

2006

Meeting Notes Northeast ASAS-ADSA Executive Committee Meeting

By Conference Call at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Participants: Rich Barczewski (DE), Tony Capuco (MD), Rich Erdman (MD)
Tad Sonstegard (MD) and Steve Zinn (CT),

Capuco chaired the meeting and opened by asking for corrections for the minutes from last year annual meeting. Being none, minutes were approved.

Capuco indicated that as of today, a treasurer's report for Treasurer's Report Northeast ASAS-ADSA had not been received from the FASS office. He expected to receive one shortly and would distribute that electronically when available.

Discussion Annual Meeting Agenda Items

Discussion moved on to the annual meeting/luncheon to be held Tuesday July 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the National ASAS-ADSA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.

Acknowledgement of Church and Dwight Support: Capuco indicated that he had not yet contacted Church and Dwight for continued support the Young Scientist Award. In the past, they had donated \$300 (\$250 check for the award winner, \$50 for plaque). Erdman indicated that Ken Cummins had retired from Church and Dwight and the Elliot Block is now the most likely contact within the company. Capuco will contact Block.

Officer Elections and Duties: Mike Van Amburgh is the nominee for next year's secretary-treasurer. Capuco indicated that Wendy Cohick (NJ) had previously assembled a list of duties for officers and that this was supposed to be posted on the NE ASAS-ADSA website. If not, he was to forward those.

ASAS and ADSA Representatives: Tom Hartsock, NE representative to the ASAS Board along with the Presidents of ASAS (Dave Buchanan, OK) and ADSA (Dave Barbano, NY) will be invited to attend and give remarks at the NE meeting.

Awards: There was discussion of the two awards (Young Scientist and Distinguished Service). Both committee chairs (Erdman, Young Scientist and Sonstegard, Distinguished Service) indicated that their committees had been selected were in the process of voting. Committee chairs were instructed to contact the awardees (once known) and also all nominators indicating the status of their nominee and encouraging subsequent nominations by those who were unsuccessful this year. Morse Soloman (MD) has agreed once again to take care of the plaques for the awards. Committee chairs need to notify Morse as quickly as possible of the award winners such that plaques are done in time for the annual meeting.

There was discussion of the need for more advertising of the awards and the lack of awareness by the membership that there were actually two awards for younger faculty and scientists, one

for research and one for teaching/extension. Sonstegard indicated that he would make note of this next year to encourage more nominations.

Graduate Student Paper Presentation Contest: Graduate competition chair, Steve Zinn has a family commitment and will not be attending the annual meeting. He is sending evaluation forms to Erdman who is coordinating the competition. Because one entry had withdrawn leaving a gap in the schedule, Zinn had contacted the last entrant who agreed to move his/her presentation up 15 minutes. In Steve's absence, Limin Kung (DE) has agreed serve as session chair and judge. Capuco and Erdman will also serve as judges. Erdman will tabulate results and present the awards. Zinn will forward the score sheets to Erdman. In contrast with last year where there were 12 participants, there were only 3 this year. Discussion ensued as to the reason for the downturn as each participant receives at a minimum \$150 toward his or her travel expenses. It was pointed out that the format for entering had changed this year where entry no longer required separate submission of abstracts, just a check on the abstract submission form. A general mailing will be mailed to members (Sonstegard) in late 2006 or early 2007 announcing the competition and travel awards to each participant to encourage entries. In addition to travel awards, the first, second, and third place presenters will receive \$500, \$300, and \$150, respectively. Erdman is to notify Paula Shultz at FASS of the winners.

Challenge Grant Update: The NE board committed \$3,000 in support of the USDA Higher Education Challenge Grant to develop an animal science image gallery. The grant has been funded and the PI's, John Riesen, CT or Harold Hafs (NJ) would be asked to give a report on progress at the annual meeting.

Meeting Format: There was a brief discussion of the meeting format, sandwich buffet version luncheon to save costs. People seemed satisfied with the new format. The biggest concern was attendance, as the meeting time was not properly scheduled in the online meeting program. Capuco would contact Paula Schultz to send a general notice to NE members.

NE Symposium: Capuco indicated that the concept of a NE sponsored Symposium at the annual meeting would be brought forward again to gauge interest.

The group decided that the NE ASAS-ADSA Executive Committee members would meet on Sunday July 9th at 5:00 p.m. in lobby of Hilton Hotel to review details of the annual meeting and graduate paper competition.

Being no other items, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Erdman,
NE ASAS-ADSA Secretary Treasurer.