D-Minnesota) and Senator David Pryor (D-Arkansas) introduced to the 96th Congress a bill to provide a federal ban on racehorse “drugging” and/or “numbing.”

Co-Sponsors:

McClory R – Illinois
Boland D – Massachusetts
Forsythe R – New Jersey
Mikulski D – Maryland

Minish D – New York
Stark D – California

Weiss D – New York
Winn R – Kansas
Synar D – Oklahoma
Butler R – Virginia
(Delegate) deLugo D – Virgin Islands

Humane organizations had attracted the attention of the sponsors as well as a number of other members of Congress.

Maryland Republican Charles Mathias, long identified as a friend of racing, allowed that he would give racing states one more year to “clean their own house.”

Other notes from Mathias:

“It is a tough bill but it is a tough problem.”

“I know that state legislators, horse owners, trainers, and commissions will agree that the last thing they want is the muzzle of the federal government poking into their stables.”
[AAEP Newsletter, June 1981]

1981 “As president in 1981, I was impressed with the continuing dialogue between the National Association of State Racing Commissioners (NASRC) and the Horseman’s Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) i.e. management and labor. The big issue of the day was medication of race horses, with the eminent pharmacologists (racing chemists) Dr. Thomas Tobin and Dr. George Maylin arguing adversarial positions which were never reconciled during my tenure.”
— J. Thomas Vaughan

Representative Bruce Vento (D – Minnesota) reintroduced a bill (March 4), which would make it a federal crime to run a racehorse that had been “drugged or numbed.”

[AAEP Newsletter No. 2 June 1981]

**A Report on the Annual Convention of the National Association
of State Racing Commissioners by Warren D. Schweder
NASRC Delegates Vote to Ban Lasix,
Approve Quality-Assurance Program**

“The widespread use of drugs has caused a national crisis in racing. Controlled medication programs have been blatantly abused, and potent new drugs continue to find their way to the racetrack despite extensive surveillance and control procedures. Thus, it is apparent that the existing rules and regulations of racing and the capabilities of drug-testing programs are inadequate for control purposes. Time is running out. Unless the racing industry unites to take full and effective control of drug use in the race horse, adverse publicity will continue to tarnish

the image of racing and eventually federal legislation will be passed to govern the medication issue.”

Thus began Dr. George Maylin’s introduction to a 30-page summary description of a Uniform Drug Testing and Quality-Assurance Program under development by the NASRC Medication Committee.

The report went on to outline in lean, straightforward language the ingredients of the program – uniform testing, quality-assurance, research, equipment and personnel requirements – and when Maylin was finished, delegates to the NASRC Convention voted overwhelmingly to lend their support.

Voting by the unit rule, 25 jurisdictions approved of the recommendations: Oregon and South Dakota abstained, as did the provinces of Canada, which were already planning their own parallel program. Absent and not voting were Delaware Thoroughbred and Harness, Kentucky Quarter Horse, Maryland, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Arkansas.

The Principal Elements

The full text of Maylin’s paper is available upon request at the NASRC office in Lexington. Hence, for the purposes of this report, we present only Maylin’s summary of the program:

1. It is recommended that a national, uniform drug testing and quality assurance program be established to improve the control of prohibited drugs in racing.
2. The feasibility of Uniform Drug Testing and Quality Assurance Program has been demonstrated in an NASRC pilot project using drug administration trials. Chemists from a number of racing jurisdictions determined that thin layer chromatography combined with specific testing methods such as gas chromatography and radioimmunoassay provide highly sensitive screening techniques for a wide variety of compounds while mass spectrometry provides the best of means of unequivocal identification.
3. Uniform drug testing and quality assurance programs require that racing jurisdictions standardize laboratory personnel, equipment, facilities, funding and rules of racing.
4. The quality assurance program recommended for adoption as part of the NASRC medication is as follows:
 - a. Selected drugs will be administered according to known and/or racetrack doses.

- b. Appropriate samples of blood and urine will be collected to define either clearance times or scope of analytical methods. Plasma and urine will be frozen until analyzed.
- c. Representative samples of plasma and urine will be analyzed at a research and reference center by means of standard methods. Photographs will be taken to demonstrate the results.
- d. Samples of plasma, urine and reference compounds along with pictures, data relevant to the particular drug, and additional information such as its pharmacology and special tips on analytical methodology will be sent to each laboratory.
- e. Subsequent to analyses of known drug trials, unknown samples will be distributed to ascertain the efficiency and efficacy of the laboratories.
- f. Laboratories will be required to return written documentation and photographs of all results obtained from known and unknown quality assurance samples on a timely basis.
- g. The Quality Assurance Officer will examine all data so that standard methodology, individual laboratory performance and individual chemists and technicians can be evaluated.
- h. The most important aspect of the Quality Assurance Program will be the exchange of information between research and reference centers and laboratories. Although the primary objective of the program is to assure the competency of the laboratory, improvements in standard methodology, laboratory results and expertise of chemists and technicians are to be expected.

