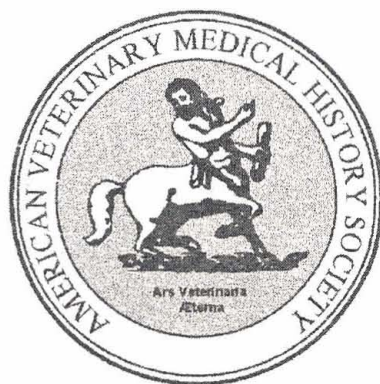


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The American Veterinary Medical History Society held its first formal meeting during the American Veterinary Medical Association convention at Dallas in 1978, thus accounting for 2003 being the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society. There were some activities, however, that predated this meeting, as outlined in "A Chronology of the Development of the Society," in *Veterinary Heritage* for December 1983. For what it may have been worth, as recalled 24 years later:

1959—First meeting was at the home of Dr. R.R. Shomer in Englewood, NJ. Drs. J.F. Smithcors, Abe Barton and R.R. Shomer attended. Membership list for 1959 included 9 members, 3 associates and 3 honorary members. Dr. Smithcors served as President, Dr. Shomer, Secy-treas. Exhibit of old veterinary books at AVMA meeting, Kansas City.

Recollections can be fallible, however, and some of the foregoing statements are not accurate. Smithcors recalls visiting along with Barton at Shomer's house in May 1959, but this in no way could be construed as a Society meeting. Rather, this was a very informal gathering of three persons having a mutual interest in veterinary history. Smithcors says:

The desirability of a Society may have been touched upon, but being "elected" President is something I

would remember. And with so few persons having a demonstrated interest in veterinary history it seems highly unlikely that we could have even contacted 15 potential members, much less listed them in three categories.

Independently, and prior to this visit, Dr. Smithcors had "formed" the American Veterinary Historical Society as a vehicle for exhibiting at the 1959 AVMA convention. The Society had been included as an adjunct to a proposed major grant for work in veterinary history at Michigan State University, which unfortunately did not transpire. A student artist created the AVHS seal, dated 1959, the central figure (centaur) of which was patterned after that of the USVMA seal (1863). With the name changed and date deleted, this formed the basis for the present insignia of the Society. As a large medallion the seal identified AVHS as sponsor of exhibits at the Kansas City (1959) and Denver (1960) AVMA meetings.

At the two meetings, taped interviews were conducted with a total of 34 eminent members of the profession. Copies of these tapes have been deposited with the National Museum of Veterinary Medicine at Fort Dodge, Iowa, established by Dr. William E. Ryan in 1971, the Washington State University Veterinary History Collection at Pullman, and the Missouri VMA at Jefferson City.



**J. Fred Smithcors**, cofounder of AVMHS and President for 1982-1983, was born at Camden, New Jersey in 1920 and graduated with a DVM degree from Cornell University in 1945. He taught veterinary anatomy at Michigan State University, where he also earned the PhD degree and developed a program of teaching and research in veterinary history.

He is the author of *Evolution of the Veterinary Art*; *The American Veterinary Profession*; and *The Veterinarian in America, 1625-1975*, together with more than 150 articles

in medical history and veterinary journals. He amassed a collection of some 1200 veterinary works dating to the 16th century, which he donated to Washington State University, where he was a Visiting Professor for 20 years, lecturing on veterinary history. With his wife Ann he recently published a catalog of the collection. He is an honorary alumnus (DVM) of WSU.

Dr. Smithcors was the first veterinarian to be elected a Council Member of the American Association for the History of Medicine, and for several years he was Chairman of the AVMA Committee on History. Before AVMHS was formally organized (1978) he constructed several exhibits for showing at AVMA meetings in the name of the Society, beginning in 1959.

In 1961 he joined American Veterinary Publications in Santa Barbara as Editor-in-Chief, retiring in 1986. In 1976 he initiated a series of Newsletters on behalf of the Society; these evolved into *Veterinary Heritage*, of which he has been Editor since 1996, when it appeared in its present format. During 1966-1986 he authored the Veterinary Medicine articles for *Encyclopedia Britannica Book of the Year* and *Yearbook of Science and the Future*.

While in veterinary school he was enrolled in the Army Specialized Training Program, and during 1952-1962 was a member of the VC USAR, attaining the rank of Major. He and his wife live in Santa Barbara and have traveled extensively.



The taping project was discontinued after Dr. Smithcors left MSU for Santa Barbara in 1961, as were Society exhibits temporarily.

The 1983 chronology indicates Dr. Clifford Eby was elected President for 1961, and in 1962 a newsletter was issued to the membership. At this time Dr. Eby was including history lectures in his teaching at Washington State University. He urged "...the compilation of a syllabus as a teaching aid to assist colleges that are at present hesitant about undertaking history classes." He urged creation of a taped library for use in classes and association meetings. There is no indication that a listing of members existed at this time.

From 1963 to 1970 there was "little or no activity as a Society." In 1972 Drs. J. Fred Smithcors and Charles W. Titkemeyer (Louisiana State University) produced, on behalf of the Society, an exhibit for the AVMA meeting in New Orleans, in conjunction with establishment of the new school at LSU. Featured were scenes from the American Veterinary College in New York City (1875) and architects' renderings of the new school at LSU.

The aforementioned chronology states that in 1973, "Drs. Ryan and Smithcors confer by telephone regarding an organization of persons interested in veterinary history." This suggests at best that the Society was essentially nonfunctional at that time. Drs. Ryan and Smithcors were identified as cofounders of the Society.

## 1976

During 1976-79 Dr. Smithcors on behalf of the Society produced a series of six Newsletters, from which most of the information for this period is taken. Drs. Smithcors and Ryan constructed an

exhibit entitled "Two Hundred Years of Veterinary Medicine in America" for display at the 1976 AVMA meeting in Cincinnati. One panel highlighted contributions of American veterinary medicine to human welfare; the central panel traced practice from that of the self-appointed cow doctor of the colonies to the superbly educated veterinarians of today; the third panel featured the National Museum of Veterinary Medicine at Fort Dodge, Iowa, where the exhibit is on permanent display.

A request at the exhibit booth for expressions of interest in Society membership and for suggestions concerning appropriate activities drew responses from 27 persons, who suggested: publication of a newsletter (14) or journal (11); exhibit preparation (10); listing of resources, collectors (10); promotion of museum concept (13) and of teaching of veterinary history (15); collecting of old books, etc (14); and an annual meeting (1). Until it seemed feasible to organize a Society, a council to make interim decisions was appointed: Drs. Fred Born, WI; E.E. Burgess, MO; Carlos Cooper, MO; Claire Fox, PA; Everett Miller, IL; W.E. Ryan, IA; J.F. Smithcors, CA.

Contained in Newsletter #1 was a listing of 61 works in Smithcors' collection, published in America from 1764 to 1850, to suggest the kinds of books to be found in attics, bookstores, booksellers' lists, etc. In a later newsletter a listing of 63 American works from 1861-1875 was included.

In the teaching area, Dr. Claire G. Fox had continued the veterinary history course initiated some years earlier by Mr. Tom Haviland at the University of Pennsylvania. (The course developed by Smithcors in 1953 was dropped from the curriculum shortly after he left Michigan State in 1961.) Cliff Eby was teaching a course at Washington State University, and other schools in-



**William E. Ryan**, cofounder of AVMHS and President for 1989-1990 and 1994-1995, was born in Midland, Texas, and served in World War II as a Food Technician in the Transportation Corps. To help pay his way through veterinary college at Oklahoma State University he worked as a farrier, graduating with a DVM degree in 1951.

After eight years in an Oklahoma equine, ranch and small animal practice, he joined Fort Dodge Laboratories at Fort Dodge, Iowa as Advertising Account Executive, and later as Director of Advertising and Communications. He currently owns and operates his own consulting company, Ryco, Inc., located at Fort Dodge, Iowa. He has served as President of the American Veterinary Exhibitors Association.

Dr. Ryan has been an owner and breeder of American Paint Horses and founded the Iowa Paint Horse Club, of which he has been President and a Director for several terms. He has also

served on the Board of Directors of the American Paint Horse Association. He was cofounder of the Iowa Horse Council, and Founder of the Fort Dodge Dragoons; a member of the Dragoon Executive Committee, he holds the rank of Colonel.

The Founder and President of the Children's Heart Foundation, Dr. Ryan also founded the Midwest Pioneer Educational Institute for Teaching the Pioneer Crafts. He was instrumental in founding "Pioneer Days," an annual celebration which has become the largest of its type in Iowa and has received national recognition. He has served as Director of the Public Relations Council of the Greater Fort Dodge Area Chamber of Commerce; also Chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, and the Iowa VMA.

Dr. Ryan is President of the Fort Dodge Historical Foundation and Fort Historical Museum; also Chairman of the History Committee of the Iowa VMA. Among numerous awards he was named Veterinarian of the Year in 1979 by the Iowa VMA, which gave him its Meritorious Service Award in 1994.



cluded some history in orientation courses, but no details for this period are available.

## 1977

As of June 1977 the Society had 22 paid members; dues were \$10, or \$15 with spouse. This was considered an adequate nucleus, but as an immediate project it was suggested that each member secure an additional member.

Several museums were featured in Newsletter #2. The Wisconsin VMA had sponsored museums at Prairie du Chien and at Fond du Lac. These were replicas of early 1900s veterinary offices stocked with authentic instruments, books, furnishings, etc.

The Missouri VMA purchased a 150-year-old house for use as a headquarters and museum at Jefferson City. On hand were some 160 old books and more than 200 antique veterinary instruments and pieces of equipment once used in Missouri practices. An oral history tape library was included, and a shed in the backyard was to replicate a blacksmith's forge.

The National Museum of Veterinary Medicine at Fort Dodge, Iowa, had been operating since 1971 and was featured in the January 1, 1977 issue of *JAVMA*. A permanent exhibit, "Animal Medicine: The Story of the Veterinarian," had been on display during the previous year at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. Sponsored by the AVMA Museum Committee, it included a panel depicting the growth of the profession in America.

In March 1977 the Washington State VMA Newsletter reported: "Feasibility of making WSU the collection center for research and history of veterinary medicine is being studied." In October, Dr. Smithcors addressed the faculty and students on "The Practical Uses of Veterinary History," and in an informal talk to mem-

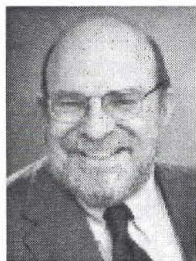
bers of the veterinary faculty, history department and library staff he discussed the elements of a broad-based veterinary history program. Currently, WSU has an extensive history collection, museum, an exquisite series of original paintings depicting veterinary history, a student history essay contest, and two history-based outdoor sculptures. As Visiting Professor of Veterinary Medicine during 1978-98, Dr. Smithcors gave a series of lectures on veterinary history to first-year veterinary students.

For the 1977 AVMA convention in Atlanta, Dr. Ryan put together a Society exhibit of old veterinary instruments from the museum at Fort Dodge. These were without identification, forms for which were available to viewers as a contest; three persons identified them correctly and were awarded prizes. The exhibit panels from the Cincinnati meeting were used as a background.

At an informal meeting with seven members present, several suggestions for future AVHS activities were made, one being to have a formal meeting the following year at Dallas. This was acted upon at Atlanta, which thus became the organizational meeting of the Society. Another suggestion was to compile a listing of regional histories (a list of 21 was placed in the December 1977 Newsletter, and three were added in 1978.) Yet another was to have an official letterhead with insignia (in the works at that time). A membership roster was requested (see 1978 report).

## 1978

The Society meeting at Dallas in 1978 was the first which included a formal program and business session. This was chaired by Dr. Ryan, who talked briefly on formation of the Society as a needed agency to promote the study of veterinary



**Franklin M. Loew**, a Charter Member of AVMHS, was born in Syracuse, New York and graduated from Cornell University (BS 1961; DVM 1965). He has a doctorate in nutrition from the University of Saskatchewan, where he helped develop the product known as canola oil.

During a 35-year academic career Dr. Loew has served as Dean of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University and at Cornell, a Division Director at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and Professor at the University of Saskatchewan. Currently he is President of Becker College in Worcester and Leicester, Massachusetts. Earlier he was President and CEO of Medical Foods, Inc.

