

Minutes of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science

Business Meeting

June 22, 2007

University of Idaho

Moscow, Idaho

President Tim Ross called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Acceptance of the minutes of the 2006 Business Meeting.

The minutes of the 2006 business meeting were approved as printed in the 2007 Proceedings of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science.

Advisory and Coordinating Committee Report

Steve Paisley, chair

2006-2007 A & C Committee Members:

S. Paisley (University of Wyoming)

M. Salisbury (Angelo State University)

S. Daugherty (Cal Poly)

D. Garrick (Colorado State University)

J.B. Glaze (University of Idaho)

D. Drake (University of California)

J. Sprinkle (University of Arizona)

Committee Report: The committee discussed approaches to maintaining support and increasing participation with Western Section ASAS Academic Quadrathlon competition. In addition the WSASAS Academic Quadrathlon advisors requested that the WSASAS Executive Committee discuss and vote to approve moving the Academic Quadrathlon back to the time and place of the WSASAS meetings beginning in 2008. Points of discussion and actions taken follow:

- The committee was not in favor of moving the AQ to coincide with the WSASAS June meetings because several of the committee felt that it would be difficult to get members of the winning teams to attend June WSASAS. Many students are employed during the summer, or return home. Further, some schools incorporate AQ into semester activities, as semester credit. Tours and industry exposure are often incorporated into AQ travel as an educational component.
- The committee recommended developing an AQ Coordinator's Manual to be distributed to WSASAS

participating institutions. The committee felt that perhaps some schools have dropped AQ because new faculty (potential AQ Coordinators) lack information on the Academic Quadrathlon.

- The committee recommended establishing a monetary award for the winning AQ team to encourage participation and competition. Recommended amount is \$200/winning team member, \$800 total.
- The committee also recommends encouraging participation by:
 - a. Suggesting that the WSASAS president include a letter (along with AQ Coordinator's Manual) encouraging department heads to investigate ways of increasing student participation
 - b. Develop list of Western universities and colleges that have Ag programs, and distribute AQ information and manuals to potential departments and advisors, encouraging participation in WS AQ contests.
 - c. Continue current travel support for AQ teams

Committee Chair, Paisley, closed the A-C Committee report with the following recommendation. "The committee understands the current trend of reduced participation in AQ but unanimously feel that it is important to continue the AQ competition in the Western Section of ASAS."

Action: Discussion from Business Meeting attendees followed regarding Section support for the AQ. It was moved and seconded that we continue AQ support level of \$600 per team, with an additional \$500 support funding for the host institution (resulting in a total of \$1100 for the host institution). In addition, WSASAS needs to pursue a national-level donor. Motion passed.