

Sheep and Goat Committee Report

2009 NIAA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2009



The Sheep and Goat Health Committee met on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 from 8:00 am to 11:30 am EDT, during the 2009 NIAA Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY with 13 - 30 people present. Eileen Kuhlmann served as Chair, and Stephanie Sexton served as Vice Chair.

The committee session focused on current issues facing the industries as well as the general focus of the NIAA annual meeting. The following speakers presented relevant information pertaining to the Changing Face of Animal Agriculture, Scrapie and MUMS:

Dr. Thomas Myers, USDA, APHIS, VS, presented "An Update on the Scrapie Eradication Program."

Dr. Meg Oeller, FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine, presented "An Update on Minor Species Drug Approval Efforts at FDA."

Dr. David Meeker, National Renderers Association, presented "The Future of Research Funding: How to Proceed in the Face of Shrinking Budgets."

John Adams, Rock Croft Farm Services, presented "Bringing Animal Agriculture Together."

Kay Johnson-Smith, Animal Agriculture Alliance, presented "Animal Agriculture in the United States: Policy, Trends and Implications."

New Business:

- No new resolutions accepted.
- Two existing resolutions amended or revised.
- No existing resolutions were removed.

General Discussion:

There was further discussion on animal care and welfare publications. Can there be or should there be a coordinated manual for all species? Also, discussion occurred about a goat-specific welfare and care guide needed in the near future.

Committee Session adjourned at 11:45 am EDT.