At various times a consultant to universities, foundations, government agencies and companies, he is currently chairing a National Research Council committee to review all research programs at USDA. His writings have appeared in publications ranging from *Science*, *Nature*, *Biotechnology*, and major veterinary journals, to the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*.

His numerous awards include the Charles River Prize from AVMA, Massachusetts Veterinarian of the Year, and a citation from the Legislature and Governor naming July 18, 1995 as Franklin M. Loew day in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He is a Board Member of both the Massachusetts SPCA and the Humane Society of the US. His hobbies include collecting antiquarian books on horses, veterinary medicine, and animal welfare. His wife, Deborah Digges, is a distinguished poet and writer.



history and the collection of memorabilia. Dr. Robert R. Shomer noted that he and others had attempted to form such a group some 20 years earlier, and he was pleased with its having become a reality.

Dr. Everett B. Miller, Editor of the *American Journal of Veterinary Research*, presented the first formal paper, on "State Veterinary Medical Associations; the First 50 Years." This was published in expanded form in *JAVMA* 173: 1345-1352, 1978. This was followed by a taped interview with Dr. Ab Quin, conducted by Dr. Smithcors (in 1959) in which Dr. Quin related some of his early experiences and outlook on his beloved profession. Afterward, each of those attending was presented with a copy of this tape.

This led, during the ensuing business meeting, to a plea for all members to collect oral histories, especially from older members of the profession. The desirability of establishing additional veterinary museums was discussed, along with that of making records of early books, artifacts, etc., owned by members, as a means of stimulating interest in such collections by others.

The Society exhibit was on "George Dadd, Veterinary Educator and Journalist," and consisted of seven of his works dating from 1854, together with an autographed letter from him to a nongraduate veterinary practitioner, from the libraries of Drs. Shomer and Smithcors. An accompanying two-page handout gave a precis of each work.

In a communication to the Society, Dr. C.A.V. Barker of the Ontario Veterinary College suggested that a more appropriate name would be American Veterinary History Society and pointed out that the counterpart to AVHS in the United Kingdom was the Veterinary History Society. This would more precisely denote AVHS concern with veterinary history per se rather than with things more broadly historical, as in the case with local

historical societies. The name was changed to American Veterinary History Society in 1982.

The 1978 Newsletter (#4) reported 36 paid members of the Society, up from 22 a year earlier, evidence that increased activity in recent years had paid dividends. Total income had been \$345, total expenses \$237, although the 1976-77 exhibits had been supported largely by grants from American Veterinary Publications and Fort Dodge Laboratories, an appreciation of whose interest was noted.

The first death of an AVHS member, that of Dr. Donald W. Baker, age 79, occurred May 14, 1978. Dr. Baker was a long-time advocate of veterinary history while at Cornell and during his retirement years.

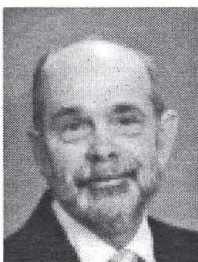
Those attending the first formal AVHS meeting included:

R. Garry Roop	Robert R. Shomer
C.M. Stowe	Robert C. McClure
W.H. Lindley	Robert N. Richmond
Hermann Meyer	Everett B. Miller
Carl Olson	William E. Ryan
Elizabeth S. Grundish (Mrs. R.W.)	

### Charter Members

It was decided to combine membership rosters published earlier with the names of those added at the meeting and designated these as Charter Members of the Society:

Baker, Donald W.	Albuquerque, NM
Barker, C.A.V.	Guelph, Ontario
Bergeron, J.A.	Santa Barbara, CA
Bates, George N.	Columbus, OH
Bier, Harvey A.	Setauket, NY
Born, Fred J.	Fond du Lac, WI
Burgess, E.E.	Jefferson City, MO
Case, John H.	Miami, FL
Cooper, Carlos	Bonner Springs, KS
Donovan, Tim	Schaumburg, IL
Ellis, Roger G.	Newfield, NY
Fleming, E.	Indianapolis, IN
Fox, Claire G.	Doylestown, PA
Grundish, D.	Willoughby, OH



**R. Gary Roop**, a Charter Member of AVMHS, was born near New Windsor, Maryland, in 1931 and received the DVM degree from the University of Georgia in 1955. He was in mixed practice in Cumberland, MD during 1955-1957 and entered the US Army Veterinary Corps, 1957-1959, attaining the rank of Major. He was in small animal practice from 1959 to 2000 and with his wife Martha is now retired on the "Maryland Century Farm" where he was born.

Dr. Roop founded the Prince Georges County VMA in 1969. He was President of the DC Academy of Veterinary Medicine (1969), the District of Columbia VMA (1972), and the Maryland VMA (1978-1979). The governor appointed him

for two terms to the Maryland Council of Comprehensive Health Planning. He chaired the Maryland VMA Centennial activities in 1985. One outgrowth from the Centennial was the one-room 1890 Veterinary Surgeon's office recreated on the premises of the Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster.

A member of the American Academy of Veterinary Disaster Medicine, his Veterinary Medical Assistance Team #2 was deployed to the World Trade Center site in September 2001, and to the Virginia Avian Influenza Task Force in May 2002. He is a Life Member of the Maryland Historical Society and of the Carroll County Historical Society. For a time he was a member of the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Roop's hobbies include woodcarving, gardening, travel, genealogy, fixing cattle fence, and maintaining a log cabin in the Catochin Mountains.



Halloran, Patricia	Staten Island, NY
Jöchle, Wolfgang	Denville Twp. NJ
Jonas, H.	Fort Dodge, IA
Kinnamon, K.E.	Silver Spring, MD
Kirkeminde, W.P.	Crossville, TN
Koger, Lavon N.	Pullman, WA
Kroeck, C.M.	Jefferson City, MO
Leggett, William R.	Norwalk, CT
Leonard, Paul O.	Evanston, IL
Leonpacher, Robert J.	Gainesville, FL
Library, University of Guelph, Ontario	
Lindley, W.H.	Vicksburg, MS
Loew, Franklin M.	Baltimore, MD
McClure, Robert C.	Columbia, MO
Mehnert, Ernst	Bankeryd, Sweden
Meyer, Hermann	Columbia, MO
Miller, Everett B.	Northbrook, IL
Mueller, Donald	Minneapolis, MN
Murnane, Thomas G.	Bethesda, MD
Olson, Carl	Madison, WI
Peddie, Donald E.	Middlebury, VT
Richmond, Robert N.	Malta, OH
Roop, R. Gary	Riverdale, MD
Rumph, Paul F.	Auburn, AL
Ryan, William E.	Fort Dodge, IA
Schubert, Glen O.	College Park, MD
Shomer, Robert R.	Teaneck, NJ
Smithcors, J. Fred	Santa Barbara, CA
Stowe, C.M.	St. Paul, MN

## 1979

Meetings of the Society continued to be held in conjunction with AVMA conventions, and thanks are due AVMA for providing meeting rooms and exhibit space.

The 1979 meeting was held in Seattle, with William E. Ryan presiding. (A listing in the September 1991 *Veterinary Heritage* names only presiding officers for the first five formal meetings, after which Presidents and other officers are indicated.) Five papers were presented:

The Not-so-dusty Veterinary Archives. John Guido, Archivist, Washington State University Library.

Nonacademic Influences on Education of the Veterinarian, 1883-1921. Everett B. Miller, AVMA.

The First Years of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University. Paul Klavano, Professor, CVM, WSU.

Veterinary Medicine as Viewed by Medical Historians. J. Fred Smithcors, American Veterinary Publ, Santa Barbara.

Profile of the Pacific Northwest Veterinarian. George A. Frykman, Professor, History Department, WSU.

These were followed by a business meeting.

An exhibit entitled "The Heritage of American Veterinary Medicine," presented by J. Fred Smithcors, Paul Klavano and John Guido, included materials from the WSU Veterinary History Collection, highlighting development of the profession since the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

An exhibit on "Veterinary Homeopathy," presented by Dr. Smithcors, included several 19<sup>th</sup>-century veterinary homeopathic texts and a chest of Humphreys' Veterinary Specifics, vintage 1880. An 8-page reprint on homeopathy, "Therapeutic Travesty," from *Modern Veterinary Practice* was distributed courtesy of American Veterinary Publications. Members attending were given a tape of General James A. McCallum's reminiscences extending from World War I through World War II; these were recorded in 1959.

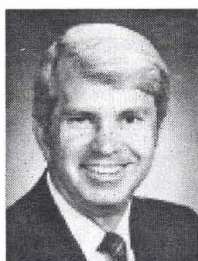
## 1980

The annual meeting of the Society for 1980 was held in Washington, DC, with General Thomas G. Murnane presiding. Papers scheduled for presentation at the literary session included:

Education of the Veterinarian: The Privately Owned Veterinary Colleges, 1852-1927. Everett B. Miller.

Discovery of the Arthropod Vector of Disease. J. Fred Smithcors.

A Veterinarian's Notes on the Civil War. Everett B. Miller.



**Fred J. Born**, A Charter Member of AVMHS, was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, in 1933 and served in the US Air Force 1952-1956. In 1956-1957 he was President of the Pre-Vet Club at Michigan State University and received the DVM degree from MSU in 1962. He was President of the Fond du Lac County VMA 1966-1968 and of the Wisconsin Equine Practitioners Association 1967-1969.

An accomplished artist, he has published *A Veterinary Aid in Anatomical Transparencies* for (separately) the dog, cat, and horse. He has also designed logos for several veterinary organiza-

tions. He is listed in *Who's Who in the Midwest*; *Wisconsin Men of Achievement*; and *Who's Who in Veterinary Science and Medicine*.

From 1977 to the present he has been Chairman of the Wisconsin VMA Historical Committee and Director of the VMA "Turn of the Century" Veterinary Museum at the Galloway House and Village, Fond du Lac, WI. In 1971 he was given the WVMA Veterinarian of the Year award. He was President of the Fond du Lac Historical Society 1985-1987.

In 1979 Dr. Born was President of the Wisconsin Academy of Veterinary Practice, and of the Northeastern Wisconsin VMA in 1984. He has been active in Learning in Retirement at the University of Wisconsin. He retired from veterinary practice in 1998 and lives with his wife Joyce in Fond du Lac, WI.



History of Animal-Human Interactions. Leo Bustad and Linda Hines.

A business meeting followed, but no report of it appears to exist, and at this time the Society had no medium for publishing platform papers.

## 1981

The annual meeting of the Society for 1981 was held in St. Louis, with Carl Olson presiding. Two papers were presented at the literary Session:

Scientific Contributions of Daniel Elmer Salmon. Ole H.V. Stalheim and R. Faler.

Historical Notes on Tetanus. Everett B. Miller.

## 1982

There were several significant developments at the annual meeting of the Society for 1982 in Salt Lake City, with Linda Hines presiding. Following an earlier suggestion by Dr. C.A.V. Barker of Ontario, the name of the organization was changed to American Veterinary History Society, reflecting the broader scope of activity than is connoted by "Historical." Aside from inquiries into the history of veterinary medicine and health care of animals, the function of AVHS was seen as including the role of veterinarians in society, and their impact on animal and human medicine and scientific research.

To give direction to the various programs of the Society, the members discussed at length and adopted on an interim basis a Constitution and Bylaws for AVHS. These delineated the objectives of the Society, identified the officers and their duties and the several classes of membership, and contained guidelines for transacting AVHS business. The focus of the Bylaws was

stated to be that of expanding historical researches related to veterinary medicine and facilitating their publication, to increase awareness of contributions of the profession to society.

To implement the last objective, it was decided to produce a publication, *Veterinary Heritage*, semiannually for distribution to the membership, succeeding the Newsletter published by Dr. Smithcors (6 issues, 1976-79).

The first issues of *Veterinary Heritage* were published largely through the efforts of Donald M. Hines, PhD, and Mrs. Linda Hines, using facilities of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University. The first issue appeared in November 1982 and was designated Volume 6, No. 1; it consisted of 14 pages (8½x11" stapled) edited by Dr. Hines. Contents of Volume 6 (No. 2 was issued April 1983) included a report of the meeting, abstracts of papers presented, book notices and reviews, news items, and the newly adopted Constitution and Bylaws.

Papers presented at the literary session included:

Role of the Nez Percé Indians in the Northwest Cattle Industry. Lavon N. Koger, WSU.

Organization of a Veterinary Museum. Paul Klavano, WSU.

USVMA-AVMA Code of Ethics. Everett B. Miller, AVMA.

