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NCSC National Convention

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This past summer the AVMA held its 107th Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. It has been heralded as the biggest and best AVMA Convention ever, boasting the largest attendance and most presentations ever at an annual meeting of the organizations.

In conjunction with this successful AVMA convention, the National Council of Student Chapters (NCSC) held its second annual conference. The delegates attending this conference felt it was as big a success as that of its parent organization, the AVMA.

On the evening of June 22, 1970, the NCSC delegates and the student auxiliary delegates met together for a buffet dinner. At this time the delegates from member schools became acquainted with each other and were introduced to the advisors, Dr. Hay from the Chicago AVMA office, and Mrs. Sippel, auxiliary advisor.

On each day of the convention the student chapter delegates discussed topics concerning students of veterinary medicine. At the NSCS convention held the preceding summer, delegates from some of the schools were named to chair discussions on selected topics. During the past year these chairmen solicited information pertaining to these subjects from all member schools. The chairmen then presented this composite information in a summary form which was followed by open discussion and questions. The topics discussed were: curriculum, teacher evaluation, news media for better public relations, student exchange programs between schools, graduate internships available at veterinary schools in the U.S., veterinary open house festivities, and creation of a nationwide list to exceptional speakers willing to speak to Student Chapters of the AVMA. The California delegation presented a discussion on the Underprivileged Student Program at Davis. Other topics were recent legislation concerning Health Professions Student Loans and Scholarships, federal construction loans, state and national board examinations, requirements for licenses and the 1971 education conference at Purdue.

Other business at Las Vegas concerning veterinary students was the AVMA allocation of $2,500.00 to NCSC which will be used to put on the 1971 education conference at Purdue. Additionally a delegate from NSCS spoke to the American Association of State Boards of Examiners.

What purposes were served at this 2nd Annual NCSC convention then? Last year delegates from the veterinary colleges of the U.S. and Canada met to lay the ground work for a national organization of Student Chapters. They followed this up with an educational conference in Guelph, Ontario, held last year. Largely from these two endeavors this young organization has rapidly found itself. Nurtured by limited financial aid from the AVMA and one successful year behind it, the NCSC looks forward to a productive future. It has shown itself to the AVMA to be a consolidation of young professionals with well defined problems and a desire to correct them.

The Iowa State Student Chapter of the AVMA is a member of the NCSC. We at ISU have both the privilege and responsibility to take a large part in this second year of our organization by serving as the editor school for INTERVET. INTERVET is the official publication of NCSC. It is the communication instrument for all students of veterinary medicine. It is published 3 times yearly and is distributed to every veterinary student in the United States and Canada.

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