

# Minutes of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science Business Meeting

June 21, 2002  
Colorado State University  
Fort Collins, Colorado

President Jim Oltjen called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

## Acceptance of the minutes of the 2001 business and awards meeting

The minutes of the 2001 business and awards meeting were approved as printed in the 2002 Proceedings of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science.

## Committee Reports

### Advisory and Coordinating Committee Report

Dale Holcombe, Chair

#### Electronic Issue of Proceedings and Issue of Hard Copy

The electronic issue of the proceedings was an excellent way to obtain the WSASAS proceedings. The committee suggested that an option be made to receive the WSASAS proceedings on a CD and printed format so that members have a choice of format for next year.

#### Symposium- (Should a written paper be received with the presentation?)

A symposium paper should be optional but the symposium committee should encourage paper submission. Should a symposium paper be written, it should follow the same process that is used for invited presentations for the ASAS National meetings.

#### Graduate Student Policy for WSASAS Meeting

The policy for graduated students that are now in place should be continued and that a registration fee that covers the host and service cost for graduate students would not prevent graduate students from attending the WSASAS meeting.

#### Academic Quadrathlon

The Academic Quadrathlon should be continued at the present support level. The committee felt that a majority of the support should come from the individual institutions and departments. The committee would like to see the institution that won overall recognized at the WSASAS award luncheon.

The committee agreed that two sets of traveling buzzer

boards be purchased. The buzzer boards should be given and remain with the chairperson for the Academic Quadrathlon.

#### Graduate Student Competition Awards

The committee suggested an increase in the competition awards for the next year (2003). Discussion about a monetary increase has occurred previously but was not finalized. Awards should be \$500.00 for first, \$300.00 for second and \$200.00 for third place.

### Academic Quadrathlon

Lisa Surber, Chair

The 2002 Regional Academic Quadrathlon contest was hosted by Cal Poly Pomona on March 22 and 23, 2002. Eight teams participated in this year's contest and they were as follows; Brigham Young University, Cal Poly Pomona, Colorado State University, Montana State University, Oregon State University, University of Idaho, University of Wyoming, and Utah State University. The AQ Advisor Recognition Award was given to Dr. Dan Rule of the University of Wyoming for his support and commitment to the AQ program. Dr. Rule served as UW advisor from 1989 to 2000. At the regional level, from 1995-1998 served as the Western Section AQ committee chairman. Dr. Carl Hunt and Allison Grove were responsible for the written examination. Dr. Randy Weidmeier was in charge of the discussion group. Randy Townsend was responsible for the quiz bowl portion of the contest. Dr. Patrick French secured over \$2,065 in book awards. Monsanto Company provided \$5,000 in scholarships for this year's contest; first place team members received \$600, second place team members received \$400, and third place team members received \$250. The contest results were as follows:

#### Quiz Bowl

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Colorado State University
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Utah State University
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Montana State University

#### Written Examination

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Colorado State University
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	University of Wyoming
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Oregon State University

#### Discussion

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Brigham Young University
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Montana State University

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Cal Poly Pomona
<b>Practicum</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Cal Poly Pomona
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Utah State University
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	University of Wyoming
<b>Overall Placing</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	University of Wyoming
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Colorado State University
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Cal Poly Pomona

Last year's first place team was from Colorado State University and they competed in the National Collegiate Quiz Bowl during the National Cattlemen's Beef Association convention in Denver, Colorado and placed 1<sup>st</sup>. The 2002 overall winner will represent the Western Section at next years NCBA meeting, which will be held in January 2003 in Nashville, Tennessee.

The 2003 Regional Academic Quadrathlon contest will be hosted by Oregon State University and will be held on March 28 and 29, 2003.

#### **Awards**

Pat Hatfield, Chair

Seven nominations were submitted to the Awards Committee. Listed below are the award categories, awardees, and sponsors.

Distinguished Service: Dr. Dennis Hallford, New Mexico State University. Award sponsored by Roche Vitamins Inc.