Collection and Preservation of Oral History. Donald M. Hines, WSU.

Veterinarians in the Dakota Territory. Ole H.V. Stalheim, Iowa State University.

The Conquest of Tuberculosis. Kate Faler, WSU student, recipient of Norden Essay Award in Veterinary Medicine.

As provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws, a full slate of officers was elected. These were:



**Wolfgang Jöchle**, a Charter Member of AVMHS, is a second-generation veterinarian. He graduated from the LM University in Munich, Germany and received his DVM and Dr. med. vet. in 1952 and 1953, respectively. Professionally he combined basic research in animal reproduction with the development of new drugs for the improvement of animal health. This career was pursued in academia (Munich, Berlin-West) and in the pharmaceutical industry as a research scientist (Schering AG) and later as an executive (VP

Syntex Research) and as a consultant to this industry. He is semiretired.

Dr. Jöchle is a Diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists since 1975. He is the founder of *Theriogenology*

(1974), the first international journal devoted entirely to domestic animal reproduction, and still serves as its associate editor. He has published more than 300 papers on this subject, and a book on *Control of Reproductive Functions in Domestic Animals* (1980). He also serves on the editorial board of several publications in this area.

Dr. Jöchle is a member of more than 20 learned societies and professional associations around the globe. In a number of countries he has directed R and D with a wide range of novel animal health products, many of which made it to the market. He taught clinical endocrinology of reproduction at the School of Veterinary Medicine in Hanover, Germany, 1980-1995, where he was awarded an honorary professorship in 1987. His interest in the history of medicine and of veterinary medicine, of animal domestication and their intersections with the history of religion, resulted in 15 publications from 1957 to 1959.



President - J. Fred Smithcors  
 Vice President - Everett B. Miller  
 Treasurer - Paul Klavano  
 Secretary - Donald M. Hines

Directors - Robert R. Shomer; Everett E. Burgess

Dr. Robert Pietila, President of the Washington State VMA, reported that a resolution had been placed before the AVMA House of Delegates to designate WSU as the center for AVMA archives, currently deposited at Schaumburg, IL. By being properly processed and housed at WSU, these records would be made available to a wider body of scholars interested in the history of veterinary medicine. The resolution was referred back to committee.

## 1983

The annual meeting of the Society for 1983 was held in New York City, with J. Fred Smithcors presiding. Four papers were presented at the literary session:

William Lowe of New Jersey; a Biography. Robert Shomer.

USVMA: Petition for a Federal Veterinary Sanitary Bureau. Everett B. Miller.

WSU Veterinary Historical Collection. John Guido.

Early Microbiological Teaching at Iowa State University. R. Allen Packer.

As Treasurer, Paul Klavano reported receipts of \$280 for 26 memberships (18 Individual, 6 Joint, 2 Student) and expenditures of \$428, mostly for printing and postage. With funds on hand there was a balance of \$650.

The need for a greater awareness of AVHS among veterinarians was discussed. It was suggested that issues of *Veterinary Heritage* be sent to libraries and veterinary student organizations at the colleges.

Officers for the 1983-84 year were elected:  
 President - Everett B. Miller  
 President-elect - Robert R. Shomer  
 Secretary-Treasurer - R. Allen Packer  
 Board Member - Everett E. Burgess

Abstracts of platform papers were published in *Veterinary Heritage* Volume 7, No. 1 (December 1983) and No. 2 (April 1984). Other contents of this volume included biographical sketches of Marion Dorsett, Leunis Van Es, and Veranus A. Moore; Therapeutic Travesty, and Rabies - Timeless Terror, by J. Fred Smithcors (reprinted from *Modern Veterinary Practice*); and History and Progress of Veterinary Medicine, by Alexandre Liautard (reprinted from *American Veterinary Review*, 1877).

## 1984

The annual meeting of the Society for 1984 was held in New Orleans and was presided over by Everett B. Miller, whose opening remarks concerned state VMA histories and museums. At the literary session, papers were presented by Ole H.V. Stalheim, W.T. Hubbert, and W.S. Hornsby. Movies taken by Dr. Hornsby, of practice scenes in Southwestern Louisiana during the 1930s, were shown daily in the audiovisual room of the convention center.

Honorary membership was accorded Dr. Bert Bierer of South Carolina for his many contributions to veterinary history. The death of member Sam Scheidy was noted. Officers elected for the 1984-85 year were:

President - Robert R. Shomer  
 President-elect - Ole H.V. Stalheim  
 Secretary-Treasurer - R. Allen Packer  
 Board Member - Carl Olson

## 1985

The annual meeting of the Society for 1985 was held in Las Vegas. In his presidential address, Dr.



**Patricia O'Connor Halloran**, AVMHS Charter Member, was born at Buffalo, New York, in 1914 and graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University in 1939. In 1940 she married a classmate, John L. Halloran. From 1942 to 1970 she was a full-time veterinarian at the Staten Island Zoo, the first woman to hold that position.

In 1946 Dr. O'Connor was elected first President of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians, serving until 1957 and again from 1965 to 1966. She served as

Vice President of the Association for Woman Veterinarians in 1947-1948 and became its second President in 1948, serving in that capacity again from 1954 to 1956. She published an extensive *Bibliography of References to Diseases of Wild Mammals and Birds* as Part II of Volume 16 of *American Journal of Veterinary Research* (October 1955).

In 1963-1996 she traveled extensively, making numerous trips with veterinary groups visiting over 50 foreign countries on five continents. From 1970 to 1997 she operated the Halloran Animal Hospital, which was established in 1905 by her father-in-law, a graduate of the Chicago Veterinary College. Since 1999 she has been retired in Mishawaka, Indiana.



Robert R. Shomer observed, "If success is measured by numbers, then indeed this year has established a new high in membership." He called for adding to the archive of taped histories, and for a survey of the teaching of veterinary history in the schools.

The roll of members totaled 83, doubling the charter membership. Honorary member and veterinary historian Bert W. Bierer died April 7, 1985.

Dr. R. Gary Roop called attention to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Maryland VMA and dedication of their centennial project, a turn-of-the-century veterinarian's office located at the Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster, MD.

Papers presented at the literary session included:

Dr. K.F. Meyer and His Impact on Epidemiology. James H. Steele.

Veterinary History Exhibit: Montana Historical Museum, Helena. Glenn C. Halver.

The Horse in Crow Indian History and Culture. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

Bovine Tuberculosis in the United States, 1882-1917. Everett B. Miller.

Articles published in *Veterinary Heritage*, Volume 8, included:

Dr. Langdon Frothingham, Nebraska's First Football Coach – A Pioneer Veterinary Pathologist. Leo L. Lemonds (reprinted from *A Century of Veterinary Medicine in Nebraska*).

The "Cow War." Ron Lutz (reprinted from *A Century of Progress*, Iowa VMA).

Origins of the Disease Control Policies of the Bureau of Animal Industry (USDA). Ole H.V. Stalheim.

The Beginnings of State Animal Disease Control Programs. W.T. Hubbert.

A Veterinarian's Notes of the Civil War. Everett B. Miller.

Memoirs of Veterinary Practice and Veterinarians of Southwest Louisiana. W.S. Hornsby.

Officers for the 1985-86 year were:

President – Ole H.V. Stalheim

President-elect – Elizabeth A. Lawrence

Secretary-Treasurer – R. Allen Packer

Board Members – Carl Olson; Robert J. Leonpacher

## 1986

The annual meeting of the Society for 1986 was held in Atlanta, with Ole H.V. Stalheim presiding. Instead of a 2-hour evening meeting as in previous years, a full afternoon was devoted to this year's meeting, allowing for presentation of six papers (instead of four). Also, there was additional time for visiting; this arrangement proved successful. Papers presented included:

A Veterinary Triumph: The Fight Against Hog Cholera in Alabama. Kathryn H. Braund.

The History of the Canine Corps. Bernard H. Skold.

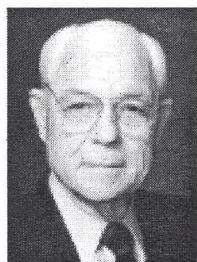
Campaign Medals and Gallantry Awards of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, 1796-1986. Tod J. Schadler.

The History of the Horse in Japan: A Review in Art. Raffaele A. Roncalli.

Preliminary Results of a Survey of the Teaching of Veterinary History in the Schools of Veterinary Medicine. Claire G. Fox.

A Collection of Anecdotes by Practicing Veterinarians. Francie Berg.

Topics discussed at the business meeting included restart of the oral history taping, five tapes



**Thomas G. Murnane**, AVMHS Charter Member, graduated with a DVM from Texas A&M University in 1947. After a year in private practice he served with the Joint US-Mexico Commission for Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (1948-1949). He joined the US Army Veterinary Corps and served for 31 years (1949-1980), rising to the rank of Brigadier General. With the US Army Mission in Panama (1956-59) he described, for the first time, natural infection of swine with encephalomyocarditis virus and confirmed the

existence of rabies in cattle and bats. During 1974-80 he chaired the Foreign Animal Committee, US Animal Health Association.

During his tenure as Chief of the Veterinary Corps, General Murnane's determination to maintain effective and distinctive veterinary services was instrumental in maintaining the identity and mission of the Army's veterinary services. He was awarded the Army's Distinguished Service Medal.

In 1983-84 Dr. Murnane chaired the National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences committee, which assessed the USDA's resources for research and diagnosis of foreign animal diseases, culminating in an NRC Report. During 1984-93 he was a public health veterinarian with the Texas Department of Health, supervising meat inspection and zoonosis control programs.

Dr. Murnane is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventative Medicine, past President of the College, and recipient of the Distinguished Diplomate Award. He is an Honorary Diplomate of the American Veterinary Epidemiology Society and recipient of the Society's K.F. Meyer-James H. Steele Gold Head Cane Award (2000). He has served in the AVMA House of Delegates and on the House Advisory Committee.

Dr. Murnane is a recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University (1989); AVMA Public Service Award (1990); and the Distinguished Achievement Award, Texas VMA (1994).



having been added during the year; possibilities of videotaping oral histories; and publication of anecdotes collected by Francie Berg. Dr. Stalheim was congratulated on his having been awarded the Twelfth International Veterinary Congress Prize by AVMA.

Officers elected for the 1986-87 year were:

President – Elizabeth A. Lawrence

President-elect – Robert Norton

Secretary-Treasurer – R. Allen Packer

Board Member – Robert C. McClure

Articles published in Volume 9 of *Veterinary Heritage* included:

Alexandre Francois Liautard Revisited. Ph. De Wailly.

The Horse in Crow Indian History and Culture. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

Historical Aspects of the Development of Hip Prostheses in the Dog. Robert L. Leighton.

The History of the Canine Corps. Bernard Skold.

A Veterinary Triumph: The Fight Against Hog Cholera in Alabama. Kathryn H. Brand.

## 1987

The annual meeting of the Society for 1987 was held in Chicago and chaired by Elizabeth A. Lawrence. Her opening remarks included showing slides of her recent visit to the first School of Veterinary Medicine at Lyon, France, established in 1762. Papers presented were:

The History of Mange in Veterinary and Human Medicine. R.A. Roncalli.

Study of the Constitution of the USVMA, 1863-1898. Everett B. Miller.

Attitudes of the Southeastern Indians Toward Wild and Domestic Animals in the Eighteenth Century. Kathryn Braund.

Our Heritage as Horse Doctors. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

Spanish-American War – Horses and Beef. Everett B. Miller.

Veterinarians Challenge Dr. Robert Koch Regarding Bovine Tuberculosis and Human Health. R. Allen Packer.

There were 55 paid memberships for the 1986-87 year, five fewer than for 1985-86. The dues were raised \$5/year for each class of membership, to \$15 for individuals. The beginning bank balance was \$1032, the ending \$912.

The question of whether the Society might facilitate publication of two translations of histories of veterinary medicine was discussed. These were authored by Leclainche (translation by Abe Barton) and Moule (translation fostered by Carl Olson). A committee was appointed to investigate the matter (but nothing ever transpired in this regard, probably because of the cost).

Robert Shomer and Ole Stalheim attended the Veterinary History sessions at the World Veterinary Congress held in Montreal in August 1987.

Officers elected for the 1987-88 year were:

President – Robert Norton

President-elect – Raffaele A. Roncalli

Secretary-Treasurer – R. Allen Packer

Board Members – Thomas G. Murnane; Robert C. McClure

Articles published in *Veterinary Heritage* Volume 10 included:

Clifford H. Eby, DVM, the Man; His Works, His Legacy. Robert R. Shomer.

