**Southern Section American Society of Animal Science**

**Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

**Dallas, Texas**

**February 3, 2014**

**Call to Order:** Dr. Wayne Greene, President called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He welcomed the membership tot the meeting and recognized the current Southern Section executive committee and ASAS staff attending the meeting. Dr. Greene also recognized the committee chairs and thanked them for their contributions.

**Welcome to Texas:** Dr. Gordon Carstens representing the Texas A&M University Animal Science Department was introduced. Dr. Carstens welcomed the Southern Section group to Texas and gave a brief overview of animal agriculture in the state and recent accomplishments of the Texas A&M University Animal Science Department.

**Introduction of Past Presidents:** Dr. Greene introduced the past presidents who were in the audience. Those included Dr. Joe Fontenot, VPI & SU; Dr. Tom Troxel, University of Arkansas; Dr. Tom Welsh, Texas A&M University; Dr. Beth Kegley, University of Arkansas; Dr. Deb Aaron, University of Kentucky; Dr. Matt Poore, North Carolina State University; Dr. Dale Coleman, Auburn University; Dr. Ron Randel, Texas A&M University; and Dr. Bob Godfrey, University of the Virgin Islands.

**Southern ASAS Director:** Dr. Russ Muntifering presented a report to the membership. He updated the group on recent ASAS board actions. He emphasized the importance of graduate student membership and planned coordination of graduate directors across sections. He discussed the role ASAS could play in the future as a potential accrediting body for higher education. He directed attention to the many digital resources provide by ASAS to the membership and general public.

**Comments/Update from ASAS:** Dr. Greg Lardy, ASAS President, provided general comments and an update from ASAS. He recognized the national board, talked about undergraduate membership growing, and mentioned the launch of new membership programs in 2013. Dr. Lardy stated that the Journal of Animal Science set a new record for page numbers in 2013. He also noted the Junior Animal Scientist publication, talked about the Innovate program, and discussed Animal Frontiers.

**Secretary-Treasurer and Program Chair Report:** Dr. John Arthrington presented the program report and secretary-treasurer report. Dr. Arthrington recognized the committee chairs and thanked them for their work on the meeting abstract reviews and program development. He expressed particular appreciation to Dr. Matt Hersom for his willingness to chair the graduate student competition session which had a relatively large participation of 26 abstracts presented this year. Dr. Arthrington thanked the staff from the national ASAS office for their assistance in developing the program and coordinating the meeting. He acknowledged Texas A&M University faculty for hosting the Academic Quadrathlon. He reported on the Information Exchange Groups/SERA projects adding much to the meeting on Sunday afternoons. He stressed the importance of renewing the Beef Cattle SERA and noted the important contributions of SCC 81 Sustainable Small Ruminant Production. He also noted the Bill Kunkle beef symposium and its organizers and sponsor, Novus. Dr. Arthrington reported that 122 abstracts were submitted and 118 were accepted for the current meeting up from 94 abstracts in Orlando in 2013 and 104 abstracts in Birmingham in 2012. This was still less than the 2011 and 2010 abstract numbers of 143 in Corpus Christi and 145 in Orlando, respectively. Meeting registrations were up 43% from last year with 282 registrants. Of these, 157 were professional registrants, and 81 were graduate student registrants. Dr. Arthrington encouraged future abstracts submissions and recommended that attendees make personal connections to promote abstract submission and presentation. Dr. Arthrington recognized the assistance he received from the national ASAS in meeting preparation and implementation, and especially thanked Jennifer Gavel for her help. There was a call for any corrections to the minutes and a motion to approve the minutes. There was a correction needed regarding the 2nd place graduate student competition winner from the previous year, and Dr. Arthrington noted that he would make the appropriate correction. Motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Then Dr. Arthrington indicated that a copy of the treasurer’s report was distributed prior to the meeting. There was a call for motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer’s report.

**Academic Quadrathlon Report:** Dr. Olga Bolden-Tiller reported on the academic quadrathlon. She thanked all of the faculty from throughout the Southern Region for their support and assistance with the quadrathlon. Eight teams participated in the academic quadrathlon in 2014 with 1 additional team unable to compete due to weather conditions impacting travel plans. Texas A&M University was thanked for hosting the laboratory practicum. The competition placings were as follows: 1st Texas A&M University, 2nd Oklahoma State University, and 3rd Middle Tennessee State University. Texas A&M University will represent the Southern Section at the national competition during the ASAS national meeting this summer.

**Extension Report:** Dr. Lawton Stewart reported that the extension sessions continue to be strong and active with many of the same persons also participating in the SERA 41 group. There are 15 abstracts this year across a good range of topics. The extension luncheon will take place on Tuesday and is a good opportunity for interaction with extension colleagues from across the region. Dr. Stewart encouraged future abstract submissions in the extension sessions.

**Graduate Student Report:** Amanda Davis and Tiffany Hebb gave the graduate student report. Davis thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve in this role. She recognized past graduate student representatives. She then introduced the newly elected graduate student representative, Elizabeth Backes, from the University of Arkansas. Hebb gave an overview of the graduate student lunch and learn. She mentioned graduate student contributions to Taking Stock and requested assistance in updating graduate student contact lists.

**Nomination Committee and Election Report:** Dr. Bob Godfrey reported that Dr. Charles Rosenkrans from the University of Arkansas was elected Secretary-Treasurer Elect. The committee was chaired by David Morrison and included Godfrey, Tom Welch, and Matt Poore.