Distinguished Teacher: Dr. Raymond Ansotegui, Montana State University. Award sponsored by Elanco Animal Health

Extension Award: Dr. Steve LeValley, Colorado State University. Award sponsored by Fort Dodge Animal Health

Young Scientist: Dr. Thomas Geary, USDA-ARS, Miles City, MT. Award sponsored by Cargill Animal Nutrition

#### **Applied Animal Science Award**

Jim Killen, Chair

The Applied Animal Science Award, sponsored by industry, was voted in as a regular award of the Western Section at the executive committee meeting in Bozeman in 2001. The awards are presented at the annual meeting awards banquet. The awards are selected from proceedings papers submitted for publication in the WSASAS proceedings based on the criteria of 1) Applicability to current production systems 2) Potential for economic return on investment 3) New and

innovative approaches to existing production problems. For the 2002 meetings, 7 papers were submitted to the committee (per instructions on the call for WSASAS papers). The papers were evaluated and selected by a committee of industry and academic animal agriculture consultants appointed and chaired by the WSASAS Industry Representative. The cost of this award is defrayed by contributions by the committee member's companies. After a 1st round where each committee member selected their top 3 choices, the 3 highest ranking papers were resubmitted to each evaluator and final placings were determined. Results are as follows:

1st Place, Certificate and check for \$400:

H. H. Patterson, P. S. Johnson, T. R. Patterson, D. B. Young and R. Haigh

South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD

"EFFECTS OF WATER QUALITY ON PERFORMANCE AND HEALTH OF GROWING STEERS"

2nd Place, Certificate and check for \$300:

D. J. Patterson, J. E. Stegner, F. N. Kojima, and M. F. Smith

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO USA

"MGA® SELECT IMPROVES ESTRUS RESPONSE IN POSTPARTUM BEEF COWS IN SITUATIONS ACCOMPANIED WITH HIGH RATES OF ANESTRUS"

3rd Place, Certificate and check for \$200:

B. M. Rainey, J. A. Paterson, R. J. Lipsey, R. N. Funston, G. W. Brester, and W. T. Choat

Department of Animal and Range Sciences,

Department of Agricultural Economics

Montana State University, Bozeman, MT USA

"EFFECT OF AGE AND GRAIN PROCESSING METHOD ON DIET DIGESTIBILITY OF BEEF CATTLE"

#### **Paper Competition**

Pat Ludden, Chair

This year's competition had 20 entries, but 1 dropped out.

There is some concern about the difficulty in scheduling the graduate student competition when the number of submissions gets large. Limiting the number to 12 would allow the competition to be completed within one morning. The committee provided 2 options to limit the number of papers: Option 1) Evaluate the written papers in April and May, inviting only the top 10 – 12 written papers to compete orally, or Option 2) Limit competition to WSASAS institutions.

Chair of the committee for next year will be Denny Crews, University of Alberta, Lethbridge.

Several items were suggested to improve the flow of the

competition:

- 1) Ask the audience to be sure to turn their cell phones off.
- 2) Use PDF forms for registration, etc. as much as possible.
- 3) Move the date for submitted LCD presentations closer to the meetings.

Results of the 2002 Graduate Student Competition:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Julie Morrison, Oregon State University

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: George Perry, University of Missouri

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jason Ahola, Colorado State University

### **Extension**

Clay Mathis, Chair

The Extension Committee of the WSASAS communicated via email and telephone to solicit speakers for the 2002 Extension Symposium. The committee's objective was to identify topics and presenters to share information on successful programs and demonstration projects that could be duplicated in other states to enhance the educational effectiveness of Extension across the West. The Extension Symposium will consist of eight presentations that last 15 minutes each. The eight presentations have representation from nine states. New for 2002 is the inclusion of Extension Symposium presentations in the Proceedings. However, abstracts were not required. It is the recommendation of the Extension committee that the Executive committee consider:

1. establishing specific guidelines defining the length of time future Extension Symposia will last (i.e. 2 hours)
2. requiring abstracts to be submitted by Extension Symposium speakers in order to help solidify invited speaker commitment prior to the proceedings submission deadline.
3. lengthening the 15-minute time limit to 20 minutes for Extension Symposium presentations to allow for additional discussion and to provide a more distinct difference between the Extension Symposium invited presentations that have page charges waived and the 15-minute presentations in the regular Extension Section.