Veterinarians Challenge Dr. Robert Koch Regarding Bovine Tuberculosis and Human Health. R. Allen Packer.

How Important was Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle* to Federal Meat Inspection Reform? Everett B. Miller.

History of Veterinary Medical Education in Quebec. Michel Pepin.

Centennial Celebration, University of Montreal School of Veterinary Medicine. Robert R. Shomer.



**Everett B. Miller**, AVMHS President for 1983-1984, received his VMD degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1940. After graduation he spent 24 years in the US Army Veterinary Corps, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. A major assignment during this time was writing the official Army Department History, US Army Veterinary Service in World War II.

Dr. Miller was an assistant editor and then associate editor in the AVMA Publications Division from 1965 to 1987. During his tenure the manuscript flow for the *American Journal of Veterinary Research* doubled, and frequency of publication was increased

from six times a year to twelve. On retiring from AVMA, he received a proclamation from the Council on Research declaring an "Everett B. Miller Day" in recognition of his services.

With his meticulous attention to detail, Dr. Miller authored numerous articles on veterinary history, published in professional and military journals. After the inception of *Veterinary Heritage*, he was a frequent contributor and served in an editorial capacity for a decade, being Editor during 1990-1992.

Upon Dr. Miller's death in 1995, a long-term colleague said of him: "Whether wearing the hat of editor or veterinary historian, Everett was ever mindful of his obligation to use precise language and to encourage others to do the same....Not less important, he insisted on documentation of statements of fact."



A Vision, a Plan, an Accomplishment. Leo L. Lemonds.

Oral Histories. J Fred Smithcors.

## 1988

The annual meeting of the Society for 1988 was held in Portland, OR, with Robert Norton presiding over the literary and business sessions. Program papers were:

Four Scientists in search of an Authorship: The Nature and Cause of Texas Fever. R.A. Roncalli.

Doctor Mark Francis: The Man and the Myth. Robert Norton.

Twilight of the Cavalry: Colonel E.L. Nye Remembered. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

Leeches and Leeching: The Magic Cure. John B. Mulder.

AVMA – 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Background. Everett B. Miller.

The 1971 Outbreak of Venezuelan Encephalitis in the United States. Thomas G. Murnane.

In the business session, Dr. Albert J. Koltveit, Editor, *JAVMA*, was elected to honorary membership in the Society. The Treasurer's report indicated a beginning balance of \$912, income during the year \$1756 (94 individual, 19 joint memberships) and expenses \$1110, with an ending balance of \$1558.

Members were invited to contribute to a new history feature, "Pages from the Past" in *JAVMA*, to be spearheaded by J. Fred Smithcors. (This ran for several issues but was dropped when *JAVMA* format was changed.)

Three AVHS members were honored at the AVMA convention: the AVMA Award to Robert R. Shomer; the Charles River Prize to Franklin M. Loew; and the Woman Veterinarian-of-the-Year Award to Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

*Veterinary Heritage*, which had averaged 49 pages per volume (2 issues) its first five years, ran 134 pages in 1988 (Volume 11). Articles published included:

History of Scabies in Veterinary and Human Medicine. R.A. Roncalli.

Veterinary Medical Service of the Army in the Spanish-American War, 1898. Everett B. Miller.

The Heritage of the American Indian Horse Doctors. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

Nineteenth Century Origins of AVMA. Everett B. Miller.

John Hunter (1728-1793) and Veterinary Medicine. John D. Blaisdell.

## 1989

The annual meeting of the Society for 1989 was held in Orlando, FL, with Raffaele A. Roncalli presiding. Program papers were as follows:

Comanche – The Horse Who Survived Custer's Last Stand. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

History of Veterinary Ophthalmology. W.G. Magrane.

Tuberculous Cattle Problem in the United States to 1919. Everett B. Miller.

Maggot Therapy. John B. Mulder.

John Hunter and Rabies. John D. Blaisdell.

To foster interest in veterinary history among students of veterinary medicine, it was voted at the business meeting to sponsor a contest with a prize of \$250 for the best essay on a topic pertaining to veterinary history.

John Mulder reported that he was making a survey of the veterinary schools with respect to their teaching of veterinary history. Dr. R.A. Packer reported that 10 students were enrolled in a one-credit course at Iowa State University.

To increase visibility and promote membership in the Society, it was suggested that a bro-



**R. Allen Packer**, Secretary-Treasurer 1983-1993, was born in Clemons, Iowa in 1914 and graduated with a BS in Animal Husbandry and DVM from Iowa State University in 1940. He earned the MS and PhD degree in Veterinary Microbiology at ISU in 1942 and 1947, respectively. He also served as Editor of *Veterinary Heritage* 1983-1990.

Dr. Packer's entire professional career was spent at ISU, where during his tenure he taught 78% of all veterinary graduates.

He retired in 1985 after being Professor and Head of Veterinary Microbiology and Preventive Medicine in 1952-1980. He received

the ISU Faculty Citation in 1966 and was honored as Distinguished Professor in 1969.

A Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists, Dr. Packer was chosen as a section chairman for the 18th World Veterinary Congress in 1967, and was President of the World Association of Veterinary Microbiologists meeting in 1973. With Dr. I.A. Merchant he co-authored *Veterinary Bacteriology and Virology*, a long-standard text used worldwide.

His keen interest in history led to publication of *The First 100 Years of the College of Veterinary Medicine* at ISU, with Dr. F.K. Ramsey. After his retirement he taught a course on the history of veterinary medicine, which is being continued by his colleagues. He died in 1999, and in his honor the R. Allen Packer Veterinary Heritage Room is being established in the veterinary library.



chure describing AVHS and its objectives be prepared for distribution.

Officers for the 1989-1990 year were:

President – William E. Ryan

President-elect – John B. Mulder

Secretary-Treasurer – R. Allen Packer

Board Members – Elizabeth A. Lawrence;  
Leo L. Lemonds

Articles published in *Veterinary Heritage* Volume 12 included:

The 1971 Outbreak of Venezuelan Encephalitis in the United States. Thomas G. Murnane.

Dr. Mark Francis – The Man and the Legend. Robert Norton.

Twilight of the Cavalry: Colonel E.L. Nye Remembered. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

John Hunter and Rabies. John D. Blaisdell.

Subject Index 1976-1988.

## 1990

The annual meeting of the Society for 1990 was held in San Antonio, with William E. Ryan presiding. Papers presented at the literary session included:

Why Collect, Preserve and Document Veterinary History? Ole H.V. Stalheim.

A Survey of Veterinary History Instruction in U.S. and Canadian Schools. John B. Mulder.

Benjamin Rush (1745-1813) and the Humane Treatment of Animals. John D. Blaisdell.

Bibliographic Briefs on Herman M. Biggs, M.D. and Three Other Physicians, All Honorary AVMA Members. E.B. Miller.

The Corollary Development of the Professions of Human and Veterinary Medicine in the U.S. William W. Rosser.

The History of Canine Filariasis. R.A. Roncalli.

A Veterinarian in the War Against the Sioux: John Honsinger of the Seventh Cavalry. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

The first four papers (above) were published in Volume 13 of *Veterinary Heritage*. Dr. Rosser's paper appeared in Volume 14 (1991). Volume 13 also contained: The History of Veterinary Medicine in Alabama, 1892-1952, by Elizabeth D. Schafer, M.A. in history of science, from Auburn University.

Officers of AVHS elected for the 1990-1991 year were:

President – John B. Mulder

President-elect – Leo L. Lemonds

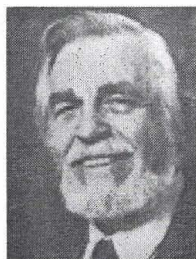
Secretary-Treasurer – R. Allen Packer

Board Members – Elizabeth A. Lawrence;  
William E. Ryan

The duties of the office of Secretary-Treasurer as they related to *Veterinary Heritage* were moved to the new offices of Editor and Associate Editor. Drs. Miller and Packer, respectively, were appointed to these positions by the Executive Board.

In his survey of the teaching of veterinary history, Dr. Mulder received 100% response from the 27 U.S. and 4 Canadian schools. Iowa State University had an elective one-credit course. The University of Minnesota had a formal course and a funded faculty position for teaching veterinary history. The University of California-Davis offered an undergraduate course. The Ontario Veterinary College had been offering a 2-credit course for the past 15 years. By contrast, required or elective courses in medical history were offered in 39 of 95 U.S. and 6 of 13 Canadian medical schools.

The membership listing for 1990 contained 164 names, including 19 spouse members and 21 libraries or associations. There were also 4 members from Canada and 8 from 5 other countries. It appears, however, that not all of these had paid dues.



**Robert R. Shomer**, AVMHS President for 1984-1985, was born in Philadelphia in 1914 and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a VMD in 1934. In 1937, after working for a practitioner and the Bureau of Animal Industry, he entered a small animal practice at Teaneck, NJ, which he owned for over 55 years. During this time he amassed an outstanding collection of early veterinary works, which he donated to the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Historical Society.

Dr. Shomer was instrumental in establishing the AVMHS Endowment Fund and was a major contributor to it. For a decade he was Chairman of the Student Veterinary History Essay Contest committee. For most of his career he was active in organized veterinary medicine, being a member of the AVMA House of Del-

egates for 34 years. During this time he submitted some 40 resolutions, including several on environmental matters, endangered species, ethics, chemical addiction, and animal care following disasters, among others.

He was President of the NJVMA 1966-1967 and Secretary of the NJ Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners 1958-1972. For 28 years he was Secretary-Treasurer of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards. He was President of the Northern NJVMA in 1952 and 1965, and its Veterinarian of the Year for 1978. He was recipient of the NJVMA Distinguished Service Award in 1972, the University of Pennsylvania Award of Merit in 1985, and the AVMA Award in 1987. He served in the US Army Veterinary Corps 1943-1946, attaining the rank of Major.

One of his colleagues in the House of Delegates characterized him as the AVMA's conscience and ahead of the majority in many things. Dr. Shomer died in 1999.



## 1991

The annual meeting of the Society for 1991 was held in Seattle, with John B. Mulder presiding. Papers presented included:

Animal-disease Crisis in Peoria: Actinomycosis and Meat Inspection. Everett B. Miller (read by Dr. Packer).

Andrew Snape (1644-1708) and the Beginnings of Veterinary Anatomical Instruction in England. John D. Blaisdell.

Equine Colic: From Curse to Cure. John B. Mulder.

The Centaur: Veterinary Symbol and Logo of the American Veterinary History Society. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

Some Veterinary Consequences of European Ecological Imperialism in Australasia. J.R. Fisher (read by W.E. Ryan).

At the conclusion of the literary session, Dr. Mulder announced the Society's establishment of the J. Fred Smithcors Student Veterinary History Essay Competition and presented an appropriate plaque to the honoree. Dr. Smithcors responded with a brief review of his career as a veterinarian.

The Society's new brochure, "Devoted to the Diffusion of Veterinary History," for use at exhibit booths and membership promotion, was presented in final form by Dr. Ryan. This featured the objectives of AVHS:

- To become aware of published and unpublished materials and artifacts pertaining to the history of veterinary medicine and health care of animals.
- To promote research and study on veterinary history and related topics.
- To communicate information about veterinary history, in part through publication of a journal/newsletter and through seminars/meetings.
- To develop and distribute educational materials on the history of veterinary medicine.
- To assess the role of veterinarians in society and to study their impact on animal and human medicine and scientific research.

Officers for the 1991-1992 year were:

President – Leo L. Lemonds

President-elect – Elizabeth A. Lawrence

Secretary-Treasurer – R. Allen Packer

Board Members – William E. Ryan; John B. Mulder

Beginning with Volume 14, No. 2 (September 1991) *Veterinary Heritage* was published in stapled 5x8" format with glossy covers and pictorial logo, replacing the previous 8½x11" loose-page (stapled corner) format, and having a more professional appearance. Articles for Volume 14 included, in addition to Drs. Miller's and Mulder's platform papers:

The Value of History Instruction in Veterinary Medical Education. John B. Mulder.

The Zoocomium, or an Eighteenth-century Veterinary Hospital. John D. Blaisdell.

