

AASV Pig Welfare Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 2, 2013

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Room: America's Cup D

Agenda items:

- Introduction of committee members who have joined since last March
 - Dr. Jessica Risser
 - Dr. Monique Pairis-Garcia
 - Dr. Kate Dion

- AVMA Animal Welfare Committee update – Dr. Lisa Tokach

- AVMA swine animal welfare-related professional policies
 - To be reviewed this spring
 - Transport, Sale Yard Practices, and Humane Slaughter of Livestock
 - Currently open for public comment
 - As of January 1, 2013, all AVMA professional policies are open for comment by AVMA members year-round
 - All AVMA professional policies, including links to comment, are available at: <https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/default.aspx>

- Recap of AASV/AVMA meetings and discussions since last PWC meeting

- Systematic literature review on sow housing

- Database of literature on sow housing for reference from AASV website

- American College of Animal Welfare update – Drs. Tom Parsons and John Deen

- Proposed definition for group housing of pregnant sows drafted by the NPB animal welfare committee and revisions suggested by AASV BOD

- National Pork Board update – Sherrie Niekamp
 - PQA Plus
 - 2012 verification data
 - New program
 - Industry Audit Coalition
 - Systematic review of pain mitigation strategies for piglets
 - Follow-up from sow housing resolution, including customer outreach
 - Other animal welfare research and program activities

- Animal respect issues

- Iowa Farm Animal Care Coalition