### **Nominating**

Noelle Cockett, Chair

Nominations for the 2002 WSASAS elections were as follows:

President-Elect:	Jack Whittier, Colorado State University
Secretary-Treasurer:	Elaine Grings, USDA/ARS, Miles City, Montana Timothy Ross, New Mexico State University

Results of the 2002 WSASAS elections were as follows:

President-Elect:	Jack Whittier
Secretary-Treasurer:	Elaine Grings

Paula Schultz, ASAS Office, indicated that the electronic elections worked well.

### **Symposium**

Jim Sprinkle, Chair

Last year a survey was distributed to Western Section members soliciting topics for future symposia. Additionally, a proposal for a symposium was received from the Western Coordinating Committee #92 (Beef Cattle Energetics) prior to the 2001 symposium. The Symposium Committee decided to table the request from WCC-92 and consider their topics for the 2002 symposium. Topics suggested for symposia for the surveys returned included pasture for ruminants, grass finishing beef, alternative grazing systems, preserving rangelands and enhancing sustainability of rangeland functions, trace minerals, foreign markets, water conservation and drought management, and optimum production to achieve maximum profit.

An overwhelming majority of the Symposium Committee favored a symposium for 2002 with more of a 'science' focus instead of "industry" focus. A general topic of Forage Based Beef Production Systems was decided upon and it was decided to incorporate some of the suggestions of WCC-92 and secure an international speaker to speak about residual feed intake. Committee members communicated by email initially and a teleconference call was held on January 30, 2002 to finalize details of the agenda.

Each committee member was responsible for securing and introduction at least one of the speakers for the Symposium. In keeping with ASAS policy, speakers at this year's symposium who were members of ASAS were asked to pay their own travel expenses to the symposium. The committee is very grateful to our ASAS speakers who agreed to do so and traveled long distances to speak at the symposium. All speakers except the panel speakers were given the opportunity to prepare a peer reviewed web-based manuscript for the Journal of Animal Science. Since it takes so long for symposia manuscripts to be posted on-line, Dr, Keith Belk assumed responsibility for placing Symposium Powerpoint presentations and manuscripts on the Colorado State University Animal Science web page at <http://ansci.colostate.edu/>. By doing so, this saved copy costs and made Symposium information available to the audience in a timely fashion.

Approximately 190 people attended the symposium. There were about 15 who attended the symposium only registered for the beef symposium and did not attend the Western Section meetings.

A news release was prepared and sent to the major beef related publications. Additionally, a news release was sent to all Animal Science Departments in the Western Section

and to state livestock specialists and Cooperative Extension offices. Several state cattlemen's associations were notified. Finally Jack Whittier assisted in publicizing the symposium with newspapers, county extension offices and clientele in Colorado.

Members of the committee were able to secure \$3500 in sponsorships to assist with the expenses of the symposium. Sponsorships were down \$1000 from last year, possibly due to the September 11<sup>th</sup> incident. The cost of the symposium to attendees was \$30, which covered most of the meeting room and break expenses. Sponsors of the symposium were:

Western Section, American Society for Animal Science	
American Society for Animal Science	\$1,500
ADM Alliance	500
Elanco Animal Health	500
USDA Agricultural Marketing Service & Seed Program.	
Meat Grading & Cert. Branch	500
Westway Trading Company	<u>500</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$3,500

#### Income

Registrations of 190 people at \$30 each	\$5,700
American Society of Animal Science	1,500
Corporate Sponsors	<u>2,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$9,200

#### Expenses

CSU Conference Services	\$5,236
Travel Expenses	1,842
Est. Page Charges	800
Breaks	<u>1,300</u>
<b>Total</b>	9,178

**Balance** \$ 22

#### Necrology

John Paterson, Chair

None

#### 2002 WSASAS Meeting and Financial Report

Jack Whittier, Chair

Cash on Hand at December 31, 2000: \$33,435.81

#### Revenue and Support

Annual Meeting Registrations and Proceeding Sales	41,842.00
Income from 2000 Meeting	3,080.00
Ticketed Events	0.00
Proceedings	12,139.00
Dues Support	1,225.00
Interest Allotment	1,720.34
ASAS Symposium Support	1,500.00
Sponsorship and Other Support	7,200.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Revenue and Support</b>	68,706.34

