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Government or Industry Committees

1978	-1987	Ontario Animal Research Committee, dairy.
1975	-1993	CMRB Dairy Technical Committee.
1975	-1980	Ag Can ROP Beef Technical Committee.
1976	-1983	Holstein Canada Research Committee.
1986	- 1990	Holstein Canada Research Committee.
1980	-1982	ADSA Dairy Cattle Improvement Committee.
1981		CSAS Planning Committee for Brock University meetings, Treasurer for meetings.
1982		CSAS and ASAS meetings in Guelph, Registration.
1987	-1988	Consulting group member for Ag Canada's implementation of the animal model.
1989	-1991	ADSA Awards Selection Committee, Lush Award.
1990	-1997	Chair of Dairy Technical Subcommittee meetings.
1993	-1994	Chair of Beef Technical Advisory Committee.
1996	-1997	Member, Holstein Canada Ad Hoc Breed Strategy Committee.
2003	-2006	Member, DairyGen
2003	-2008	Genetic Evaluation Board, CDN
2004	-2008	Interbull Scientific Advisory Committee

Professional Memberships

- 1970 -present American Dairy Science Association
- 1983 -present American Society of Animal Science
- 1968 Alpha Zeta Fraternity
- 1973 -1991 American Statistical Association
- 1973 -1980 Biometrics Society

Guelph-Cornell-MSU Colloquia

Every year for about 20 years, animal breeding faculty and students would get together in Guelph, Ithaca, New York, or East Lansing, Michigan for a one and a half day colloquium to share research ideas and results with each other. The colloquia were begun by Brian Kennedy and John Pollak, and the meetings alternated between locations from year to year. I organized all meetings that occurred in Guelph, and organized travel and accommodations to Ithaca or East Lansing. The graduate programs in animal breeding at Cornell and Michigan State, however, became next to non-existent by 2003. Colloquia were cancelled by SARS one year, and by trouble getting visas for foreign students in other years. Interest finally faded and all colloquia officially ended in 2006 by mutual agreement. A Kennedy Conference was planned for 2008 and every four years thereafter. I organized 5 invited speakers for the 2008 conference and about 18 submitted papers. The conference was held in conjunction with the Canadian Society of Animal Science meetings, also in Guelph. Feedback indicated that, although the 2008 conference worked fairly well, future conferences may not attract enough people, for various reasons. Thus, the era of communication started by Brian and John seems to be over. All good things come to an end sometime.

I always enjoyed the trips back to Ithaca, to see the place where I did my graduate program for four years. I remember how much I was turned onto research by the environment in Ithaca from 1969-1973. I was in the perfect place at the perfect time. It was good to show Cornell off to our graduate students. The meetings and interactive discussions were also good for everyone. They were a good source of different views on some topics. Now there is very little influx of different views, and often very little acceptance of different ideas because we have done things the 1970 way for so long.