Lasix Out

Having given the go-ahead to continued development of a Uniform Testing and Quality Assurance Program, the delegates then turned their attention to the NASRC guidelines adopted in 1981 in Lexington.

Commissioner Charles E. Schmidt Jr., chairman of the Medication Committee, and Commissioner Joseph O'Dea, chairman of the Veterinary-Chemist Advisory Committee, presented a recommendation that the guidelines be amended to prohibit the administration of Lasix. There were 25 votes of approval, three abstentions. Those jurisdictions voting to support the amendment were:

Arizona	Kentucky (T)	Nevada	Pennsylvania (H)
Arkansas	Kentucky (H)	New Jersey	Puerto Rico

California	Massachusetts	New Mexico	South Dakota
Florida	Michigan	New York	Vermont
Idaho	Montana	Ohio	Washington
Illinois	Nebraska	Oregon	West Virginia
Wyoming			

Colorado, Louisiana and Pennsylvania Thoroughbred abstained. Canada, because it already prohibited Lasix, was not called upon to vote.

1982 The specter of federal regulation of horseracing faded with lobbying by AHC, AAEP, and industry interests. It was also very likely that a change in the occupant of the White House allowed commonsense horsemanship to prevail on this issue.

AAEP published updated Constitution, Bylaws, Ethics and Professional Guidelines. Sections germane to Drugs and Medications:

Section 2 Surveillance in Racing (1956)
AAEP – NASRC liaison re: disciplinary actions

Section 5 Medication of Endurance Horses (1975)

Section 6 Medication of Race Horses
Substantially unchanged since 1959

Section 8 Position on Illicit Medications (1975)

Part I of this publication (written by Kester) is one of the finest profiles of AAEP and its membership that was ever committed to the printed page! (See 1982)

1982 Position Statement on Medication for Racehorses, April 6, 1983.

In 1959, the American Association of Equine Practitioners first formulated policies regarding therapeutic administration of medications to racehorses by licensed veterinarians. These policies have been periodically updated, always with the health and well-being of the horse the paramount consideration. The following statement was approved April 6, 1983. It was the intent of this statement to expand our long-standing position to accommodate current situations.

1. Members of AAEP will be guided and will abide by all legally established rules in the States and Provinces in which they practice.
- (2) Horseracing should be governed by rules established within the industry regarding therapeutic administration of medication and all

matters pertaining to the health and well-being of the racehorse.

- (3) The use of a stimulant, depressant, narcotic, tranquilizer, local anesthetic, or any substance that affects normal racing performance of the horse should be prohibited.
- (4) Systemic therapy consistent with accepted standards of veterinary practice should be allowed up to 24 hours before race time. Systemic therapy consistent with accepted standards of veterinary practice is defined as including the administration of phenylbutazone given at a dosage of 2 grams i.v. or the oral equivalent at 24 hour intervals on a daily basis, with the final dose given by injection 24 hours prior to post time.
- (5) The one exception to race day medication is in the treatment of exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage. 250 mg. of furosemide (5 ml. Lasix) i.v. should be permitted up to 4 hours before race time.
- (6) Horses with infirmities which may jeopardize their welfare and that of other horses, jockeys and drivers should not be allowed to race. All racetracks should employ a staff of veterinarians competent to make judgments on all starters several hours before racing.

Veterinarians should keep complete records of all treatments.

- (7) AAEP will assist governing bodies in formulating rules of racing pertaining to the health and well-being of the horse.
- (8) AAEP pledges to maintain its leadership role in research and education on medical and scientific matters.

In our professional judgment we firmly believe the foregoing guidelines to be in the best interest of the horse.

Stewart K. Harvey, D.V.M. President
American Association of Equine Practitioners
January 31, 1983

1986 The NASRC Annual Convention was held in June. After much discussion and testimony from Thomas Tobin, the Veterinary Chemist Advisory Committee voted to allow 5 micrograms per milliliter of phenylbutazone in blood of tested race day horses. The previous level was 2 micrograms per ml. The concern of the potential of phenylbutazone to mask other drugs was also alleged by Tobin's research. (AAEP Newsletter, June, 1986)

1987 A.G. Lavin presented a paper at the New Orleans AAEP meeting

entitled “The Image of the Race Track Practitioner and AAEP Ethics.” Not every presentation at AAEP meetings can be labeled “timeless.” It is the nature of our profession that we constantly evolve at least in most areas. Lavin’s discussion is as germane today as it was 27 years ago or even thirty or more years before that!