## 1992

The annual meeting of the Society for 1992 was held in Boston, with Leo L. Lemonds presiding. Dr. Elizabeth A. Lawrence chaired the literary program, which included:

The Smithsonian Exhibit on Veterinary Medicine: An Update. Edward L. Menning.

Agriculture and Public Health in Early New England: Roots of Our Profession in North America. Franklin M. Loew.

Veterinary Involvement in Environmental Preservation – Past and Present. Robert R. Shomer.

George H. Dadd, Veterinary Reformer: The Boston Connection. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

The Dr. Philipson Veterinary Infirmary: A 1900 Great Plains Veterinary Museum. Leo L. Lemonds.

Sledge Dogs and Artic Madness: Diagnosis of Rabies in 19<sup>th</sup>-century Polar Exploration. John D. Blaisdell.

Equine Glanders: The American Experience. Everett B. Miller.



**Ole H. Viking Stalheim**, AVMHS President for 1985-1986, was born at Coddington, South Dakota, in 1917 and graduated with a DVM degree from Texas A&M University in 1941. During 1941-1958 he conducted a general veterinary practice at Vermillion, South Dakota, after which he obtained a PhD degree (1963) from the University of South Dakota.

Upon completion of his studies, Dr. Stalheim served as veterinary medical officer at the National Animal Disease Center,

USDA, in Ames, Iowa from 1963 to 1985. He then became Associate Professor, Departments of Microbiology and History at Iowa State University. He was a Fulbright Scholar in the Sudan and Turkey, lecturing on microbiology, animal health, and veterinary history. In 1986 he received the 12<sup>th</sup> International Veterinary Congress Prize for international relations. In 1995 he received the University of South Dakota Alumni Achievement Award.

Dr. Stalheim has written more than 100 articles in professional journals and is the author of four books, including *The Winning of Animal Health: 100 Years of Veterinary Medicine*, in 1994, in addition to many veterinary historical articles. He is retired and currently resides at Ames, Iowa.



Copies of the Articles of Incorporation and proposed Bylaws were presented at the business session. Despite opposition to the Associate Membership class for persons not possessing a veterinary degree, the Bylaws were accepted as presented. A motion to exclude use of the term "medical" in the name of the Society (as in the Articles of Incorporation) was passed, thus retaining American Veterinary History Society as the official name.

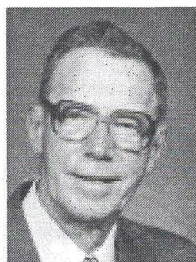
Dr. Shomer had presented a resolution at the AVMA House of Delegates asking for AVMA "encouragement and support of state association and college archives on veterinary history." To circumvent any misunderstanding that AVMA "support" could be interpreted as financial assistance, the House amended the wording to "endorse the concept of" and passed the resolution.

For the year ending July 1992 the Society had 160 paid members (134 Individual, 24 Joint, 2 Student) and 14 Library subscriptions. Beginning balance and total income was \$4251 and expenses \$2826, ending balance \$1425. Annual dues for each class of members were raised by \$5, to \$20 for Individual memberships.

Dr. Everett B. Miller announced his retirement as Editor of *Veterinary Heritage*. His expertise in this area was noted. Dr. R. Allen Parker was later appointed to replace him, with J. Fred Smithcors as Assistant Editor. The Distinguished Service Award of the Society was presented to Drs. Miller, Packer and Shomer.

In her address as Incoming President, Dr. Lawrence noted:

Veterinary history merits greater attention than it has yet received....Understanding of the roots and historical record of veterinary medicine will illuminate and nourish the profession's present development in countless ways.



**Robert E. Norton**, AVMHS President for 1987-1988, was born in Maple Plain, Minnesota, in 1920 and graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University, in 1944. For two years he was editor of *Veterinary Student* (later *ISU Veterinarian*). He was associated with Wayne Riser, DVM, in Des Moines, IA, for one year, and after practicing briefly in Wayzata, MN, he established a practice in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

During the Korean War he served as Captain in the US Army Veterinary Corps. He was a Charter Member and first President of the Rio Grande Valley VMA, and at various times held all the offices of the Texas VMA, being President in 1966.

Dr. Roscoe Moore, Jr. was named President-elect; Drs. Lynn Anderson and Richard H. Detwiler were elected Board Members, as was John D. Blaisdell, MS.

Papers published in Volume 15 of *Veterinary Heritage* included:

Artists and Anatomists in Renaissance Europe. Catherine Hibbitt, First Prize winner in the J. Fred Smithcors Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

Louis Pasteur, Alexandre Liautard, and the Riverdale Dog Case. John D. Blaisdell.

Massachusetts Cattle Disease (Pleuropneumonia) Reprinted from Sixth Annual Report of the Iowa State Agricultural Society, 1860.

Diseases Revisited. Kenneth B. Haas.

## 1993

The annual meeting of the Society for 1993 was held in Minneapolis, with Elizabeth A. Lawrence presiding. Papers presented at the literary session included:

Highlights in the History of Veterinary Medicine. Robert H. Dunlop.

A Historical Review of Wound Treatment in Animals. John B. Mulder.

Veterinary Professionalism and Hog Cholera. Ole H.V. Stalheim.

An Extraordinary Case of Madness: The Question of Rabies in New England in 1771. John D. Blaisdell.

Takosis – The History of an Infectious Disease of Goats. Phyllis H. Larsen.

William Carver, Practical Horse Farrier. J. Fred Smithcors.

The First American Publication on Veterinary Medicine. Miguel A. Marquez.

Dr. Norton has maintained an active interest in veterinary history over the years. He initiated and organized publication of *A Special Kind of Doctor*, a history of organized veterinary medicine in Texas. At the 1988 AVMHS meeting in Portland he gave a paper on Mark Francis, pioneer in the fight against Texas fever of cattle. A member of the Hidalgo County Historical Society, he has served as President of the Hidalgo County Historical Commission. He won a State of Texas award for local historical commission work, including chairmanship and for conducting over 100 oral history interviews, and research for state historical markers.

Dr. Norton is a Life Member of Lions Clubs International, and he maintains an aircraft pilot's license, with over 2000 hours flying. He and his wife Viola have been married 54 years.



At the business meeting, Dr. Miguel A. Marquez, President of the Mexican Association of Veterinary Medical History, was elected to Honorary Membership in AVHS. Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Drs. Carl Olson and Elizabeth A. Lawrence for outstanding contributions to the history of veterinary medicine.

Dr. Lawrence announced that AVHS had been granted tax-free status by the IRS. The Society voted to support reprinting 300 copies of *Smithcors: The Veterinarian in America, 1625-1975*, with the amounts advanced by Drs. Smithcors, Ryan and Shomer (total \$2000) to be defrayed by sales of the book.

Upon a motion by Dr. Robert R. Shomer, the Society voted to establish a Veterinary History Foundation. Dr. Shomer also announced that there had been seven papers submitted in the Student History Essay Contest, with modest prizes being awarded for the first three places.

A proposal to separate the office of Secretary-Treasurer and have the resulting two offices occupied by two persons was passed. Officers elected for the 1993-1994 year were:

President – Roscoe Moore, Jr.

President-elect – William E. Ryan

Secretary – Leo L. Lemonds

Treasurer – R. Allen Packer

Articles published in Volume 16 of *Veterinary Heritage* included:

Aleen Cust, *Veterinary Surgeon: Britain's First Woman Veterinarian*. Book Review by Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

George Dadd: *Veterinary Reformer*. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

From the Archives: Excerpt of Benjamin Rush's essay, "On the Duties and Advantages of Studying the Diseases of Domesticated Animals,"

from *Memoirs of the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture*, 1808.

Scientific Research Aided by Eastern Iowa Veterinarians (reprint). Richard E. Shope, MD.

Observations on Three "Slow" Infections of Sheep. Leon Z. Saunders.

The Thermometer: History and Application in Veterinary Medicine. Jane Knoper (First Prize winner in 1993 Veterinary History Essay Contest).

Cribbing in Horses: A Historical Review. John B. Mulder.

From the Archives: Charles T. Jackson's spurious claim of credit for the discovery of surgical anesthesia, from *Report of the Commissioner of Patents for the year 1953*.

William Carver, *Practical Horse Farrier*. J. Fred Smithcors.

## 1994

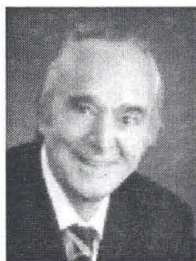
The annual meeting of the Society for 1994 was held in San Francisco with Roscoe Moore, Jr. presiding. In his opening remarks, Dr. Moore reemphasized the need for recording veterinary history.

In an informal discussion of his book, *The Legacy: A History of the Tuskegee School of Veterinary Medicine*, Dr. Eugene W. Adams invited members to help celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school. He pointed out that 70% of black veterinarians in the United States had graduated from Tuskegee.

Papers presented at the literary session included:

Some Firsts in Veterinary Medicine. Ray Thompson.

Black Pioneer Veterinarians in the USA. Robert R. Shomer.



**Raffaele A. Roncalli**, AVMHS President for 1988-1989, a native of Italy, obtained his DVM degree from the University of Perugia in 1949. After a few years as researcher at the Veterinary School, University of Milan, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and earned the MS degree in parasitology at the University of Georgia.

In ensuing years he held several managerial positions with Hoffman-LaRoche and Merck and Company in the US. At Roche he participated in the development of two tranquilizers,

librium and valium; a sulfonamide, sulfadimethoxine; and a coccidiostat, lasalocid. For his work there he was awarded a number of patents. At Merck he conducted pioneering investigations in the development of veterinary products, including anthelmintics such as thiabendazole and ivermectin, and coccidiostats such as amprolium, in Europe, Latin America, Japan and Australia.

Dr. Roncalli is a Past-President, New Jersey Society for Parasitology (1972-1973), a former 4-H Club (NJ) judge, and past-Chairman, International Section, Animal Health Institute. He has been a Visiting Professor of Veterinary Parasitology at the University of Naples (1985; 1992; 2002), and at the University of Bari (1991) in Italy.

A linguist, he is the author of more than 100 scientific papers, especially in the fields of parasitology and the history of parasitology. Over the years he has collected many books on the history of human and veterinary parasitology, from early 1500s to the present.

Dr. Roncalli has spent a number of years in Japan; he is a member of the Japanese Veterinary History Society and has lectured extensively on the history of Japanese veterinary medicine. Also, he was President of the Ukiyo-e Society of America (1985-1987) and Editor of its newsletter for several years. At present he is historian of the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists.



The Beginnings of the Department of Veterinary Science at the University of Nebraska. Leo L. Lemonds.

My (layman's) View of Veterinary Medicine in the Early 1920s at Belmond, Iowa. R.G. Packard (read by R.A. Packer).

The History of Wildlife Disease Investigations by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Louis N. Locke.

Continuing Education of the Veterinarian, 1875-1925. R. Allen Packer.

At the business meeting the Treasurer reported income (including balance on hand of \$1275) exceeding \$5000 for the first time; expenses were \$2973, leaving a balance of \$2134. Dr. Shomer expressed disappointment with the number of entries in the Student Veterinary History Essay Contest, perhaps indicating the prizes were too low; he suggested a single prize of \$500 be offered.

Dr. Shomer reported on a proposal for an Endowment Fund, with several categories of contributors; this was adopted by vote of the membership. He also presented the Distinguished Service Award to Ray Thompson, Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania and Maryland VMAs.

Officers elected for the 1994-1995 year were:

President – William E. Ryan

President-elect – Lester M. Crawford

Secretary – Leo L. Lemonds

Treasurer – R. Allen Packer

Board Members – Elizabeth A. Lawrence; Ray Thompson

Articles published in Volume 17 of *Veterinary Heritage* included:

Snakes as Veterinary Emblems. Kenneth B. Haas.

On Hoven Cattle. J. Fred Smithcors.

A Historical Review of Wound Treatments. John B. Mulder.

Memoirs: J. Wallace Lumb, DVM, MS. William V. Lumb.

*Tratado De Albeyteria*: First Book on Veterinary Medicine Written in America. Miguel A. Marquez.

Book Review: *The Winning of Animal Health: 100 Years of Veterinary Medicine*. Ole H.V. Stalheim. (Review by J.F. Smithcors).

From the Archives: The Compleat and Experienced Farrier and Cowleech. Erra Pater, from *The Book of Knowledge*, 1794.

Black Pioneer Veterinarians in the USA. R.R. Shomer.

