

October 2, 2020

AASV Report for CASV and WCASV AGMs

The Fall AASV meeting was held on October 1 & 2, 2020 on Zoom. On Thursday morning we had the Committee reports and Thursday afternoon we held a SWOT analysis and ASF planning update. The board meeting was held the following morning. AASV members will receive a full update on AASV business this fall in the District Letter mailout. I have included some highlights from the meeting below.

- **2021 Annual Meeting:**
 - Discussions are ongoing regarding the 2021 conference planned for in San Francisco, California. Please stay tuned for an announcement from AASV (potentially by the time of this meeting).
 - Committee meetings will be held on Zoom and staggered over the month of February. They will still be open to regular membership to attend in the background if you are interested.

- **AASV Committee updates:**
 - Several committees are working on Educational updates and Podcasts. The board voted to support these efforts and they will be placed on the video part of the AASV website as they are released.
 - NPB is not funding endemic disease research right now which has graduate student training funding implications. They had a recent training CFP.
 - Fundamental research on swine diseases is lacking funding and at risk of neglect.
 - **Operation Main Street** has started a vet student specific outreach to inspire swine vet recruitment during DVM programs. This is a NPB funded project but I asked that the five Canadian vet colleges be included as there tends to be migration across the border and both countries are looking at open positions in swine practices. They switched to virtual shortly after starting at the American colleges, so travel to Canada at this time would not be needed. My request has been forwarded to Bryan Humphreys.

- **Other Membership updates and information:**
 - We voted to send out the board member letters by email as a PDF attachment along with a PDF of the Annual Meeting preview tri-fold brochure.
 - Bill Hollis and Angela Bassinger were nominated for Vice President.
 - (Student) AASV members have access to PDFs of the book chapters in the new swine disease manual.
 - The membership fee went up last year and there is a planned conference registration fee increase of \$30.
 - The spring AASV board meeting was scheduled for April 8 & 9, 2021

Submitted by Susan Detmer, District 11 representative.