The Association of Racing Commissioners International (AORCI) reported that \$30million was spent for drug testing in 1987

1988 Papers given at the AAEP convention:

- Treating Show Horses: AHSA Rules Update 1988
John Lengel
- American Quarter Horse Association Medication and Surgical Regulations
Mr. Gary Griffith and G.M. Beeman
- The Effects of Drugs on Race Horse Performance
Thomas Tobin and Mr. Thomas Wood
- Racetrack Breakdown Pilot Study Summary
Peter Haynes and R. Ashley Robinson

“Thus, in its 35th year, AAEP still had a medication problem but it was no longer regarded as just an AAEP problem. All agencies in the racing industry now recognize it as a total industry problem and are taking serious steps to solve it.” — Wayne O. Kester

On another front, the Jockey Club established a Blue Ribbon Panel on Medication. AAEP members Lavin and Jim Smith served on the panel. Their first effort was to implement a Jockey Club study on the impact of furosemide (Lasix) on “horses not currently affected by exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage (EIPH).” The study was to be done at the University of Pennsylvania.

Also in 1988, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency launched “Operation Pegasus,” later to become “Operation Trifecta,” an investigation into illegal use of scheduled drugs in racehorses. “Pegasus” became “Trifecta” with the entry of IRS and FBI into the investigation. (Kester, First 35 years AAEP history)

1989 Excerpt from a memo to Wayne O. Kester, past Executive Director, from the Public Relations Committee:

“4. Racetrack

We are facing a strong possibility that two AAEP members will receive felony convictions for illicit drug activities on the racetrack. Every large corporation or organization has a plan for catastrophic P.R. damaging events; does AAEP? In 1985 we viewed a video tape from a Chicago TV station in which an AAEP member inadvertently made terribly damaging statements on the Chicago evening news (four million viewers). Could it happen again? On national television? Who answers?? A non-DVM Executive Director? An AAEP president who has never practiced on the track? An AAEP past president who is now a minion of “no medication” politics?

AAEP Board of Directors Minutes (excerpted):

“The annual contributions of \$20,000 in support of American Horse Council activities was increased to \$25,000 with the stipulation that \$5,000 be in support of the American Horse Racing Foundation, newly formed as an arm of the council....

Continued support of the laboratory testing Quality Assurance Program of the Association of Racing Commissioners International (AORCI) as recommended by the Racing Committee was approved with the appropriation of \$5,000 for the year.” “Most recent reports indicated that \$30 million was spent in 1987 by the industry on drug testing.” (AORCI)

In January 1989, the American Horse Shows Association (AHSA) board of directors unanimously approved a main amendment to its Medication Rule. The rule changes presented by John Lengel, AHSA Drugs and Medications Administrator, involved use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID) and involved phenylbutazone(Butazolidin) and flunixin (Banamine). (AAEP Proceedings 1989 p. 557-8)

1990 AAEP issued a statement supplementing its long held (1958) position on “Policies Relating to the Medication of Racehorses.” The Report was in response to studies by the University of Pennsylvania on Lasix in the control of EIPH in racehorses. An ad hoc Lasix Review Committee and the AAEP Executive Board issued the report, which was well-articulated and strove to outline sane policy. The usual criticisms ensued – The Blood-Horse, The Thoroughbred Times, The Daily Racing Form, and others – but as in prior AAEP efforts, the policy has stood the test of time.

A series of breakdowns during the Breeders Cup 1990 program reignited heavy press coverage of racing related horse injuries. The inability of the television commentators to explain the circumstances of

the injuries and the euthanasia of “Go For Wand” resulted in significant adverse publicity for racing. (See 1990)

- 1991 McKinsey and Company published a report on drugs and medications in racing. The study was commissioned by the Jockey Club and addressed many potential reform issues. To date (2004), the initiatives “have not enjoyed any long term success.” (Thoroughbred Times, March, 2004)

September

Bob Fritz, AAEP member and practitioner from Elmont, New York, reported to AAEP from his position as Chair of the HBPA Medication Committee and co-liaison to HBIA (with Gary Norwood).

“Business affecting the AAEP continues to center around medication issues and trying to adopt uniform rules for racing purposes.”

