

MPC HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING ON MARCH 12

The Midwest Poultry Consortium held its 2019 Annual Meeting at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Tuesday, March 12, in conjunction with the Midwest Poultry Federation's Annual Convention. Participants heard from MPC President Beth Nelson, Avian Physiology Course Coordinator Yuko Sato, COE graduate Logan Hulst, and a number of others.

Beth Nelson began the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and introducing Dr. Yuko Sato to give a 'faculty perspective' of the COE. In addition to a brief review of the Avian Physiology class and what it offers students, Dr. Sato discussed the preparation that goes in to teaching the Avian Physiology class and the reasons she was drawn to teach at the COE, due in part to her attending COE classes in 2018.

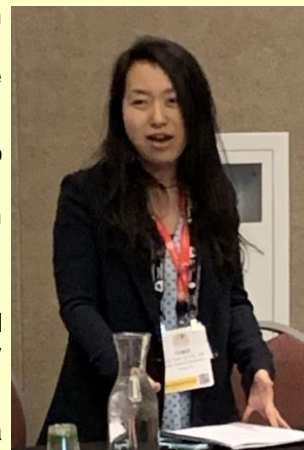
Nelson then went on to review MPC's activities, sponsors, budget, board of directors, and staff, along with an update regarding efforts to establish public research funding for the poultry industry.

MPC Student Director Chelsea Russell followed with an overview of the COE. It included a review of 2019 scholarship recipients, course coordinators, and the Poultry Leadership Experience (PLE), which teaches and reinforces concepts of leadership, emotional intelligence, communication, and teamwork. Russell also reviewed student recruitment efforts, internship updates, and student placement activities over the past year.

Following the approval of the Secretary's, Treasurer's, and Nominating Committee reports, former COE student Logan Hulst, currently employed with Hy-Line International, gave a testimonial regarding his experience as a COE participant. Hulst discussed the benefits the COE has had on his professional career in addition to his perspective of COE classes, internship responsibilities, interaction with other COE students in his current position, professional interests, and how valuable the COE has been to his career. Hulst, a 2016 graduate of the COE, graduated from North Dakota State University in May of 2018 with a degree in Animal Science.



Former COE student Logan Hulst addresses MPC Annual Meeting.



Dr. Yuko Sato giving MPC Annual Meeting attendees a faculty perspective of the COE.

The meeting concluded with Chair Brian Joyer recognizing Dr. Richard "Mick" Fulton of Michigan State University as the recipient of MPC's 2019 Outstanding Service Award.