

**Minutes of the Western Section of the  
American Society of Animal Science  
Business and Awards Meeting**

June 23, 2000  
University of California  
Davis, California

President John Paterson called the meeting order to order at 8:10 a.m.

**Acceptance of the Minutes of the 1999 Business Meeting:**

The minutes of the 1999 business and awards meeting were approved as printed in the 2000 Proceedings of the Western Section of American Society of Animal Science.

**Committee Reports:**

**Awards Committee Report:**

Noelle Cockett, Chair

Six nominations were submitted to the Award Committee. Listed below are the awards and awardees for the Western Section, American Society of Animal Science.

Young Scientist Award: Tim DelCurto, Oregon State University, Union, OR. Award sponsored by Cargill-Nutrena Feeds.

Extension Award: Ron Hathaway, Oregon State University, Klamath Falls, OR. Award sponsored by Fort Dodge Animal Health.

Distinguished Teacher Award: Tom Famula, University of California, Davis, CA. Award sponsored by National Animal Genome Research Project.

Distinguished Service Award: G. Eric Bradford, University of California, Davis, CA. Award sponsored by Roche Vitamins.

**Graduate Student Competition Committee Report:**

Tom Geary, Chair

Seventeen papers were submitted; sixteen were presented (one was presented as a poster by a co-author due to illness) with the top three papers by M.

Bertolini, University of California, Davis, first; A.D. Schleicher, University of Wyoming, Laramie, second; J. Gould, University of Wyoming, Laramie, third. This was an excellent group of papers. First, second and third place contestants received an award certificate and \$300, \$200 and \$100, respectively.

**Academic Quadrathlon:**

Richard Kellems, Chair

The 2000 Regional Academic Quadrathlon Contest was hosted by the University of Idaho at their Caldwell Research Center on March 24 and 25, 2000. Nine teams participated in this years contest and they were as follows; Oregon State University, University of Idaho, Montana State University, University of Wyoming, Colorado State University, Utah State University, Brigham Young University, New Mexico State University and Cal Poly Pomona. A special recognition award was presented to Dr. Duane Sharp (Cal Poly Pomona) for his many years of support of the Academic Quadrathlon Program. Dr. Carl Hunt served as coordinator for the University of Idaho and was assisted by Pat Momont. Dr. Carl Hunt was also responsible for the written examination. Dr. Randy Wiedmeier (USU) was responsible discussion portion of the contest. Dr. Dan Rule (UW) was responsible for the quiz bowl portion of the contest. Dr. Nancy Irlbeck secured over \$1000 in book awards. Monsanto Company provided \$5,000 in scholarships for this years contest; first place team members received \$600, second place team members received \$400 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place team members received \$250. The contest results were as follows:

**Discussion Group**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Oregon State University
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Colorado State University
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - New Mexico State University

**Laboratory Practicum**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - University of Wyoming
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Colorado State University
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Brigham Young University

Written Examination

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Brigham Young University
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Cal Poly Pomona
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - University of Idaho

Quiz Bowl

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Brigham Young University
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - University of Wyoming
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Oregon State University

Overall Placings

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Brigham Young University
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Colorado State University
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Oregon State University

Last years first place team was Brigham Young University and they competed in the National Collegiate Quiz Bowl Contest and placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. This years 1<sup>st</sup> place team will represent the Western Section at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association National College Quiz Bowl Contest which is being held in San Antonio in February 2001. The 2001 Regional Quadrathlon Contest will be hosted by Colorado State University and will be held on March 30 and 31, 2001.

**Nominating/Election Committee:**

Steve Daugherty, Chair

Noelle Cockett, Utah State University, will move up to President, and the results of the WSASAS elections are as follows (70 ballots returned):  
President-elect: Jim Oltjen, University of California, Davis  
Secretary-Treasurer: Pat Hatfield, Montana State University  
Western Section Executive Committee Director (Industry Representative): Jim Killen, Alltech Inc., Ault, Colorado.

John Paterson will chair the nominating committee for 2000-2001.

**Extension Committee:**

Rodney Kott, Chair

A symposium was held Thursday afternoon highlighting innovative extension programs in the West. The format was successful and should be repeated.

