



## WESTERN SECTION AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

January, 2013

Members of Western Section:

Elections for Western Section ASAS officers will take place soon. Dr. Jack Whittier will complete his 3-yr term as national ASAS Director and Ms. Leticia Comacho will complete her 2-yr term as Graduate Student Representative in July. We are grateful for their outstanding service. Dr. Andy Roberts, Nominating Committee chair, is requesting candidate recommendations for these offices. Please send names of potential candidates to Dr. Roberts ([Andy.Roberts@ARS.USDA.GOV](mailto:Andy.Roberts@ARS.USDA.GOV)); self recommendations are acceptable. Requirements and duties of WSASAS offices are described in the Western Section ASAS constitution.

The Western Section ASAS will host the first annual Young Scholar Recognition (YSR) program this year. The YSR committee is close to completing the YSR requirements, which will be posted at the WSASAS website soon. As a quick reminder, the WSASAS will recognize 2 M.S. and 2 Ph.D. Young Scholars. Scholars will provide an abstract and proceedings paper and give a 30-minute invited presentation about their graduate program (see schedule below).

Nominations for WSASAS awards are due soon. Dr. Bret Taylor, Award Committee chair, is requesting nominations for the Distinguished Service, Distinguished Teacher, Extension, and Young Scientist awards. Award requirements and instructions for preparation and submission of nomination packets will be posted on the WSASAS website soon.

Lodging for the WSASAS annual meeting has been contracted with the Comfort Inn in Bozeman. However, please use the available on-line form to reserve a room. It is important that WSASAS uses all of contracted rooms. Failure to fill all rooms will result in a significant financial burden for WSASAS.

There will be a spouse/partner program available during the meetings. Although not confirmed, meeting planners are considering a tour of Yellowstone, a self-guided tour of downtown Bozeman, and a fishing/rafting guided trip down the Madison River.

A tentative draft of the annual meeting includes:

Wednesday (June 19, 2013)

Sheep Symposium - 8:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Beef Symposium - 8:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Young Scholars Recognition Program 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Opening Reception - 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Thursday (June 20, 2013)

Graduate Student Paper Competition 7:30 to ?

Graduate Student Lunch and Learn ? (following Paper Competition) to 2:30

Oral Presentation 3:00 to 6:00

Awards Banquet – 6:30 to 9:00

Friday (June 21, 2013)

WSASAS Business Meeting – 7:30 to 9:00

Oral Presentation 9:00 to ?

Posters will be set up on Wednesday evening and will remain up throughout the meeting.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the Executive Committee members if you have questions. We look forward to seeing you in Bozeman in June.

Sincerely,

Glenn C. Duff

President, Western Section American Society of Animal Sciences