

FASS Scientific Advisory Committee on Animal Care

Report of Activities

September 12, 2007

The FASS Scientific Advisory Committee on Animal Care (CAC) last met on November 2-3, 2006 in Scottsdale, AZ. The committee members that attended were: Ken Koelkebeck, UI, Chairperson; Frank Mitloehner, UC-Davis; John McGlone, Texas Tech; Carolyn Stull, UC-Davis; and Jerry Baker, FASS CEO. At this meeting a number of items of importance were discussed.

First of all, two members rotated off the committee and they are Ruth Newberry, Washington State and John McGlone, Texas Tech. John will still remain to be active and provide his valuable input to the committee, however, Paul Thaxton, Mississippi State will replace Ruth Newberry on the committee. The first item of business was an update on FASS activities presented by Jerry Baker. Dr. Baker suggested that this committee and the other ones should consider writing a 1-page white paper on cutting issues dealing with animal care and welfare. He mentioned that FASS has hired a professional writer to put valuable information together for each committee. Dr. Baker also said that he has asked FASS for an increase in budget expenses for each committee and that this committee consider meeting in the Washington, DC area and with other committees such as the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

Another area of discussion centered around the farm worker training modules and marketing of each. The committee discussed the idea of having the models on-line, than on CD/video. No decision was made about this. The current status of the poultry farm worker training video is that all video has been taken and has been recorded on vhs video tapes. The committee has yet to finalize the segments to match the audio portion of the video tape.

Finally, the committee spent a great amount of time discussing the re-write of the AG Guide, "Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Agricultural Research and Teaching". The committee did decide on who should be the lead chairpersons and also identified sub-committee chairs. Dr. Janice Swanson, Michigan State and Dr. John McGlone, Texas Tech will serve as overall chairpersons for the re-write. The first meeting of the re-write committee will be held on December 1-2, 2007 in San Antonio, TX.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken W. Koelkebeck, Chair
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