Present at the meeting in addition to Bob Fritz were: Jim Smith, Rick Arthur, Gary Norwood, and Ben Franklin. Among issues cussed and discussed:

- Lasix
- “New York still does not have legal statute regarding use of Lasix and Butazolidin... giving New York a ‘hay, oats and water’ status is not deserved as ‘bleeders’ and ‘sore’ horses are being vigorously treated within the existing rules.”
- “Cocaine” positives in California
- “HBPA opposed that section of the McKinsey report which recommended that the owner and/or veterinarian be penalized if associated with a drug positive...”
- Cortico-anabolic steroid issue being debated in Florida courts.

- 1992 An article in The North American Review entitled “The Corruption of Nobility: The Rise and Fall of Thoroughbred Racing in America” said “In general, treatments designed to repair a horse’s injuries and to alleviate its suffering are now often used to get the animal out on the track to compete – to force the animal, like some punch-drunk fighter to make just one more round. Equine veterinary medicine has been misdirected from the art of healing to the craft of portfolio management, and the business of horse racing is in the process of killing its goose with the golden eggs.” (Reference Sports Illustrated 11-1-93)

- 1993 June 5th, Belmont Stakes. The breakdown and euthanasia of Prairie Bayou provided a platform for a mostly pointless and image-

damaging debate in the media over drugs and medications in racing. On one side, George Maylin and Lennart Krook blamed a combination of osteochondrosis (OCD) “acting in probable concert with corticosteroids injected into a leg joint.” (Daily Racing Forum & Sports Illustrated 11-1-93) Challenging the theory (among most of the science and industry) were:

- C. Wayne McIlwraith, “nationally known equine surgeon and researcher at Colorado State University.” (Reference AAEP Proceedings 1992, pg 21)
- A.G. Lavin, President of the American Association of Equine Practitioners
- Roy Pool, PhD. Bone pathologist and professor at the University of California, Davis (Reference AAEP Proceedings 1995, pg 35)
- November 1 – Sports Illustrated carried a story under the byline of William Nack and Lester Munson revisiting a string of racing injuries involving horses and riders and re-quoting both sides of the medication debate.

1998 In the June issue of The AAEP Report, President Gary Norwood reported on “The Controversy of Therapeutic Medication” in the Frontline section of the Report. President Norwood discussed the evolving attitudes of AHSA and AQHA regarding medication of equine athletes: “I believe veterinarians can do a great deal to educate and enlighten clients (in the area of medications). To (and too) many horse owners and fans... a horse that is medicated is a horse that should not be in competition. As veterinarians we know this is not true. We know a horse can compete with the use of medication to treat its discomfort and not have its performance enhanced or its physical condition endangered. We also know there are ill or injured horses who should be medicated and should not compete because that exertion could exacerbate the situation. Clients are understandably confused about medication. Trainers are highly influential and many are given authority to make medication decisions on behalf of the owner. My point here is that veterinarians can and should do as much as they can to educate clients about how medication works and what is best for the horse.”

1999 January 1

AQHA began an era of therapeutic medication with new rules for horses in its approved competitions. For over 50 years AQHA had been “hay, oats and water” (alleged). The issue had been investigated and debated for many years. Working with AQHA over the years were several AAEP members, most recently, 1998 President Gary

Norwood, but also Nat Messer, Marvin Beeman, Andy Anderson and Terry Swanson.

- 2001 AAEP made a concerted effort to bring together leaders throughout the horseracing industry in an effort to address “ongoing controversies surrounding medication use in racehorses.”

That the summit happened and presaged formation of The Racing Medication and Testing Consortium, is due to major efforts on the part of AAEP leaders: Wayne McIlwraith, Robert Lewis, Jerry Black, Tom Lenz, Ben Franklin, David Foley, Tom Brokken, and Milt McClure, among others. The Racing Summit was held at the annual December Horse Racing Seminar in Phoenix, Arizona.

- 2003 May

The Association of Racing Commissioners (ARCI) bestowed on AAEP its prestigious “May Award,” recognizing AAEP’s work “protecting and enhancing the health and welfare of the equine athlete.” AAEP was specifically praised for its “On Call” program, as well as its efforts to convene racing industry stake-holders for the racing medication summit in December of 2001.

“The horse is at the center of AAEP’s mission, and it is very gratifying to be recognized for our efforts on behalf of the equine athlete. We share this honor with the many veterinarians who have worked tirelessly to make these initiatives so successful.”— Mr. David L. Foley, AAEP Executive Director

November

Southern California trainers circulated a petition asking the California Horse Racing Board to establish a detention barn for “in today” horses. The consensus among the petitioners was that drug testing is not sufficient to level the playing field [The Blood-Horse 11/29/03]

November 19

Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) sent some completed portions of medications proposed policy to all racing commissioners.

