

BUSINESS MEETING AND AWARDS PROGRAM
MIDWESTERN SECTION ASAS
March 11, 2025

Call to order at 5:38 pm - Crystal Levesque

Approval of Agenda - Crystal Levesque

Introductions - Crystal Levesque

- Crystal Levesque - ASAS Midwest President
- Kim Vonnahme – ASAS Midwest Past President
- Lea Rempel – ASAS Midwest Secretary
- Laura Greiner - ASAS Midwest Director
- Kristin Johnson - ASAS National President
- James Sartin - ASAS CEO
- Caitlin Ross - Midwest Graduate Student Director
- Kaitlyn Sommer - Midwest Graduate Student Director
- Thomas Burkey – Midwest Program Chair

Approval of the 2024 Midwest Business Meeting Minutes – Lea Rempel

Motion – Dan Shike

Second – Tara Felix

Motion Passed.

Financial Report – Lea Rempel

A Money Market account has been established. An approximate 40% reserve will be retained from 2025 to 2026 to accommodate venue price variations. All sponsors from 2024 were retained for the current year.

Motion – John Laughler

Second – Mike Tokach

Motion Passed.

ASAS Midwest 2025 Program Report - Thomas Burkey

886 Attendees (939 in 2024)

- 573 Professional
- 277 Student
- 22 Postdoctoral
- 14 Fellow/Retired

A total of 24 countries were represented at this year's meeting.

Total accepted abstracts – 412 (433 in 2024)

- Oral Abstracts – 308
- Poster Abstracts – 104

Student Competitions:

- Undergraduate Poster – 9
- Undergraduate Oral – 11
- MS Oral – 15
- PhD Oral – 19

ASAS Midwest 2026 Meeting Updates - Thomas Burkey

The Midwest 2026 Meeting will return to Omaha, NE, March 8-11 at the CHI Health Convention Center.

Midwest Meeting format, schedule, and survey – Crystal Levesque

Crystal provided brief comments on an upcoming survey to address the current congested structure of the MWASAS program. The survey will target key points such as:

What are we looking to achieve at the meeting?

How can we provide an excellent conference without excessive overlap in sessions?

Cap on abstracts

Cap on symposia

Reduce young scholar talks to 15 minutes

Competition talks to Sunday rather than Monday

How will we get there?

You will be given an opportunity to provide your thoughts.

Sponsor Recognition - Crystal Levesque

Platinum Level:

- American Society of Animal Science Foundation
- Pharmacosmos

High Profile Sponsors:

- Anitox
- Kemin
- DNA Genetics
- DPP
- Cargil
- Hamlet Protein
- dsm-frimenich
- Novus
- Phibro Animal Health
- Nexus
- Phileo by Lesaffre
- Lucta
- Puretein
- Zoetis

Gold Level:

- Zoetis
- Elanco
- CJ America

Silver Level:

- Eastman
- Selko
- US Soy

Bronze Level:

- Ab Vista
- Bill Barr & Company
- Evonik
- KWS Cereals
- Huvepharma
- Devenish
- iHT Group
- Kent Nutrition Group
- Merck Animal Health
- Trans Ova genetics
- Nexus
- Ralco

Partner Level:

- CSA Animal Nutrition
- ILC Resources
- International Ingredient Corporation
- Zinpro
- Hanley International LLC

Award Sponsors:

- BASF
- Elanco
- United Animal Health
- ASAS Foundation
- Purina
- Dsm-firmenich

Program Committee Chair and Committee Recognition - Crystal Levesque

Tom Burkey has done an outstanding job with coordinating the program and all who have assisted.

Necrology Report - Crystal Levesque

A moment of silence was offered in memory of:

William T. Ahlschwede

Lincoln "Lee" Southern

Lowell Slyter

Taylor L. Hansen

Vernon A. Garwood

Roger W. Mandigo

Darrel "Jay" Jones

Donald C. Lay

Robert A. Bellows

Report from National ASAS President - Kristen Johnson

Dr. Johnson has established 6 goals for her Presidential Plan. One being, "Develop appropriate, effective, and transparent communication strategies." One way to support this goal is with listening sessions at regional meetings to provide members with opportunities for input.