#### Expense

Postage & Shipping	156.30
Printing & Postage	
Call for Papers	681.66
Registration Material	1,429.49
Proceedings	6,083.70
Program	397.36
General	0.00
Awards & Plaques	
Plaques	1,022.06
Student	600.00
Young Scientist	900.00
AQ	4,600.00
Conference Expense	18,724.83
Meal Expenses	15,463.69
Conference Advance	0.00
Conference Liability Insurance	400.00
NWMAEC Support	0.00
Student Membership Support	840.00
Travel - officer/board	1,315.00
Travel - speaker	3,113.64
Supplies	0.00
Telephone	10.31
Staff Support	3,116.51
Miscellaneous	<u>6,581.12</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	65,435.67
<b>Net Change in Assets</b>	<u>3,270.67</u>

Cash on Hand as of December 31, 2001 36,706.48

#### ASAS/FASS Activities Report

David Ames, ASAS President

Ellen Bergfeld, ASAS Executive Director

Activities at FASS/ASAS Headquarters have been focused on providing enhanced member services and restructuring existing departments to increase efficiency and effectiveness. These efforts have focused on three primary areas:

1. Membership. The purchase and update of our iMIS database system in early 2002, a planned additional staff hire to focus on membership recruitment and retention across all FASS societies, and some restructuring of the membership department to increase communications across the member societies.
2. Publications, Communications, and Production. Restructuring has occurred both at HQ and within the ASAS Editor in Chief and Section Editor duties, as well as with the planned update of the ASAS website that will focus primarily on publications and meeting activities, and our exploring the potential of moving JAS to the Highwire e-platform within the next 6-12 months along with ADSA.
3. Fundraising. The planned hire of a new Development Director to provide services to the ASAS and ADSA Foundations and fundraising efforts.

FASS is in the midst of drafting the first Strategic Plan. The plan will be distributed to the three founding member boards prior to the annual meetings for discussions and review and is expected to be formally adopted by the FASS Board during their September meeting. The following goals have been identified:

- Enhance FASS services to provide increased management efficiency for Member Societies
- Promote Animal Agriculture and Animal Products through enhanced activities of the Office of the Scientific Liaison
- Actively expand society membership
- Become the premier source of science-based information relevant to animal agriculture and the food system nationally and internationally
- Develop new products and services that enhance the financial stability of Member Societies

FASS Office of Scientific Liaison. Hot issues in the public interest and legislatively continue to focus on Food Safety/Security as well as the President's recommendation of creating a cabinet level Office of Homeland Security which would entail moving all of APHIS from USDA as well as several other departments under the new Department's jurisdiction. Additionally at the FASS OSL, Amy Tomasco, Science Communications Coordinator, was hired last fall and administers the new FASS web site on biotechnology, [www.animalbiotechnology.org](http://www.animalbiotechnology.org), as well as FASS Track, the weekly e-news. She also makes contributions to FASScience Summaries. Amy Iager, Scientific Liaison Representative has recently joined the office this year, and will focus on the FASS Scientific Advisory Committees' activities. There will be a first ever ASAS/FASS Intern serving in the OSL, and is supported through the ASAS Bob Zimbelman Appreciation Club.

#### **Graduate Student Luncheon and Career Forum** Doug Zalesky

The luncheon and forum was held at the livestock pavilion.

Attendance at the graduate student luncheon and career forum was approximately 90 students and 5 panel members. Everyone was served a box lunch. Panel members included Dr. Doug Hixon, University of Wyoming, Dr. Gary Cowman, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Dr. Gary Sides, Intervet, Inc., Dr. Jeff Heldt, Land O'Lakes Feed, and Dr. Merlyn Nielsen, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The topic for the forum was "What I wish someone would have told me in graduate school but didn't," related to jobs and careers. Each of the panel members made a short presentation outlining their personal views and experiences regarding important issues that they thought were important for graduate students to be aware of as they progress through and complete their graduate careers. Many issues were mentioned and included people skills, abilities to communicate, balancing personal and work time, work ethics and honesty. A question and answer period followed the presentations with several questions and good interaction with the panel members.

Several of the students commented after the session that they truly enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to listen to and interact with the panel members.

The luncheon and forum appears to be a very informative and educational event and provides a good opportunity for students to interact with each other as well as with successful industry and academic people.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jim Oltjen turned the gavel over to President-Elect Pat Hatfield. Pat Hatfield then presented President Oltjen a plaque in appreciation of his service. The meeting was then adjourned.