

FASS Scientific Advisory Committee on Animal Care, Use, and Standards (CACUS)

Report of Recent and Upcoming Activities

March 28, 2008

The FASS Scientific Advisory Committee on Animal Care (CACUS) last met on November 30, 2007 in San Antonio, TX. The committee members in attendance were: Ken Koelkebeck, John McGlone, Carolyn Stull, Frank Mitloehner, Pamela Ruegg, Janice Swanson, William Crist, and Jerry Baker.

The items of business discussed at this meeting are outlined below:

1. Update on past business from Jerry Baker and Ken Koelkebeck
 - A. Poultry training videos-recc. that it is online and FASS board can decide how to charge each institution.
 - a. ***CACUS com. will review before release along with Poultry comm.***
 - b. Spring release date is expected
 - B. Animal care continues to get press
 - a. This comm. should be more engaged
 - b. Blog site discussion ensued. A good idea but would require considerable commitment.
 - i. ***First step is to update the existing web page. The title is inaccurate, the training modules are not advertised, and the information is not current.***
 - ii. A proactive effort to fill it with content should be undertaken and led by FASS staff.
2. John McGlone-report on AVMA animal care comm.
 - A. Establishment of liason with FASS has been approved by AVMA.
 - a. CACUS voted unanimously to do likewise
 - i. ***RECC John McGlone is appointed to continue***
 - ii. FASS rep. should send agenda to comm. members for review and comment

B. Rec.. Inviting AVMA liason to our meeting

- a. Potential advantage to FASS in monitoring potential legislative issues.
- b. CAC needs to respond to a need for review of farm animal transportation.
 - i. Restaurant Industry is requesting guidelines.
 - ii. Ag Guide chapter on transportation may be useful.
- c. Comment about getting on individual State VMA welfare com.
- d. AVMA-AMA One-Health Initiative is moving forward
 - i. FASS involvement is recommended

1. Recommend that FASS board needs to be involved

- 3. John McGlone presented summary of AAALAC meeting
 - A. Need to encourage FASS members to participate in adhoc review process
 - a. Prior experience on university ACUC is required
 - B. FASS membership involvement should be encouraged
- 4. John McGlone reported on USDA meeting on Future Trends in Animal Welfare
 - A. ***CACUS representative needs to be present along with J. Baker***
- 5. John McGlone proposed a FASS position on CAS/CAK
 - A. ***CACUS will propose a taskforce of poultry scientists to study the issue, issue a review paper (state of science and necessary research questions that need to be addressed). Goal is to generate a paper appropriate for a peer review journal.***
 - a. ***Ken Koelkebeck will appoint the taskforce***
 - i. ***Encourage AVMA to participate in taskforce***
 - ii. ***A status report will be issued by summer meeting***
- 6. Ken Koelkebeck reported on the potential CA initiative to ban cages for layers
 - A. Discussion followed by no actions were proposed

7. Carolyn Stull reported on transportation issues (OIE guidelines)
 - A. CACUS members will read and respond individually by Jan. 18, 2008
8. Pamela Ruegg commented on need for FASS CACUS to issue a recc. that ORG producers are encouraged to follow the NOS guidelines relative to ensuring adequate treatment of animals raised under ORG management
 - A. *Pamela will draft a statement for review by our committee*
9. Janice Swanson reported on letter about rBST usage advocated by Terry Etherington
10. Action items for next year are in bold and italic in these notes
 - A. Ag Guide Revision continues