The society needs to support and develop graduate students.

Dr. Dustin Boler is the new EiC for TAS. The Society needs to address Open Access, either making it full or restricted. Writing workshops are being held to support manuscript writing.

Calgary meetings were well attended in 2024 with 1,322 registrants.

Additional accomplishments were listed highlighting career center opportunity and Open Access discussion.

ASAS Foundation Folly Update

Kristen Johnson

Foundation Folly set for March 20-April 9. Every dollar supports the ASAS Foundation.

Recognition of outgoing ASAS Midwest Board

Crystal Levesque

Dr. Kim Vonnahme was recognized as the MWASAS past-President

Kaitlyn Sommer was recognized as the outgoing Graduate Student Director

Transfer of Gavel

Crystal Levesque/Caleb Shull

Crystal wished Caleb, "Good Luck."

Caleb thanked the MWASAS for the opportunity to serve.

Recognition of incoming ASAS Midwest Board

Caleb Shull

Jay Johnson Incoming President-Elect

Madeliene Nichols joining as Graduate Student Director

Additional Business

Caleb Shull

No additional business

Business Meeting Adjournment

Caleb Shull

John Laughler motioned

Amy Petry second.

Motion Approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Awards Program

Caleb Shull

Academic Quadrathlon Recognition

Caleb Shull

North Dakota State University

University of Missouri

Kansas State University

University of Nebraska - Lincoln

South Dakota State University

Michigan State University

Top 3:

Tie for 2nd – UNL and KSU

1st – UMo received \$500 from ASAS

Recognition of University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Caleb Shull

Exceptional organization and coordination of the AQ and practicum.

Undergraduate Poster Competition

Jinsu Hong

3rd – Nicole Freisleben, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

2nd – Eva Safaie, University of Georgia

1st – Kynna Crawford, South Dakota State University

Undergraduate Oral Competition

3rd – Seth Hansen, University of Missouri

2nd – Payton Block, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

1st – Angela McClaskey, University of Missouri

Graduate MS Oral Competition

3rd – Brooke Rudloff, University of Nebraska Lincoln

2nd – Nathan Rehder, Pennsylvania State University

1st – Allison Baumhover, Iowa State

Graduate Ph.D. Oral Competition #1

3rd – Abigail Jenkins, Kansas State University

2nd – Courtney Archer, University of Minnesota

1st – Kaitlyn Sommer, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Graduate Ph.D. Oral Competition #2

3rd – Jimena Ibagon, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

2nd – Caitlin Ross, University of Nebraska Lincoln

1st – Elly Kirwa, Iowa State University

Animal Science Young Scholars

Chris Puls

United Animal Health

Colten Dornbach, Texas Tech University

Yuechi Fu, Purdue University

Diego Lopez, Kansas State University

Andrea Luttmann, Michigan State University

Yifei (Nicole) Wang, Ohio State University

Stahly/Peo Outstanding Graduate Student in Swine Nutrition Award

Kristen Johnson

ASAS Foundation

Dr. Larissa Becker, JBS Live Pork

Outstanding Early Career Agribusiness Award

David Golz

BASF Corporation

Dr. Jon A. De Jong, Pipestone Nutrition

Outstanding Young Researcher Award

Jon Bergstrom
dsm-firmenich

Dr. Zachary Smith, South Dakota State University

Outstanding Young Teacher Award

Jenna Seltzer and Roger Arentson
Elanco

Dr. Alvaro Garcia Guerra, Ohio State University

Outstanding Young Extension Specialist Award

Deb O'Connor
Purina Animal Health

Dr. Jessica L. Sperber, University of Nebraska Lincoln

Gary Allee Graduate Student Travel Award

Hyunjun Choi, North Carolina State University

Caleb Shull

Swine Nutrition Heritage Fund Travel Award

Supatirada Wongchanla, University of California-Davis

Caleb Shull

Recognition of Dr. Crystal Levesque, service as the outgoing president

Caleb Shull

Awards Conclusion

Conclusion of awards at 6:36 pm

Caleb Shull