

## **Animal Care Committee Report**

**April 6, 2005**

The Animal Care Committee met on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM CST, during the NIAA 2005 Annual Meeting in St. Paul Minnesota, with 20-25 people present. Dr. Mark Spire served as the Chair and Dr. Jer Geiger served as the Vice-Chair.

The committee session focused on broad perspectives of welfare-related issues. The following speakers presented relevant information pertaining to proposed audits and current legislative and activist initiatives.

Dr. Daryl Olsen, Audits, Assessments, and Self-Assessments

Kay Johnson, National Issues Relating to Animal Welfare

Old Business: Review of existing resolutions and position statements. See updated resolution and position document.

New Business:

- (Include the number of new resolutions accepted, number of existing resolutions amended or revised and number that were removed)
- Motion made to transfer Animal Care and Handling Guidelines (beef, dairy, swine) from video to CD format. Motion carried.
- Motion made to develop educational materials on Care and Handling Guidelines for sheep and goats in both English and Spanish. Motion carried.

General discussion: We (NIAA Animal Care Committee) should take a more active role in reviewing and disseminating current information relevant to animal care and well-being issues.

Committee Session adjourned at 5:10.