

Committee on Animal Care

2006 FASS CAC
Annual Meeting
Nov 2-3, 2006
Scottsdale, AZ

Thursday, November 2

Present:

K.W. Koelkebeck – UI
F. Mitloehner – UC Davis
J. Baker – FASS CEO
J. McGlone - TTU
C. Stull – UC Davis

Lunch was delicious!

Species modules – should these be mandatory training for IACUC Committee. Is there a lack of training on campus? (FM)

Update on FASS activities – JB

- Scientific Adv. Committee policy; 6-12 members 3 y terms, reappt optional
- Ruth Newberry and J. McGlone will come off committee. Paul Thaxton will replace Ruth Newberry. JM suggest we need a Dairy Sci Rep. & AAALAC reciprocal reps

JB: Write – 1 page papers on animal care cutting issues – post on web site, layman language; public information; hired writers to write 1 page papers – 18 K in budget – per piece funding;

- ✓ more \$ for each sci committee in budget FASS;
- ✓ may wish to ↑ # of people on committees
- ✓ consider meeting in Washington DC area and with other committees, e.g. AVMA livestock care committee

Poultry and dairy scientists – send to J. Baker. Names were also submitted to J.B.

KK will send letters to initiate the selection of more members for PSA & Dairy Sci.

Farm worker training video for poultry funds of 50 K are needed for completion (Ken Anderson is leader of project).

Consider more on-line (rather than CD/video) distribution of farm worker training.

FM: Should there be 2 versions – commercial and researcher versions.

Discussion on loss of money to produce/sell videos & module for different species. Possibly web based could be beneficial or Hispanic-commercial versions. On-line easy to keep current.

JM: Recommends training materials using a partnership rather than own sponsor (FASS).

FM: Worker safety big issue on facilities with animals; should we make available the modules to commercial workers? Stakeholders = insurance companies.

JB: Current status FASS – financial trouble with losses over last 3 years. This year “+” cash flow. Looking at purchasing new publishing software; prof. development of staff has budget \$1200/employee

JB: Legislative updates –

- PEW foundation; California tour & meeting; focus on dairy; Reports on Animal Welfare + environmental issues
- Horse slaughter – senate vote to come after election, video footage by HSUS shown in House was effective
- Nov 20th AA coalition – Senate Ag Com staff – for Ag funding
- Farm Bill – AA coalition and CFAR on testimony of animal science research
- Animal Enterprise Act in support research w/o fear for scientists
- 28-h law – no position by FASS; Review paper on transport science based?

JM: Animal Welfare symposia at joint annual meeting – who is sponsoring it?

FM: Expectations by our committee – CAC –

- JB – improve farm worker modules, Ag guide
- JM – Ag Guide rewrite
- OBJECTIVES – CAC

- (1) Train researchers for Ag Guide e.g., poultry module – Train members & stakeholders in animal care and use.
- (2) Translate scientific knowledge into public knowledge. Translate science into public information and policy use (by different stakeholders) [white papers] Be proactive
- (3) Developing guidelines for farm animal care use standards
- (4) Symposia development

CS: OIE – no significant activities

JM: AAALAC –

Accredited – 6/9 land grants in top money researchers

AAALAC – J.M. elected 4 yrs at large Executive Committee and now Secretary; would be like more ad hoc site visitors. CAC should develop a list – FM & CS volunteered

Janice Swanson food retailers – activities on 3rd and 2nd - party audits – packing plants; financially support; FASS has opportunity to tap into resources of big corporations to apply science to guideline developments or audit procedures.

JM: Symposium with retailers and scientists at annual meeting
view of retailers of Animal Welfare science??

PAACO – more aggressive activities needed

- 3 training sessions have been held for auditor
- Require 3 shadow audit need for certification
- Board met in Minnesota and discussed difficult issue

Ag Guide

Chair – possibilities – Revision

J. Swanson, if co-chair appointed

Species reps – sub-committee chairs

- ✓ vet, an sci, ag engineer
- ✓ public members to bring up issues that science may address

- peer reviewed, Ψ public comments; within species committee
- FASS Board does want a revision, but not in budget yet or an established amount
- need to be consistent with ILAR guide
- develop a plan to propose to FASS on the structure of revision committees
- time frame – committee this fall, spring – write, final – 1 year

Friday, November 3

Contact National Ag Library to help with literature review for the species chapters.

To Jerry: List – committee members, Ag Guide members

Separate: Vet Committee/Ag Engineer Committee
sub – 5 total = 4 + chair of species

Send P. Cuneo's email to KK and JM

Send 'model' letter for sub-chairs to send out to writing members expectations

Sub Committee recommended

Dairy – Pam Ruegg – U. WI

Beef – Frank Mitloehner

Swine – Janeen Salak-Johnson – U of I

Sheep/Goats – Greg Lewis

Equine – C. Stull

Veal - ?

Poultry – Ken Koelkebeck

- Dec 1 – subcommittee chairs appt.
(conference call or web meeting)
- Dec 15 prior – web conf.
 - TASKS
 - Select subcommittee members
- Outlines = by each subcommittee chairs
Solicit from public on deficiencies of Ag Guide
- Jan 15 – subcommittee identified
- Press release due by March 1 comments
- March 15 – meeting of subcommittee chairs, D.C.
- June 15th – first draft
(reviewed by other subcommittee chairs – round robin)

JB Ag Guide needs to word doc by chapter

- Aug 1 – each chair will be received
all other reviews – reviews returned
- Sept 1 – made corrections/edit
- Oct 15 – Swanson/McGlone edit
- Nov 1 – public comments
- Dec 1 – make changes
- Jan 2008 publish

Symposia –

JM – Importance to customers of Animal Welfare
Get retailers to think about science

FM – Organizing symposium would be do-able due to networking to retailers
Science-based decision making about AW

- Science based welfare standards:
- Role in Animal Welfare process, where are needs – retailers
 - ✓ 4 retailers
 - 45 min ✓ grocery, casual dining, fast food, high end dining
 - 45-60 min ✓ beef, swine, dairy, poultry, veal