The Beginnings of the Department of Veterinary Science at the University of Nebraska. Leo L. Lemonds.

Activities in the Field of Veterinary History in Hungary. J. Kovats.

Theobald Smith and Animal Parasitology: Highlights on an Anniversary. Frank F. Katz.

## 1995

The annual meeting of the Society for 1995 was held in Pittsburgh, with William E. Ryan presiding. In his opening remarks he expressed the importance of taking every opportunity to let the public know who we are and what our goals are. He introduced Dr. Melinda Sue Cumming (WSU '95), winner of the Student Veterinary History Essay Contest, and thanked Fort Dodge Laboratories for providing refreshments.

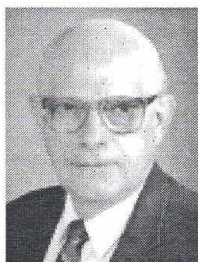
Papers presented at the literary session included:

Highlights of the History of the Tuskegee School of Veterinary Medicine. Eugene W. Adams, who was associated with the school for 40 years.

Historical Antecedents of Veterinary Public Health. James H. Steele.

History of the National Association of Federal Veterinarians. Edward L. Menning.

A Biographical Sketch of K.F. Meyer. Lester M. Crawford.



**John B. Mulder**, AVMHS President for 1990-1991, was born in Hawarden, Iowa, and received the DVM degree from Iowa State University in 1956. Following graduation he served with the US Army Biological Warfare Laboratories at Fort Detrick, Maryland, for 11 years. Returning to graduate school, he received the MS degree in Laboratory Animal Medicine, and MEd in Higher and Adult Education, both from the University of Missouri.

For 25 years he served as Director of animal care and use programs at the University of Missouri, Michigan State University, University of Kansas, and University of Ari-

zona. He is a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine, and has served as President of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science, and the American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners. He has published over 120 scientific and historical articles, including several in *Veterinary Heritage*.

In 1944 Dr. Mulder was the second recipient of the prestigious Cohen Award presented by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care to prominent individuals in their discipline. In 1995 he received the Stange Award for Meritorious Service in Veterinary Medicine, the most prestigious award offered to alumni of the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine. During retirement, he and his wife Wilma live in Prairie Village, Kansas.



Some Early Veterinary Therapies. J. Fred Smithcors.

Love of Animals in Veterinary Medicine. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

At the business meeting the receipt of a check for \$1000 from Merck and Company was acknowledged. This was to be used for history essay contest prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$150, respectively, for first, second and third places. Ten essays were received this year.

Dr. Smithcors presented the Distinguished Service Award of the Society to Dr. Steele for his many contributions to veterinary medicine. Dr. Ryan presented a plaque and bookends with the Society seal to R. Allen Parker for his many years of service as Secretary-Treasurer and Editor.

Officers elected for the 1995-1996 year were:

President – Lester M. Crawford

President-elect – Richard H. Detwiler

Secretary-Treasurer – Leo L. Lemonds

Board Member – Estelle H. Geller

The June 1995 issue of *Veterinary Heritage* (Volume 18, No. 1) carried the AVHS seal on the back cover, and on the December issue (No. 2) the seal was moved to the front cover. This replaced the previous logo consisting of four drawings illustrative of the history of veterinary medicine.

Articles published in Volume 18 of *Veterinary Heritage* included:

Blisters, Beetles, and Beliefs. Melinda S. Cumming, First Prize winner, Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

Otto Stader: Veterinary Orthopedist. Robert R. Shomer.

From the Archives: Cotton Tufts: An Account of the Horn Distemper in Cattle, from *Memoirs of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences*, Boston, 1785.

Love of Animals in Veterinary Medicine. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

Book Review: *Veterinary Medicine: An Illustrated History*. Robert H. Dunlop and David J. Williams. (Review by J. Fred Smithcors).

Some Early Veterinary Therapies. J. Fred Smithcors.

Norman Rockwell's Illustrations of Pet Care and Veterinary Medicine. Stacy Pritt, Second Prize winner, 1995 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

Dr. Everett B. Miller, who died December 9, 1995, was eulogized in *Veterinary Heritage* by his long-term associate, Dr. Albert J. Koltveit:

His was a labor of love for credibility. What more can any scientist, historian or editor ask of a fellow scribe who attempts to etch truth in the sands of time.

## 1996

The annual meeting of the Society for 1996 was held in Louisville, Kentucky, with President-elect Richard H. Detwiler presiding in place of President Lester M. Crawford, who was unable to attend. Dr. Detwiler noted the absence of long-time stalwart Robert R. Shomer due to health reasons. He also thanked Dr. Charles Eastin and his wife Nancy for the display of ten portraits of veterinarians honored by the International Livestock Exposition's Saddle and Sirloin Club in Chicago. Six of the honorees had been Presidents of the AVMA.

Papers presented at the literary session included:

Development of Equine Veterinary Medicine in the United States. Delano L. Proctor.

Parker Ranch: Pacific Pioneer in Animal Health. Billy Bergin.

The Status and Humane Treatment of Domestic Animals in Colonial New England. John D. Blaisdell.



**Leo L. Lemonds**, AVMHS President for 1991-1992 and Secretary-Treasurer since 1993, was born at Angus, Nebraska in 1923. He graduated with the DVM degree from Iowa State University in 1949 and established a general practice in Hastings, Nebraska, retiring in 1983.

A Life Member of the Nebraska VMA, Dr. Lemonds was named its Veterinarian of the Year and recently received the NVMA Distinguished Service Award for a lifetime of service to the veterinary profession and his community.

He started the South Central VMA (now District V) and was its President the first two years. He has chaired the NVMA Professional and Consumer Relations Committee and served on the Board of Directors.

Dr. Lemonds was Chairman of the NVMA History Committee that established the Dr. Phillipson Veterinary Infirmary at Stuhrl Museum in Grand Island, Nebraska. He was co-chairman of the NVMA Centennial Committee and authored *A Century of Veterinary Medicine in Nebraska* (1982). More recently he has written a sequel, *Beginning the Second Century*. He has also published two popular veterinary historical works: *Doc—Can You Come Out?* and *Doc—My Chickens are Dying*. Other publications include a 75-year *History of the Hastings Kiwanis Club* and several genealogical works.

Among numerous organizations he is a member of the Adams County Historical Society, the Adams County Genealogical Society, and the Nebraska Writers' Guild; he is a 52-year member of the Hastings Kiwanis Club. He and his wife Marcella have been married 56 years.



The Spread of European Veterinary Education to Some Early American Schools. Ole V.H. Stalheim.

Aspects of the History of Veterinary Cardiology. Mike Miller.

There were six entries in the Student Veterinary History Essay Contest, with prize money for the first three places again being donated by Merck and Company, appreciation for whose generosity was expressed.

The Society agreed to accept an invitation from the Association for Women Veterinarians to cosponsor a program during the AVMA convention at Reno in 1997, marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AWV.

Officers elected for the 1996-1997 year were:

President – Richard H. Detwiler

President-elect – Robert H. Dunlop

Secretary-Treasurer – Leo L. Lemonds

Board Members – Estelle H. Geller; Ole H.V. Stalheim; Jeanne R. Logue; Phyllis H. Larsen

*Veterinary Heritage* was changed to 8½x11" printed format, with J. Fred Smithcors as Editor and Professor David J. Williams of Purdue University as Managing Editor and Publisher. Contents of Volume 19 included:

A Brief History of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Tuskegee University. Eugene W. Adams.

The Blue Cross Veterinary Emblem. Kenneth B. Haas.

A Historical Survey of Vivisection from Antiquity to the Present. Jeanne C. Martineau, Third Prize winner in the 1995 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

My View of Veterinary Medicine in the Early 1930s at Belmond, Iowa. R.G. Packard.

Book Reviews: *Beyond the Germ Theory: The Story of Dr. Cooper Curtice*, by Jeanne R. Logue;

*Veterinary Conversations with Mid-twentieth Century Leaders*, by Ole H.V. Stalheim. (Reviews by J.F. Smithcors).

Bloodletting in Veterinary Medicine. Thomas E. Crowl.

The History of Zoos and the Emergence of Zoo Veterinarians. Ilana Beth Furman, First Prize winner in the 1996 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

Parker Ranch: Pacific Pioneer in Animal Health. Billy Bergin.

The Spread of European Veterinary Education to Some Early American Schools. Ole H.V. Stalheim.

Development of Equine Veterinary Medicine in the United States. Delano L. Proctor.

From the Archives: Fever in Horses. George Dadd, from *The Modern Horse Doctor*, Boston, 1854.

A Personal History of Veterinary Public Health. James H. Steele.

## 1997

The annual meeting of the Society for 1997 was held in Reno, Nevada, with Richard H. Detwiler presiding over the business session, which was scheduled midafternoon of the otherwise all-day literary program. The latter was in conjunction with the Association for Women Veterinarians on the occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The program included:

Demographics of Women in the Profession. Billy Hooper.

Student Experiences. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

AWV Student Scholarship Overview. Chris Stone Payne.



**Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence**, AVMHS President for 1986-1987 and for 1992-1993, grew up in Fall River, Massachusetts. A cultural anthropologist as well as a veterinarian, she received her AB degree in English from Mount Holyoke College, and her VMD degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, and her AM and PhD degrees in anthropology from Brown University.

Dr. Lawrence operated her own mixed veterinary practice in Westport, MA, for a number of years before becoming a full-time faculty member at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, where she taught for 20 years and is now Professor Emerita in the Department of Environmental and Population Health. Her research and teaching are in the field of human relationships with animals and nature.

She is the author of four books published by university presses, on anthropological and equine topics, and numerous

book chapters and journal articles. Her research and publications in veterinary history cover topics of animal medical practices among American Indians, veterinarians in the Seventh Cavalry, the veterinary career of George W. Dadd, the etymology of *veterinarian*, the centaur as symbol of the veterinary profession and logo of the AVMHS, the influence of gender in the veterinary profession, and perceptions of cats as they affected the history of feline veterinary care. She is a frequent contributor to *Veterinary Heritage*.

Among the honors Dr. Lawrence has received for her work are the Elsie Clews Parsons Award of the American Etymological Society, the James Mooney Award of the Southern Anthropological Society, the Outstanding Woman Veterinarian of the Year Award of the Association for Women Veterinarians, the Merck, Sharp and Dohme Veterinary Award for Creativity in Teaching, the Best Article about the West Award of the *Journal of the West*, and the International Distinguished Scholar Award of the International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations.



Pioneer Women in European Society. Petrisa Rinesch.

Panel Discussion, with examples of "Gumption, Grace, Grit and Good Humor," in different practice aspects.

Changing Economics and the Influence of Women in the Profession. Gay Miller.

Women in Leadership Roles: Where Do We Go From Here? Mary Beth Leininger.

At the business session the fact that the two previous issues of *Veterinary Heritage* had cost considerably more than usual was discussed at length, the cost being \$2548 (but these two issues totaled 43% more pages than average). Dr. Detwiler presented a plaque and bookends with the Society seal, to be given to Robert R. Shomer for his many years of service. Dr. Shomer was unable to attend because of ill health, and Dr. Detwiler indicated he would go to Dr. Shomer's home to make the presentation.

Officers for the 1997-1998 year were:

President – Robert H. Dunlop

President-elect – Eugene W. Adams

Secretary-Treasurer – Leo L. Lemonds

Board Members – Sidney A. Ewing; Phyllis H. Larsen; Jeanne R. Logue; Ole H.V. Stalheim

Articles published in Volume 20 of *Veterinary Heritage* included:

The Hagyard, Davidson and McGee Practice, A Cornerstone in the Development of Kentucky's Racehorse-breeding Industry. Robert H. Dunlop.

The Red Star Goes to War. Kenneth B. Haas.

A Personal History of Veterinary Public Health, Part II. James H. Steele.

Vaccination Field Trials Against Cattle Plague in Hungary. Jenő Kovács.

Rabies Treatments and Preventives Through the Ages. Kelly J. Hoover, Third Prize winner in the 1996 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

Elmer A. Woelffer, 1897-1995. G. Russell Danner, Second Prize Winner in the 1996 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

Book Reviews: Leon Z. Saunders: *A Biographical History of Veterinary Pathology*. (Review by J. Fred Smithcors); J. Fred Smithcors and Ann Smithcors: *Five Centuries of Veterinary Medicine: A Short-Title Catalog of the Washington State University Veterinary History Collection*.

