

**ABCA Board of Directors Meeting**  
November 18, 2008 Conference Call  
Executive Summary

Directors on the call: Jim Swift, Dan Gill, Liz Hubbard, Norma Stewart, Eileen Stein, Mike Hanley, Emil Luedecke, Martin Penfold, Allen Hickenbottom, Kate Ash, Michele Howard

Also on the call: Patty Rogers, Secretary.

Jim called the meeting to order and announced a quorum was present. Minutes were approved.

Jim Swift announced that Patty Rogers had been inducted into the ABCA Hall of Fame during the Annual Meeting.

The following officers were elected for 2009:

President – Jim Swift

Vice President – Kate Ash

Secretary-Treasurer – Patty Rogers

Executive Committee – Eileen Stein, Dan Gill, Mike Hanley, Jim Swift (ex officio),  
Kate Ash (ex officio)

Jim asked for volunteers for committees:

Nominating Committee: Dan, Liz and Norma agreed to serve

Communications Committee: Eileen & Martin agreed to serve

Health & Genetics: Eileen and Kate Ash would be the directors serving

Finance Committee: Vice-President would chair

Hall of Fame Committee: Patty would chair

Trials Committee: Sheep – Emil & Michele

Cattle – Dan & Norma

Following a discussion and vote on the directors' internet forum, it was confirmed that the rules for ROM be amended to require DNA test results showing that the candidate is not CEA Affected, and to accept CHD reports from Cornell University Veterinary Radiology Department as well as OFA.

Jim presented a request that had been received from a lady in Australia for access to the ABCA database. Following much discussion, it was agreed to deny the request because no scientific study was involved, and there was no practical way to control the way the information might be used.

Jim raised some financial issues, and asked directors to give some thought to income and budget questions in preparation for a discussion online or at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.