

**Poultry Health  
Committee Report**

**2008 NIAA Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 2, 2008**



**The Poultry Health Committee met on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM EDT following the joint session with Emerging Diseases at 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM, during the NIAA 2008 Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana with 26 people present. Dr. Andrea Miles served as the chair (she was unable to attend the meeting this year) and Dr. Patricia Wakenell served as the Vice Chair.**

**The committee session focused on Avian Influenza (joint session with Emerging Diseases Committee) and Animal Care Auditing. People present for the joint session totaled 28. The following speakers presented relevant information pertaining to all food animal producers / health care professionals.**

**Dr. Patricia S. Wakenell, University of California-Davis,** presented "A Global Perspective on Avian Influenza." This was a joint presentation to the Emerging Diseases committee and the Poultry Health committee. Dr. Wakenell spoke about current status of the ongoing AI epidemic and also on unforeseen effects on economic, trade, biosecurity, etc.

**Dr. David Hermes, American Association of Avian Pathologists/ Professional Animal Auditors Certification Organization,** presented "Animal Care Auditing: A Company Perspective." Dr. Hermes introduced PAACO and what to expect from an animal welfare audit.

**Dr. James Barton, Veterinary Consultant,** presented "Animal Care Auditing: Third Party Auditing." Dr Barton explained what a PAACO auditor does and how to become an auditor.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- No New Resolutions
- No Amended Resolutions
- Mission statement approved by Dr. Leon Thacker, Dr. Richard Reynnells, Mr. Joe Miller, and Dr. Patricia Wakenell. This statement has been approved by the AAAP Board.

**General discussion:**

- Committee discussion about the hiring of auditors, responsibility of auditors, and how many auditors are trained/available.
- Resolution 71, Amendment to the National Organic Poultry Program to Provide for Confinement During Outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), is deemed very important to keep at forefront. Has been presented to USDA by USAHA and had a negative response.

**Committee Session adjourned at 4:15 PM.**