The Purple Cross Aid for Wounded and Sick Army Horses. Kenneth B. Haas.

Hocus Pocus: A Pharmacologic Look at Patent Medicine Colic Cures. Marilyn R. Waters, First Prize winner in the 1997 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

Animals and the Veterinarian in Ancient Rome. Amy M. Lesniak, Second Prize winner in the 1997 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

From the Archives: Introduction, from *Treatise on the Prevention of Diseases Incidental to Horses*, by James Clark, London, 1791.

## 1998

The 1998 annual meeting of the Society was held in Baltimore, with Eugene W. Adams presiding over the literary session, at which seven papers were presented:

What's in a Name? Impact of the Change from USVMA to AVMA. J. Fred Smithcors.

AVMA 1898: The Beginnings of Respectability, Professionalism and Change in Veterinary Practice. Leo L. Lemonds.

Veterinarians and the University: A North American Odyssey from Montreal to Ithaca. Philip M. Teigen.

Laboratory Science and Common Sense: Establishing Veterinary Research in the United States. Susan D. Jones.



**Roscoe M. Moore**, AVMHS President for 1993-1994, was born in Richmond, Virginia, and graduated from Tuskegee University in 1969. He holds the MPH degree from the University of Michigan, and PhD in Epidemiology from The Johns Hopkins University, and an honorary DSc from Tuskegee University.

A career officer within the Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service, he entered with the National Institutes of Health in 1970 and rose to the rank of Assistant Surgeon General (Rear Admiral, USPHS) in 1995. He was with the FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine before becoming Senior Epidemiologist within the National Institute for Occupational Safety

and Health, CDC. He has had experience in epidemiology in several countries of Africa, Asia, and Europe.

Dr. Moore has conducted clinical research on infectious diseases such as Venezuelan equine encephalitis, simian tuberculosis, psittacosis and HIV/AIDS, as well as on such chronic and molecular diseases as lead toxicosis, environmental cancers, and sickle-cell disease. He is currently involved in the development of a sustainable infrastructure for surveillance of emerging diseases worldwide. He has written or co-authored over 100 publications covering a broad range of public health issues.

Dr. Moore served a four-year term as the Chief Veterinarian for the USPHS, being the major contact person with public and professional groups as an advocate for veterinary medical issues as they impact on human health. His wife Patricia is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.



The United States Public Health Service Veterinarians and Their Contributions to the General Public Health of the Americas. Roscoe M. Moore, Jr.

The Mexican Contribution to the Development of Veterinary Medicine in North America. Manuel A. Marquez.

The Veterinary Heritage of the AVMA and Affiliated Agencies: A Global View. Robert H. Dunlop.

As President, Dr. Dunlop chaired the business session, at which Dr. Lemonds reported that about 20 new memberships had been obtained by sending a brochure describing AVHS and its role to state VMAs. About 180 copies of each *Veterinary Heritage* issue are mailed, about 160 of which are to paid members.

Dr. Dunlop expressed appreciation of the part Mr. Tarsis Lopez of the AVMA staff played in promoting the "History Minute" feature, which ran for several issues in the *AVMA Journal*, and to which a number of AVHS members had contributed. The "History Minute" had been in recognition of the centennial of the name change from USVMA to AVMA and the expanded role the Association had played, especially in the Americas.

A discussion was held regarding the need to get the word out to the colleges and deans on the part veterinary history should have in the curriculum. One suggestion was that a contact person at each college was needed. Phyllis Larsen offered to look into the matter of establishing such contact.

Officers for the 1998-1999 year were:

President – Eugene W. Adams

President-elect – Phyllis H. Larsen

Secretary-Treasurer – Leo L. Lemonds

Board Members – Susan D. Jones; Raffaele A. Roncalli; Sidney A. Ewing; Robert C. McClure

Articles published in Volume 21 of *Veterinary Heritage* included:

A Personal History of Veterinary Public Health, Part III. James H. Steele.

Hog Cholera: A Historical Review. Diane Murphy Jordan, Third Prize winner in the 1997 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

The History of the Guinea Pig in Society and Veterinary Profession. Stacy Pritt (tied with the previous paper).

From the Archives: Excerpts from *The New England Farrier*, by Paul Jewett, Exeter, NH, 1821.

The World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine. Robert H. Dunlop.

Veterinary Ethics and the Changing Role of the Veterinarian. Cydria Schaefer Manette, First Prize winner in the 1998 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

The Trouble with Horse Manure. Kenneth B. Haas.

From the Archives: On the Yellow Water of Horses, by Richard Peters, from *Memoirs of Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture*. Vol. 1, 1808.

AVMA 1898: The Beginnings of Respectability, Professionalism and Change in the American Veterinary Profession. Leo L. Lemonds.

Winnie the Pooh and the Veterinarian Too: A Biographical Essay on the Life of Dr. Harry Colebourn. Debbie Tacium Ladry, Second Prize winner in the 1998 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

What's in a Name? Impact of the Change from USVMA to AVMA, J. Fred Smithcors.

## 1999

The annual meeting of the Society for 1999 was held in New Orleans, with Phyllis H. Larsen presiding over the literary session, which included:

Magic, Myth and Veterinary Medicine in South Louisiana. Everett D. Besch.

From Specimens in Jars to Searches Online. Diane A. Fagan, AVMA Librarian.

An Historical Note on Bureau of Animal Industry Standards for Veterinary Colleges. Sidney A. Ewing.

Beginnings of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Missouri. Robert C. McClure.



**Lester M. Crawford**, AVMHS President for 1995-1996, graduated with the DVM degree from Auburn University in 1963, and he earned a PhD in Pharmacology from the University of Georgia. As the Deputy Commissioner for the Food and Drug Administration, he has extensive experience in FDA matters. He has served as head of the FDA's Center of Veterinary Medicine and, from 1987 to 1991, as administrator of the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

During 10 years at the FDA and USDA, Dr. Crawford played major roles in mandatory nutrition labeling, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and the control of chemicals and microorganisms in the food supply. He has served as Director of the Virginia Tech Center for Food and Nutrition Policy; as Executive Vice-President of the National Food Processors Association; and Chairman, Department of Physiology-Pharmacology, University of Georgia.

Dr. Crawford is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine (United Kingdom). He is also a Fellow of the International Society of Food Science and Technology.



1861-1865. Our Nation Cried Out for Qualified Veterinarians; Did We Answer the Call? George E. Lewis, Jr.

The 1919 Anthrax Outbreak in Louisiana as Described by Dr. Louis Leonpacher. Robert J. Leonpacher.

At the business meeting, presided over by Eugene W. Adams, the principal item on the agenda was, in effect, to dissolve the American Veterinary History Society, pursuant to a ruling of the IRS, requiring reincorporation as a "different" entity. Because of failure to keep up with fees and reports regarding nonprofit corporate status of the Society, its name was changed to American Veterinary Medical History Society.

What followed then was the first meeting of the newly reorganized AVMHS, although this did not affect continuity of the Society's aims and conduct of affairs. The membership, officers and committees would remain the same, with appropriate changes in the Bylaws and seal being discussed and adopted.

A report by Sidney A. Ewing, chair of the J. Fred Smithcors Student Veterinary Essay Contest committee, indicated 13 essays had been submitted this year, the most to date. At an earlier meeting with Drs. Larsen and Lemonds, Gary Zelko of Merck and Company indicated Merck would increase financial assistance from \$1000 to \$1500 per year and send a poster to each of the schools to announce the contest. Also, all students who submitted an acceptable essay would receive a copy of the *Merck Veterinary Manual*.

A motion was proposed and adopted to raise membership dues five dollars for each category, to \$25 for individual members, \$30 for joint membership, \$15 for students, and \$20 for library subscriptions. Long-term member Nathan Brewer, who was 95 years old, sent a check for \$100 and suggested he be considered a Life Member; this was adopted. Robert R. Shomer was elected to

Honorary Membership in recognition of his long-standing support of the Society.

Officers for the 1999-2000 year were:

President – Phyllis H. Larsen

President-elect – Robert C. McClure

Secretary-Treasurer – Leo L. Lemonds

Board Members – George E. Lewis, Jr.; Susan D. Jones; Rafael A. Roncalli; Charles Eastin

Articles published in Volume 22 of *Veterinary Heritage* included:

Early History of Veterinary Public Health in the United States. James H. Steele.

Animal Therapy Over the Ages: Acupuncture. Kenneth B. Haas.

A Retrospect of Veterinary Medicine at Oklahoma State University. Jason Evans, Third Prize winner in the 1998 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

From the Archives: Why Study Veterinary History. J. Fred Smithcors. From *MSU Veterinarian* 15 (1):12-17, 1954.

Obituary: R. Allen Packer, died April 9, 1999.

Laboratory Science and Common Sense: Establishing Veterinary Research in the United States. Susan D. Jones.

The remarkable History of Treatment for Milk Fever. Debbie Tacium Ladry, First Prize winner in the 1999 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

The Portrayal of Veterinary Medicine in Films. Heather Campbell, Second Prize winner in the 1999 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

Animal Therapy Over the Ages: Chiropractic and Homeopathy. Kenneth B. Haas.

Some Early American Graduates of British Schools. Ole H.V. Stalheim.

## 2000

The annual meeting of the Society for 2000, held in Salt Lake City, was presided over by Robert C.



**Richard H. Detwiler**, AVMHS President for 1996-1997, was born June 30, 1925 in Reading, PA, where he attended school and Albright College. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 1948. He has been in veterinary practice from 1948 to the present, with a two-year hiatus in the US Army Veterinary Corps (1950-1952), attaining the rank of Captain. In 1976 he limited practice to small animals and, since 1990, to two days a week.

A member since 1948 of the Schuylkill Valley VMA, he has served at various times as its President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee. Also from 1948 he has been a

member of the Pennsylvania VMA and the AVMA, and from 1987 to 2002 served as a state delegate to the AVMA.

In 1990 he and two colleagues incorporated the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Historical Society as a tax-free entity; in 2001 the name was changed to Eastern Veterinary Historical Society. He has served as Treasurer and Curator since its inception.

Since 1951 he has been married to Grace (Anderson) Detwiler; they have three daughters and nine grandchildren. He is a fifty-plus-year member of various Masonic bodies. His hobbies include maritime and veterinary history, sailing, woodworking, and putting on his farm.

A third-generation veterinarian, his grandfather was Charles H. Detwiler (ONT 1889) and father Russel S. Detwiler (UP 1915). Other veterinarians in the family include a grand uncle and a nephew.



McClure. He introduced Dr. R.L. Collinson, Chair of the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, who presented to the Society a check for \$15,400. This was from the estate of Robert R. and Leona Shomer and designated for the Society's Veterinary History Foundation, which Dr. Shomer was instrumental in establishing some years before his death on October 15, 1999.

Papers presented at the literary session included:

Remembering Robert and Leona Shomer. Ole H.V. Stalheim.

Searching for Veterinary Museums. Harold Davis.

The Dr. Phillipson Veterinary Infirmary. Leo L. Lemonds.

The Missouri Veterinary Museum. Robert C. McClure.

Public Health as a Veterinary Specialty. James H. Steele.

Scientific Knowledge and Public Health: Defining Bovine Tuberculosis. Susan D. Jones.

A Civil War Veterinarian. George E. Lewis, Jr.

At the business meeting, Sidney A. Ewing reported there were 18 entries from 13 schools submitted in the Student Veterinary History Essay Contest, the most to date. To stimulate interest in veterinary history, Dr. Charles M. Hendrix of Auburn University suggested offering one credit to students submitting a history essay in the Society's contest.

In reporting on history teaching, Dr. Hendrix indicated 17 of 31 colleges surveyed responded. Of these, only one had a funded position for teaching such a course, while six others included one or more history lectures in courses with a variety of titles. Some schools expressed interest in having a faculty member willing to offer a history course as an elective.

Dr. Robert H. Dunlop reported that the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine had offered membership to WAHVM for all

members of AVMHS at \$2 each per year. After much discussion, Drs. Susan Jones, Ole Stalheim and Sebastian Heath contributed \$40 each toward defraying the cost to the Society. The members present voted to affiliate with WAHVM.

