

1984  
17th Annual Convention  
Des Moines, Iowa  
November 27 - 30

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*Des Moines — America's Heartland*  
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The Iowa State Veterinary Medical Association hosted a welcoming dinner for the AABP Officers and Board of Directors on Monday evening, November 26. It was a marvelous and enjoyable "send off" for a great convention.

The following day, a pre-convention tour visited the National Animal Disease Center, the National Veterinary Services Laboratory and the College of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

There were 20 pre-convention seminars with emphasis now focussing on microcomputers in nutrition programs, drug company and total living seminars.

The Program Chairman was Dr. Herbert Lloyd while Dr. William Blohm was chairman of the local arrangements committee.

Mrs. Treva Shirbroun was the chair for spouse activities which included a talk on Beef-By-Products, wine and cheese party, a city tour including the Governor's Mansion, botanical center and "Olde Towns" areas. CPR training and blood pressure clinics were also available. A trip to Amana Colonies with a Swiss lunch; the Art Center and Santa's Attic and the new Museum Shop and a lot of shopping for Christmas. Beginner's level bridge instruction was also available.

Dr. Jenks Britt, President gave the following message at the Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting:

*"AABP membership is now over 4600 strong with a budget over \$467,000. AABP continues to be strong because of the many dedicated members who work thousands of hours per year for the Association."*

Dr. Britt foresaw the development of a coalition of Food Animal Practitioners with AASP and AASGP (see Endnote), promotion of AABP member services to food animal producers and products to the public, making our voice heard in government and continued development of the best continuing education programs in veterinary medicine.

Directors elected recently were Dr. Gene Sellick, District 1 and Dr. Gordon Atkins, District 13 (Canada). Re-elected were Dr. Keith Sterner, District 4; Dr. Harry James, District 7 and Dr. Michael Foot, District 10.

**An outside study of AABP operations was scheduled during the coming year with selected members to be interviewed at the 1985 Buffalo meeting. Some of the concerns of AABP members included: some areas of bovine practice were slow; animal rights people were very active, well financed and not likely to go away, prescription writing, right of government agents; legal action against veterinarians and cost of malpractice insurance.**

#### Officers for 1985

President: Dr. Herbert Lloyd, Arcadia, FL

President-Elect: Dr. Neil Anderson, Cheltenham, Ontario, Canada

Vice President: Dr. George Washington, Purcellville, VA

Executive Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Harold Amstutz

Dr. Britt installed Dr. Lloyd as President for 1985.



*Dr. Gene Sellick*

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## Bovine Practitioner of the Year



*George Holder, Jr., Vice President, Syntex Animal Health (right) presenting the Award to Dr. and Mrs. James Jarrett.*

### **Dr. James A. Jarrett, Rome, Georgia was named the 1984 Bovine Practitioner of the Year.**

A native of Floyd County, Georgia, Dr. Jarrett received the DVM degree from the University of Georgia in 1960. He practiced in Rome for 5 years and then joined the Georgia Department of Agriculture, organizing and directing the State Milk Quality Program. In 1967, he returned to an exclusive farm animal practice with emphasis on preventive medicine. His consulting practice now covers several southeastern states. Dr. Jarrett is a Past-President of AABP and the representative in the AVMA House of Delegates.

*Further information on the Award and Dr. Jarrett was published in the Proceedings, p. ix.*

## AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Medicine

### Beef Program Award



*Dr. Herbert Lloyd, Dr. Don Williams and Mr. Thomas McClintock.*

### **Dr. Donald E. Williams, Guymon, Oklahoma was the recipient of the Beef Program Award.**

Dr. Williams was selected for his herd health management program designed for beef producers over three decades. He received the DVM degree from Texas A & M College in 1951 and practiced in Abilene, Texas before moving to Ada, Oklahoma. In 1964 he studied ruminant nutrition at Oklahoma State University and received an MS degree and returned to the Ada practice. In 1970 he moved to Guymon and became manager of Hitch Feedlots. Dr. Williams was one of the pioneers of AABP and served as President in 1967-68.

*Further information on the Award and recipient was published in the Proceedings.*

## Dairy Program Award



*Dr. Neil Anderson, Dr. Leon Weaver and Mr. Thomas McClintock.*

**Dr. Leon D. Weaver, Tulare, California received the Dairy Program Award.**

Dr. Weaver received the V.M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1971. He introduced programs which had, for his clients, produced increased profits through improved production, and by establishing a working team of individuals. As the result of having initiated preventive programs on nearly 100 dairies, he was the 'role model' for five young veterinarians who have since developed similar programs in their practices. He writes monthly client newsletters, conducts seminars for dairy-men and contributes regularly to farm magazines. Dr. Weaver is the District 10 Director, AABP.

*Further information on the Awards and the recipients was published in the Proceedings, pgs. x and xi.*

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### Endnotes

**AASP = American Association of Swine Practitioners**

**AASGP = American Association of Sheep and Goat Practitioners**

**Editor Eric Williams was elected to the newly established AVMA Council on Public Relations, with a lot of support from AABP.**





*Dr. William Blohm,  
Local Arrangements  
Chairman*