November 21

AAEP New Orleans Annual Meeting.

Scott Waterman presented the RMTC interim report to AAEP Racing Forum (AAEP members only). Significant discussions and debate ensued.

December 10

Symposium on Racing – Phoenix, Arizona

In the weeks following the December 10 symposium, the racing press had little of substance to report. It can be summed up best with this quote from the *Thoroughbred Times*, December 20, 2003 issue: “Two years after an array of racing leaders called for national uniform medication rules in hopes of slaying the perception that there is widespread illegal drug use in horses, the image problem lingers while officials continue to debate the semantics of a proposed policy.”

2004 March

In a joint meeting, the Thoroughbred Racing Association (TRA) and Harness Tracks of America heard from attorney Ned Bonnie, the respected authority on the medication issue. Mr. Bonnie, articulate, outspoken, and highly experienced, called for administrative changes to the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC). Citing several prior unsuccessful initiatives, Bonnie challenged the industry to properly fund and administratively support Scott Waterman, executive director of the consortium. There was also discussion about erythropoietin (EPO), a universally condemned drug used illegally in horse racing. The drug is not detectable at this time, but tests for antibodies to the drug can ascertain that the horse has received the drug.

AAEP formed the Drug Compounding Task Force to develop educational materials for the membership regarding the legality and concerns associated with using compounded drugs. The Task Force will also help monitor the AAEP Trade Show to ensure that only legitimate compounders are present. (AAEP Guardian, March 2004)

The AAEP Board of Directors called for research proposals for the efficacy testing of AMIKAR and conjugated estrogens to control EIPH in the racehorse. The call was recommended by the AAEP Racing Forum and approved by the directors. (AAEP Guardian, March 2004)

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AAEP called for proposals to research the efficacy of aminocaproic acid and/or conjugated estrogens, related to use as race day medication for the prevention of EIPH. Research proposals will be evaluated for their scientific validity and their potential to satisfactorily answer the question of efficacy. Deadline for proposal submission is October 1, 2004.

Arkansas and Illinois have altered their medication policies to provide harsher penalties for trainers if a horse tests positive for a “milkshake.” (See glossary)

Milkshake screening has been added to all post-race tests in Arkansas and is conducted at the discretion of the state veterinarian in Illinois.

Glossary

AESM	Association for Equine Sports Medicine	Milkshake	a sodium bicarbonate mixture administered via nasogastric tube (to a racehorse) for decreasing lactic acidosis produced during anaerobic exercise e.g. racing
AHC	American Horse Council	NASRC	National Association of State Racing Commissioners – changed name to Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI)
AHSA	American Horse Shows Association – has changed name to US Equestrian Federation, Inc.	NSAID	Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug
ALSIC	American Livestock Insurance Company – joint provider, with AAEP Foundation, of \$2,500 student scholarships	NYRA	New York Racing Association
ARCI	Association of Racing Commissioners International – formerly the National Association of State Racing Commissioners	OIG	Office of Inspector General
AQHA	American Quarter Horse Association	PETA	People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
AVMA	American Veterinary Medical Association	PMU	Pregnant Mare Urine
Bute or Butazolidin	phenylbutazone	RCI	Racing Commissioners International – see ARCI
CHRB	California Horse Racing Board	RMTC	Racing Medication and Testing Consortium
CSI	Customer Satisfaction Initiative	SFT	Society for Theriogenology
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration	TOBA	Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association
DOD	Developmental Orthopedic Disease	TRA	Thoroughbred Racing Association
EIPH	Exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage	USAHA	United States Animal Health Association
EPO	Erythropoetin hemopoietic – blood cell stimulant used illegally in racing	USDA-APHIS	United States Department of Agriculture – Animal Plant Health Inspection Service
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation	WEVA	World Equine Veterinary Association
FEI	Federacion Equestrienne Internationale	WVA	World Veterinary Association
HBPA	Horseman's Benevolent and Protective Association		
HTA	Harness Tracks of America		
IRS	Internal Revenue Service		
KHP	Kentucky Horse Park		
Lasix or Salix	furosemide – diuretic used on horses		
LR/SP	Long Range and Strategic Planning – the outgrowth of a 1991 ad hoc committee chaired by Pete Haynes. Evolution and revolution of AAEP directed in part by 1991 member survey and leadership and decision of Executive Director Gary Carpenter and Chair Pete Haynes		

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