Officers for the 2000-2001 year were:

President – Robert C. McClure

President-elect – Susan D. Jones

Secretary-Treasurer – Leo L. Lemonds

Board Members – George E. Lewis, Jr.; Charles Eastin; Cathleen T. Hartney; William E. Meehl

Articles published in *Veterinary Heritage* Volume 23 included:

Nineteenth-Century Veterinary Medicine as an Urban Profession. Philip M. Teigen.

Animal Therapy Over the Ages: Early Botanical Medicine. Kenneth B. Haas.

Veterinarians in Zoo Medicine: The Evolution of a Career. Melanie Blystone, Third Prize winner in the 1999 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest, tied with:

Coming Full Circle: A History of the 168<sup>th</sup> Medical Detachment (VS). Pat Davis.

Zoonoses 1879-1983: An Update of James Law's Diseases of Animals. James H. Steele.

Obituary: Robert R. Shomer, died October 15, 1999.

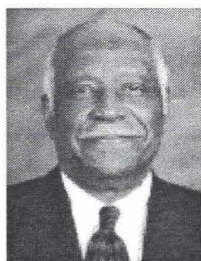
The 1919 Anthrax Outbreak in Louisiana. Louis Leonpacher.

From Scrapie to Prions: Veterinarians Pave the Way, Glen Allen Olah, First Prize winner in the 2000 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

Remembering Robert Shomer. Ole H.V. Stalheim.

Animal Therapy Over the Ages: American Botanical Medicine. Kenneth B. Haas.

The New Light: Roentgen's Unusual Demonstrations and the Development of Diagnostic Radiology in North America. Andrew M. Silverstone, Second Prize winner in the 2000 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.



**Eugene William Adams**, AVMHS President for 1998-1999, was born in 1920 and was awarded the DVM degree from Kansas State University in 1944. Later he received the MS and PhD degrees from Cornell University.

At Tuskegee University he was Professor and Head, Department of Pathology and Parasitology; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Veterinary Medicine; and Vice Provost and Director of International Programs. He is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. During 1970-1972 he was Professor and Head, Department of Pathol-

ogy and Public Health, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria.

Dr. Adams is a recipient of the Norden Award for Distinguished Teaching in Veterinary Medicine, and the Tuskegee University Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award; also the Iverson C. Bell Award for Distinguished Service in Veterinary Medicine, American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges. He is author of *The Legacy: A History of the Tuskegee School of Veterinary Medicine 1945-1995*. He is included as the veterinary prototype in *Achievers: African Americans in Science and Technology*, and he is a special consultant to the John D. and Catherine T. McArthur Foundation.

Dr. Adams is retired and lives with his wife Myrtle in Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

ing 1970-1972 he was Professor and Head, Department of Pathol-



## 2001

The annual meeting of the Society for 2001 was held in Boston. The literary session was chaired by Susan D. Jones, who in her opening remarks discussed an earlier meeting in conjunction with the American Association for the History of Medicine at Charleston, South Carolina, at which AVMHS members Philip Teigen and George Lewis, Jr. gave papers on Civil War veterinarians. Dr. Jones also reported on the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine meeting she attended in Brno, Czech Republic in September 2000, where there were 93 attendees from 23 countries.

Dr. Jones introduced David Goodwin of England, who is involved with the James Herriot Museum at Thirsk, England; he discussed the museum and handed out brochures. Phyllis H. Larsen discussed articles and materials on Florence Kimball (Cornell 1910), one of the earliest women veterinarians in the United States. These materials were exhibited in the AVMHS booth and at the meeting.

Papers presented at the literary session included:

Feline Fortunes: Contrasting Perceptions of Cats. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

The History of Livestock Projects in Developing Countries. Sebastian Heath.

Same Bed, Different Dreams: Veterinary Medicine and Animal Welfare in the Late Nineteenth Century. Franklin M. Loew.

From a Perfect to "Unnatural" Cycle: The Emergence and Decline of Rendering Plants in the Netherlands, 1920-2000. Peter Koolmees.

The business meeting was presided over by Robert C. McClure. In the absence of Sidney A. Ewing, Chair of the Student Veterinary History Essay Contest, Raffeale A. Roncalli reported that in addition to the \$1500 Merck and Company

had donated for prizes the two previous years (up from \$1000 earlier) Merck would donate an additional \$500 for the coming year. This amount was to be used to defray expenses of the First Prize winner (or alternate) in attending the upcoming AVMA and AVMHS meetings.

Officers for the 2001-2002 year were:

President – Susan D. Jones

President-elect – Sebastian Heath

Secretary-Treasurer – Leo L. Lemonds

Board Members – George E. Lewis; Charles M. Hendrix; William E. Meehl; Cathleen T. Hartney

The *Veterinary Heritage* Committee recommended that a letter of appreciation be sent to David Williams for his efforts as Managing Editor and Publisher of *Veterinary Heritage*. Contents of Volume 24 included:

Animal Therapy Over the Ages: Botanical Medicine in the Twentieth Century. Kenneth B. Haas.

Reading and Writing Veterinary History. Philip M. Teigen.

Rinderpest: One Virus's Impact on Veterinary History. Melanie Blystone, Third Prize winner in the 2000 Student Veterinary Essay Contest.

Anecdotal History: A Forgotten Chapter in the History of Veterinary Medicine. Daniel C. Stearns.

Book Reviews: John Arnold and H.C.H. Kernkamp: *One Hundred Years of Progress: The History of Veterinary Medicine in Minnesota*; S.A. Ewing; Wendell Krull: *Trematodes & Naturalists*. (Reviews by J. Fred Smithcors); William W. Putney: *Always Faithful: A Memoir of the Marine Dogs of WW II*. (Review by Kenneth B. Haas).

Feline Fortunes: Contrasting Perceptions of Cats. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

Evolution of Exotic Medicine Through Zoological Gardens. Jill Pruett, First Prize winner



**Phyllis H. Larsen**, AVMHS President for 1999-2000, grew up among dairy cattle in Massachusetts. She attended Vassar College and received her DVM degree from Kansas State University in 1947. While working on breeding diseases of cattle at Cornell, she married and moved to California. Following nearly 30 years of varied work in a zoo laboratory, a consultant on animals and plants, teaching laboratory animal technicians, and library research on normal and abnormal goats, she earned a degree in preventive veterinary medicine from the University of California at Davis in 1981. From 1984 to 1987 she taught English to veterinarians and others in China, while pursuing the study of goat ear mites.

While on the staff of the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners, Dr. Larsen helped collect its history and was named Historian. A charter member of the Association for Women Veterinarians, to mark its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary she wrote a book entitled *Our History of Women in Veterinary Medicine: Gumption, Grace, Grit, and Good Humor*. Her part in a full-day program cosponsored by AWW and AVMHS led to greater responsibilities in the latter. There she encouraged projects related to veterinary museums and the teaching of veterinary history in the colleges. She also worked to involve younger members in the Society, and to take the necessary steps that led to its becoming affiliated with the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Larsen and her husband live in Ithaca, New York.



in the 2001 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

Veterinary Medicine and the American Civil War. Michelle Quigley, Second Prize winner in the 2001 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

## 2002

The annual meeting of the Society for 2002 was held in Nashville. In the absence of President Susan Jones, her opening remarks were read by President-elect Sebastian Heath. Dr. Jones pointed out that in 2003 the Society would be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an organized group, with a day-long program, dinner, and a history of the Society written by Dr. Smithcors. We have invited the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine to hold its annual meeting in the United States in 2005, the first time in North America. Dr. Jones mentioned, "Our European friends are very eager to meet us, to learn about our nation and our profession. Particularly now, such connections are crucial to our relationships with people and organizations around the world."

Dr. Heath presided over the literary session, at which the following papers were presented:

Veterinary Arts and Society. Ole H.V. Stalheim.

The Career of Bob Hanson. Bernard C. Easterday.

History of the AVMA Auxillary. Kimberly Topper.

History of the ACVPM. Thomas G. Murnane.

Past-president Robert C. McClure presided over the business meeting, at which it was noted that Dr. Elizabeth Lawrence, Chair of the Anniversary Committee, had obtained a \$10,000 grant from the Donaldson Foundation. This will be used to defray expenses of the anniversary program, which will include speakers in several areas, and cost of publishing the Society history.

Dr. Sidney A. Ewing reported on the Student Essay Contest, for which eleven papers from eight

schools were presented, including one in Canada. He suggested that the winners from one year be invited to attend the AVMHS meeting the following year; this was adopted as a motion.

It was decided to establish a continuing committee to work on matters related to the World Association, to which the earlier appointment of Susan Jones as AVMHS representative to the WAHVM Liaison Committee was ratified. Philip Teigen was verified to serve in her stead at the WAHVM General Assembly at Wittenberg, Germany, in August 2002. The need to begin preliminary work on a probable joint program for 2005 was noted.

Officers for the year 2002-2003 were:

President – Sebastian Heath

President-elect – Sidney A. Ewing

Secretary-Treasurer – Leo L. Lemonds

Board Members – George Beran; Trenton Boyd; George Lewis; Charles Hendrix

Articles published in *Veterinary Heritage* Volume 25 included:

Veterinary Experiences with the First Antibiotic. Debbie Tacium Ladry.

Mark L. Morris, Sr., Pioneer and Innovator. Arden J. Gillespie, Third Prize winner in the 2001 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

Animal Therapy Over the Ages: Acetum, Alcohol, Allium, and Aloes. Kenneth B. Haas.

Veterinary Medicine and the American Animal Protection Movement in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Franklin M. Loew.

The Centaur. Veterinary Symbol and Logo of the American Veterinary Medical History Society. Elizabeth A. Lawrence.

Protection of Animals Through Modern Legislation. Greg A. Schmiesing, First Prize winner in the 2002 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.

The Diagnosis and Treatment of Equine Gastrointestinal Disease in the Twentieth Century. Margaret M. Brosnahan, Second Prize winner in the 2002 Student Veterinary History Essay Contest.



**Susan D. Jones**, AVMHS President for 2000-2001, holds a BA degree from Harvard University and graduated from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 1990. She also holds a PhD in the History of Sociology of Science from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Jones is Assistant Professor of the History of Medicine and Science in the Department of History at the University of Colorado-Boulder, where she teaches courses in the history of public health, environmental

history, and history of science. She is also a part-time practicing veterinarian.

Dr. Jones' academic research concentrates on the role of science and medicine in mediating human-animal relationships during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. She is the author of *Valuing Animals: Veterinarians and their Patients in Modern America* (2003) as well as a number of articles in the history of comparative medicine and environmental history. She is a contributor to *Veterinary Heritage*.

Raised on a southern Illinois farm, Dr. Jones lives with her family near Boulder, Colorado.



Animal Treatment Over the Ages: Self-Treatment. Kenneth B. Haas.

Book Reviews: Ferruh Dincer, Editor: *Veterinary Medicine: Historical Approaches*. (Review

by J. Fred Smithcors); Russell E. Rasmussen: *My Paw is a Great Dane*. (Review by Ole H.V. Stalheim).



**Sebastian E. Heath**, AVMHS President for 2002-2003, was born in New Hampshire and grew up in England and Germany. In 1985 he graduated from the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Cambridge, England with the Vet MB degree. He also has a Masters degree in Veterinary Science from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatoon, Canada, a MVPM degree from the University of California, Davis, and a PhD in Comparative Epidemiology from Purdue University. He is Board Certified with the American Colleges of Veterinary Internal Medicine and Veterinary Preventive Medicine.

Dr. Heath is currently a consultant for the Pan American Health Organization, providing technical expertise on the strategic plan for Veterinary Public Health Initiatives in the Western Hemisphere. Earlier he worked as a Fellow in the Office of Agriculture and Food

Security of the US Agency for International Development, where he prepared a 10-year strategy for USAID on livestock programs. He has participated in negotiations between the US and foreign countries, involving diplomatic, government, and industry stakeholders.

While at Purdue University he was Section Chief of Large Animal Medicine, Chair of the Indiana VMA Disaster Preparedness Committee, and was responsible for developing a comprehensive county Emergency Operations Plan for the care of owners and their animals in disasters. He is Vice-President of the American Academy on Veterinary Disaster Medicine, and Chair of the World Veterinary Association Committee on Veterinary Support during Disaster and Emergencies.

Dr. Heath has written two books on animal management in disasters, in addition to numerous scientific articles, proceedings, abstracts, and book chapters. In 1999 he was presented with the Samuel F. Scheidy Award for excellence in veterinary research at the World Veterinary Congress in Lyon, France. He has had experience in both large and small animal private practice.