**Symposium Committee:**

Rod Preston, Chair

The Symposium Committee also consisted of Dr. Jim Sprinkle, AZ; Dr. Doug Hixon, WY; Dr. Jack

Whittier, CO; Dr. Roberto Sainz, CA; and Dr. Kenneth Olson, UT.

Since the Symposium is being held during the first year of the millennium, we felt that a view forward might be appropriate. Therefore, topics were selected, titles were developed and speakers selected to deliver presentations with this theme "Visions for U.S. Beef Production Systems". Support for the Symposium was obtained from the following sources:

Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science  
American Society of Animal Science  
Garino Livestock Supply  
Westway Trading Co.  
Hoechst Roussel Vet  
Fort Dodge Animal Health  
Elanco Animal Health  
VetLife  
Pharmacia & Upjohn Animal Health  
Merial Ltd.  
Zinpro Corp.

A news release for the Symposium was developed and sent to eleven beef related publications. Additionally, a release was prepared by the University of California, Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources Information Office.

**Necrology:**

John Paterson, Chair

None reported.

**Report from National ASAS Office:**

Dr. Ellen Bergfeld, the Executive Director, stated that it was great to be able to attend the Western Section meetings and thanked WSASAS and UC-Davis. She talked about national level coordination between societies, including how they may meet together and joint committee memberships. She reported the increasing use of the ASAS web site, and especially that for the Western Section. Last year's emphasis was on increasing graduate student membership; this year's will be on increasing number of industry members. Ellen invited members to attend the national meeting in Baltimore.

ASAS Past-President Terry Klopfenstein talked about the relationship between ASAS and FASS. ASAS rotates its officers onto the FASS board; they are doing a good job. He had concerns over membership, especially with a smaller population of

animal scientists who are more diverse. This logically points to consolidation of the various specie's societies. Regarding the journal, all symposium papers will be reviewed and then posted on the ASAS website and available electronically. The job of Editor-in-Chief is overwhelming and alternative models are needed.

**Host Institution Report:**

James W. Oltjen, Secretary-Treasurer

The University of California, Davis, was excited to host the 2000 Western Section meeting. The meetings were held on campus. Registration information for the meetings were as follows:

Symposium	145
Regular Registration	142
Students	109
Total	251

Four hundred copies of the Proceedings of the Western Section were printed. The National office in Savory, IL, kept 50 copies that they will sell for \$20.00/ copy. Approximately 175 copies will be shipped to Montana State University along with a few left over 1997-1999 proceedings. The Proceedings included 135 papers and two distinguished service presentation papers. 137 papers were presented, 62 were oral.

**Financial Report:**

James W. Oltjen, Secretary-Treasurer

Cash on hand at December 31, 1998	\$48,197.08
Revenue and Support	
Proceedings	5,456.00
Interest Allotment	2,243.40
Dues Support	1,142.50
Symposium Support - ASAS	1,500.00
Donations and Other Support	2,900.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>117.16</u>
Total Revenue and Support	\$13,359.06

Expense	
Postage and Shipping	\$ 694.56
Printing	
Call for papers	1,338.78
Proceedings	4,046.00
General	1,660.60
Awards and Plaques	2,362.18
Conference Expense-Insurance	350.00
Meat Evaluation Support	800.00
Travel-Board and Officer	1,602.60
Travel-Speakers	1,779.31
Student Dues	480.00
Supplies	0.00
Telephone	15.05
Staff Support	3,838.75
Miscellaneous	<u>1.58</u>
Total Expense	\$18,969.41
Net Change in Assets	-\$5,610.35
Cash on hand as of December 31, 1999	\$42,586.73

**Call for Old Business:**

No old business was noted.

**Call for New Business:**

No new business was noted.

President John Paterson noted that WSASAS meetings will be at Montana State University in 2001, Colorado State University in 2002, and joint with ASAS in Phoenix in 2003. He turned over the gavel to President-elect Noelle Cockett in absentia. Jim Oltjen then presented President John Paterson a plaque in appreciation of his service. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.