Awards and Joint Business Meeting  
Midwestern Section ASAS / Midwestern Branch ADSA  
Wednesday, March 17, 2004  
Polk County Convention Center, Des Moines, IA

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 am by Jerry Shurson, MW ASAS President, after the breakfast sponsored by Cargill Animal Nutrition, Land O’Lakes, Milk Products, Inc. and VetLife.

2. Introductions were made by Jerry Shurson (head table, national officers, and past presidents).

3. Minutes of 2003 Awards/ Joint Business Meeting were presented by Patrick C. Hoffman Midwest ADSA Secretary. Motion and second to approve without correction. Motion carried.

4. Financial report was given by Jerry Baker, ASAS Executive Director (12/31/2003; preliminary audit). Net revenue and support was $180,090.14, operating expense was $120,522.80, with 2003 net revenues of $59,567.34. Cash on hand as of 12/31/03 was $163,926.74.

5. Program Report was given by Merlyn Nielsen. There were 999 registrants, 325 abstracts, 224 oral, 101 posters.

6. Sponsor Recognition: Alan Grant, Midwest ASAS President-Elect, recognized sponsors and thanked them for their generous support. A list of sponsors was distributed at all tables.

7. Midwest Board Report: Dave Combs Midwest ADSA President briefly reviewed issues being considered by the board which include a) possible relocation of the Midwest ASAS/ADSA meetings to the new Des Moines convention facility b) committee reorganization plan c) new program selection chair procedures d) review of poster session changes and e) enhancement of student opportunities.

8. Program Committee Chair Recognition: Dave Combs introduced program chairs and thanked them for their efforts.

9. Young Animal Scientist Awards:
   A. Outstanding Young Teacher Award: Miriam S. Weber Nielsen, Michigan State University; Sponsor: ADM Alliance Nutrition, Inc.; Presenter: Jim Dunn.
   B. Outstanding Young Researcher Award: Catherine W. Ernst, Michigan State University; Sponsor: DSM Nutritional Products, Inc.; Presenter: Donnie Campbell
   C. Outstanding Young Extension Specialist Award: Steven J. Moeller, Ohio State University; Sponsor: Land O’Lakes; Presenter: John Bonner.

    A. Education Award: Steve Pohl, South Dakota State University
    B. Research Award: L. Allen Pettey, University of Kentucky
    C. Research Award: Maria C. Walsh, Purdue University

11. Innovation in Dairy Research Award: Noah B. Litherland, University of Illinois. Sponsor: Land O’Lakes; Presenter: Cindie Luhman

12. Agribusiness Award: Doug Webel, United Feeds. Sponsor: ExSeed Genetics; Presenter: Chris Peters

13. Competitive Paper Awards:
    A. Undergraduate: Sponsor: Midwest ASAS/ADSA; Presenter: Jodi A. Sterle, Texas A&M.
14. **Academic Quadrathlon:** Fourteen teams competed at the Midwest competition that was sponsored by Iowa State University, Intervet, American Protein Corp, Schering-Plough, and Elsevier Science. Matt Wilson announced the winners as follows:

- **Lab Practical:** University of Illinois
- **Written Exam:** South Dakota State University
- **Oral Presentation:** Iowa State University
- **Quiz Bowl:** Kansas State University
- **Overall High Team:** North Dakota State University

15. **Report from National ADSA Vice President:** Presented by Mike Hutjens, University of Illinois.
- Highlighted National ADSA/ASAS/PSA meeting.
- Development of new ADSA publications/journals.
- Recognized importance and interest in student affiliate activities.
- Extensive strategic planning by ADSA board.
- Introduced three new discover conferences.

- Highlighted new challenges for ASAS.
- Jerry Baker, new Executive Director of ASAS.
- Encouraged members to read society correspondence.

17. **Report from FASS:** David Schingoethe, FASS President, South Dakota State University.
- Improving communication between ASAS, ADSA and PSA.
- FASS review.
- Defined the role, need and position opening for Scientific Liaison.

18. **Additional Business:** None.

19. **Recognition of retiring ADSA Board and Introduction of New Officers:** Leo Timms thanked Sharon Franklin, Past President, Dave Combs, President, and John Shirley, Director, for efforts and contributions; and introduced Michael M. Schutz and Cindie Luhman as incoming Secretary and Director-as-Large, respectively. Dave Combs, President, passed the gavel to incoming MW ADSA President Leo Timms.

20. **Recognition of retiring ASAS Board and Introduction of New Officers:** Alan Grant thanked Cal Ferrell, Past President, Jerry Shurson, President, and Aubrey Schroeder, Director-as-Large, for their efforts and contributions; introduced Deana Hancock as President-Elect.

21. **Meeting was adjourned** at 8:25 by Jerry Shurson.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick C. Hoffman
Secretary, Midwest ADSA