

**Equine ID  
Subcommittee Report**  
**2006 NIAA Annual Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 4, 2006**



The Equine ID Subcommittee of the Animal ID and Information Systems met on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM CST, during the NIAA 2006 Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky with 60 people present. Many new faces asked to serve on the committee where most of those already listed were not present.

**J Amelita Facchiano, Chair.** Mary Giddens, DVM Co-Chair in place of Billy Smith, AQHA who was called upon to server on an AHC RFID panel scheduled during the same time.

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The committee session focused on business continuity as follow up on 2005 agenda items specific to Standards, Movement, AVMA positions, ID in Emergency Mgt, State efforts related to PIN and AIN, and future technology possibilities. The following speakers presented relevant information pertaining to this year's theme: (Note: all presentations available for NIAA use.)

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| 13:30 am – 13:40 | Welcome / Intro / Committee Background Brief<br><i>J Amelita Facchiano (Chair)      Marry Giddens, DVM</i> |
| 13:40 – 14:00    | NAIS Equine Species Working Group Committee Report<br><i>Mary Giddens, DVM</i>                             |
| 14:00 - 14:20    | AVMA position on RFID<br><i>Rosemary LoGiudice, DVM / AVMA</i>   |
| 14:20 – 14:40    | ID and Emergency Management<br><i>(Venaye Reece, DVM /USDA-APHIS-VS Area Emergency Coordinator)</i>        |
| 14:40 – 15:00    | The Crystal Import Corporation / Int'l Trading Partners<br><i>Monica Emmenegger, Director</i>              |
| 15:00 - 15:20    | Wyoming Equine ID related to NAIS<br><i>Jim Summers. DVM</i>   |
| 15:20 – 15:40    | Equine ID, Passport Program and PIN<br><i>Ron Wilson, DVM / TN State Veterinarian</i>                      |
| 15:40 - 16:00    | Colorado Equine ID program<br><i>Carl C Heckendorf, DVM</i>  |
| 16:00 – 16:20    | UHF and the Equine Industry<br><i>James Burgess, President, American Biomedical Group, Inc.</i>            |
| 16:20 – 16:40    | An Oklahoma Perspective<br><i>Michael Herrin, DVM / OK Assistant State Veterinarian</i>                    |
| 16:40 – 17:00    | Open Panel Q/A – all presenters  |

**Main comments included:**

- Confusion in equine industry on NAIS
- UHF and practicality

Cost of UHF  
Why won't horse industry get behind PIN and AIN?  
Reader patent wars  
NAIS to pull strategic plan and replace with less offensive language  
Must have "trial" to test muster of tracking issues

**Old Business:**

Review Resolution 20 from 2005 and affirmed.

**New Business:**

- ❑ Position statement in support of AVMA Objectives and Key Elements – see attached.
- ❑ Renew commitment to support PIN and AIN
- ❑ Renew commitment to communications, education / outreach

**General discussion:**

Supporting AVMA is good for practitioners. Need AAEP to supply same type position statement.  
Pros / Cons of stand alone position on previously RFIDed horses related to transponders and scanners.

**Committee Business Session adjourned at 6:15pm CST.**