**Necrology Report:** Dr. Greene recognized the Necrology Committee chaired by Steve Schmidt and presented their report. The following ASAS member passed away this last year, Phil Utley (University of Georgia). A moment of silence was held in recognition of the deceased.

**Resolutions Committee Report:** Dr. Greene called on Dr. Sam Coleman to give the Resolutions Committee report. The 2014 Resolutions Committee was comprised of S. W. Coleman (OK), chair, R. B. Muntifering (AL) and N. Gurung (AL). The committee presented the following 4 resolutions for consideration by the membership.

***Resolution No. 1.*****Recognition of the Host of the 2014 Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting and the Southern Regional Academic Quadrathlon.**

**Whereas,** the 2014 Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting was hosted by the Texas A&M University in an outstanding manner, and

**Whereas,** the faculty, staff, and students of the Animal Science Department contributed to

the success of the meetings in a positive manner and ensured that participants in the Southern

Regional Academic Quadrathlon had an educational and enjoyable experience;

**Therefore be it resolved,** that the Secretary of the Southern Section extend an expression of

the Society's Appreciation to the Texas A&M University's Animal Science Department for the

willing support of their faculty, staff, and students and for the professionalism with which they

hosted the academic quadrathlon.

***Resolution No.2.* Recognition of Chairs of the Various Section Committees.**

**Whereas,** the primary purpose of the gathering of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science is to foster the exchange of scientific knowledge related to the responsible use of animals to enhance human life and well-being; and

**Whereas,** the chairs of the various disciplinary committees have played significant and

professional roles contributing to the quality and success of the meeting;

**Therefore be it resolved,** that the membership express appreciation to the committee chairs for their role in facilitating a productive meeting.

***Resolution No. 3.* Recognition of Sponsors and Supporters of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science Professional Awards.**

**Whereas,** recognition of colleagues that have excelled in research, education, and/or extension

is an important and noteworthy part of the Society, and sponsorship of awards requires

cooperation and financial support from numerous organizations and businesses;

**Therefore be it resolved,** that the Secretary of the Southern Section of the American Society

of Animal Science, the award recipients, and the general membership extend sincere appreciation to our sponsors and supporters for their generosity in the furtherance of animal

agriculture.

***Resolution No. 4.* Commendation of the Officers of the Southern Section of**

**the American Society of Animal Science.**

**Whereas,** the officers of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science, together with the other members of the Executive Committee, have worked diligently to ensure

the success of the Southern Section through their leadership and positive attitudes;

**Therefore be it resolved,** that the membership of the Southern Section of the Society extend

a sincere thank you and express gratitude to our colleagues by a resounding round of applause. The Resolutions Committee of the 2014 Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science moves adoption of these resolutions as presented. Motion was accepted with a round of applause.

**Old Business:** Dr. Greene called upon Dr. Beth Kegley to present an update on Southern Section ASAS strategic planning. Dr. Kegley recognized the members of the Strategic Planning Committee including Kegley (chair), Matt Poore, Ron Randel, Deb Aaron, Bob Godfrey, and Joe Fontenot. The committee did a SWOT analysis of Southern Section and came up with 6 strategic directions which were presented to the executive committee. The executive committee will consider these recommendations and develop a strategic plan for future consideration by the membership.

**New Business:** The floor was opened for new business. There was none.

**Installation of New President and Transfer of Gavel:** Dr. Greene delivered closing comments as outgoing President. He thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve. He noted his involvement in Southern Section over many years. He thanked Dr. Fontenot for his mentorship. Dr. Greene encouraged the younger generation to participant in professional service. He extended appreciation to the ASAS staff for their support and help during his year serving as Secretary-Treasurer and Program Chair. Dr. Greene thanked the executive committee for their teamwork and then transferred the gavel to Dr. David Lalman, incoming President. Dr. Lalman presented Dr. Greene with a plaque of appreciation for his service. Dr. Lalman asked the membership for additional business. There was none. Motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.

**Awards Program:** The awards program immediately followed the business meeting.

Dr. Lalman called Amanda Davis to the podium for presentation of her plaque in recognition for her service as the Graduate Student Director for 2012 to 2014.

The Academic Quadrathlon awards were presented to

 1st place team: Texas A&M University

 2nd place team: Oklahoma State University

 3rd place team; Middle Tennessee State University

The Undergraduate Student Competition awards were presented to

 1st place: K. M. Doran, Berry College – Abstract 113

 2nd place: T. N. Drane, University of Arkansas – Abstract 114

 3rd place: K. S. Carlson, Sam Houston State University – Abstract 115

The Graduate Student Competition awards were presented to

 1st place: L. K. Mabry, North Carolina State University - Abstract 52

 2nd place: W. B. Smith, University of Arkansas - Abstract 37

 3rd place: H. N. Graham, Texas A&M University, Commerce - Abstract 55

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Tom Welsh of Texas A&M University.

The Extension Award was presented to Dr. Les Anderson of the University of Kentucky.

The Young Animal Scientist – Research Award was presented to Dr. Christy Bratcher of Auburn University.

The Young Animal Scientist – Education Award was presented to Dr. Kyle Stutts of Sam Houston State University.

The Swine Industry Award for Innovation was presented to M. D. Johnson of Texas A&M University.

The Emerging Scholar Award was presented to Dr. Angela Mays of the University of Arkansas.

The ASAS Foundation Fontenot Appreciation Club Travel Award was presented to Staci DeGeer of Auburn University.

The awards program was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.