



SD DAIRY PRODUCERS NEWS

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SDDP Annual Meeting

2019 Annual Meeting held in Brookings, SD:



SDDP held it's 10th Annual Meeting at the Swiftel Center in Brookings, SD on January 15th. Meeting highlights included an overview of the past year's association business, elections of board members reaching end of terms, and a look ahead at future priorities SDDP is working on, and a reorganization of board officers.

Board Chair Marv Post presented on many opportunities SDDP took advantage of to communicate key issues to politicians on the campaign trail in 2018 and many who successfully were elected to legislative seats. He also held open discussion with membership on future activities such as the Washington DC Fly In where SDDP representation has opportunities to meet with Legislators on Capital Hill, and work SDDP does at events such as World Dairy Expo and World Ag Expo.

Dr. Jane Christopher-Hennings from SDSU presented information to the SDDP Membership on the Vet 2+2 program between SDSU and University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical programs. The membership made a motion which passed by vote to adopt a resolution in support of the project.

Membership also listened to a presentation by Brandon Thesing of MN Select Sires, and Trent Velure of Zoetis on tips for success in reproduction. Including how South Dakota's own Victory Farms and KC Dairy implemented operating procedures leading to recognition by the Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council.



Thank you to all who have sent in their 2019 SDDP Memberships: A new membership form for Producers and Industry Sponsors is attached with this newsletter. Please complete by February 15th and SDDP thanks you for your support!





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Policy and Influence

SDDP Election and Reorganization Results:

The SDDP Annual Meeting elections included voting for 3 board members reaching the end of their three year terms: Randy Schuring, Greg Moes, and Randy Gross. Current board members Moes and Gross were re-elected to their board seats. Vice Chair Schuring chose not to run for re-election and Michael Crinion was nominated and elected on to the board .

New SDDP officers were elected for 2019 to include: Board Chair, Marv Post; Vice Chair, Greg Moes; Secretary, Doug Ode; and Treasurer, Mike Cypher.

SDDP Adopts Resolution Supporting Rural Veterinary Education (Vet 2+2):

New Adopted Jan 15, 2019 SDDP annual meeting

Resolution # 23 Resolution in Support of the Rural Veterinary Medical Education Program

WHEREAS, agriculture is the largest industry in South Dakota with livestock representing 40% of the income; and

WHEREAS, vibrant agricultural communities are vital to the South Dakota economy and way of life; and

WHEREAS, veterinary medicine is an indispensable component in the support of agricultural communities and requires Doctors of Veterinary Medicine (DVMs) knowledgeable in food animal production practices and companion animal care and welfare; and

WHEREAS, veterinary medicine is an essential element of the one health initiative where the health and well-being of people are connected to the health and well-being of animals; and

WHEREAS, the education and recruitment of future veterinarians are crucial to the continued growth, strength and vitality of communities in South Dakota;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the South Dakota Dairy Producers association supports the establishment of a collaborative rural veterinary medical education program between South Dakota State University and the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine for educating veterinary medical students dedicated to serving agricultural communities and fostering excellence in diagnostics, research and clinical practice.

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