

MINUTES
Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science
Annual Business Meeting
Orlando, Florida
February 6, 2006

Copies of the minutes of the 2005 Little Rock, Arkansas meeting, the 2005 pre-audit financial report, and biographies of 2006 award winners were made available to attendees upon arrival to the meeting room.

The annual business meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science was held on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. with Dr. Ron Randel, President, presiding.

The following items of business were transacted:

1. **Call to Order.** President Ron Randel called the 2006 Southern Section ASAS Business Meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. President Randel welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sixteen graduate student competition presentations were made at this meeting and this may be a record number.
2. **Welcome to the State of Florida.** Dr. Glen Hembry, Chair, Animal Sciences, University of Florida welcomed the Southern Section ASAS to Florida on behalf of Florida A&M, the ARS – Subtropical Agricultural Research Station, and the University of Florida faculty from North Florida, Ona, and campus. Dr. Hembry indicated that Gainesville was on the way home for many driving to this meeting and to feel free to stop by and tour the campus. Florida has a large equine industry quite visible around Ocala. The beef industry in the state is composed of both large and small size operations. The large size operations have some of the largest cow numbers in the nation, one operation as many as 40,000 head. The average size of dairy herds in the state is 700 to 800 cows. There are lots of changes in agriculture in the state, a major one being the rapid escalation in land prices that has resulted in large land holdings being sold to developers as well as the movement of cattle operations out of the state to Texas and Oklahoma.
3. **Introduction of Past Presidents.** President Randel recognized Dr. David Buchanan as President of ASAS, Dr. Joe Fontenot as a Past President of ASAS, and Drs. Debra Aaron, Dave Buchanan, Don Ely, Joe Fontenot, Don Franke, Tom Troxel, and Bob Wettemann as Past Presidents of the Southern Section ASAS. Debra Aaron indicated that there was nothing to report from Past Presidents.

- 4. Comments from ASAS President.** Dr. David Buchanan, Oklahoma State University, offered greetings from the National ASAS and recognized Paula Schultz as Interim Executive Director of ASAS. Dr. Buchanan expressed the following: 1) An Executive Director for ASAS has been hired, name has been withheld pending resignation from current employer, and this person will report to ASAS in March, 2) Submissions to the Journal of Animal Science were slightly increased for 2005 and submissions from foreign countries represented 50% of the submissions a significant increase for 2005, 3) Dr. Larry Reynolds is the new Editor in Chief effective September 2005 and brings new experiences to the position, 4) a goal is to have all issues of the Journal of Animal Science available on line, 5) there was a continued decline in ASAS memberships in 2005 and any suggestions for turning this trend around would be welcomed, 6) much planning is going into the ASAS Centennial celebration in 2008 to be held in Indianapolis, 7) the National ASAS meeting this year will be held in Minneapolis and is a joint meeting with ADSA whom will be celebrating their Centennial, 8) FASS has been going through financial hard times, however, in the last year Dr. Jerry Baker assumed CEO responsibilities and with the Treasurer's help FASS is in the black and paying down debt; this has allowed FASS to be accepting candidates for the representative position in Washington D.C., a position that has not been filled in the recent past, 9) Therefore, the news is generally good from the ASAS.
- 5. Comments from the Interim Executive Director, ASAS.** Paula Schultz recognized the importance of the work done by the FASS staff at Savoy for sectional and National ASAS meetings. Louise Audrieth and others do things from keeping the computer programs up and running to downloading the program on the website. Over 1400 abstracts were submitted for the 2006 National ASAS meeting to be held in Minneapolis. The National meeting will include 30 symposia, morning posters, an extended lunch hour, an opening session on Sunday, and a closing ceremony on Wednesday. Activities are scheduled to celebrate the ADSA Centennial and all attendees are invited to participate. Remember that February 15, 2006 is the deadline for ASAS members to vote for the logo for the ASAS Centennial (2008). Future National meeting sites are: San Antonio – 2007, Indianapolis – 2008, Montreal – 2009, and Denver – 2010.
- 6. Program Secretary/Treasurer's Report.** Dr. Chad Chase thanked the University of Florida for hosting the regional Academic Quadrathlon in Gainesville (lab practical and written exam) and Orlando (oral presentation and quiz bowl) and all the Committee/Session chairs for their hard work preparing for and conducting the sessions. During the two days of oral presentations, 130 abstracts were presented along with 2 additional invited talks and an invited workshop (3 hours) in the following 9

categories: Undergraduate Student Competition (8 abstracts), Graduate Student Competition (16 abstracts), Breeding and Genetics (5 abstracts), Physiology (29 abstracts including 6 from a symposium), Ruminant Animal Production (29 abstracts), Pastures and Forages (8 abstracts), Meats (8 abstracts including 2 from a symposium plus 2 invited talks), Small Ruminant Production (17 abstracts), and Extension (10 abstracts plus 3 hour invited workshop). For comparison, there were 132 presentations at '05 – Little Rock; 126 presentations at '04 – Tulsa; and 129 presentations at '03 – Mobile. The Southern Section welcomed the following groups that convened during our annual meeting: IEG-72 Enhancing Reproduction in Cattle, IEG-75 Strategies for Southern Forages, IEG Small Ruminant Production, Southern Regional Extension Specialists, and Small Ruminant Subcommittee of the NAGP. As of meeting time, registrations included 119 faculty and staff, 52 graduate students, and 34 undergraduate students. (Note: final registration numbers were 122, 52, and 34, respectively, total 208). For comparison, total member registrations were 222 for '05 – Little Rock; 216 for '04 – Tulsa; and 247 for '03 – Mobile. Thanks go to the staff at Savoy for developing a Southern Section web page – please check it out. Dr. Chase referred to the minutes from the 2005 Business Meeting that had been handed out at the start of this meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously. Dr. Chase referred to the 2005 Financial Report (pre-audit) and mentioned that the balance at the end of 2005 was \$12,507.55 and at the end of 2004 was \$10,362.66. A motion was made to accept the 2005 Financial Report (pre-audit), seconded, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Academic Quadrathlon Report.** Dr. Joel Yelich presented the results of the 2006 Academic Quadrathlon. The University of Florida, Department of Animal Sciences hosted the Academic Quadrathlon in Gainesville (lab practicum and written exam; Saturday) and in Orlando (oral presentations and quiz bowl; Sunday). There were eight participating teams including the University of Tennessee, Texas A&M University at Kingsville, North Carolina State University, University of Kentucky, Virginia Tech, Mississippi State University, Texas A&M University, and The University of Florida. The Quadrathlon Committee consisted of Dr. Joel Yelich, Chair, (University of Florida), Dr. Lisa Kriese-Anderson (Auburn University), Dr. Charlie Rosenkrans (University of Arkansas), and Dr. Scott Whisnant (North Carolina State University). David Krieder (University of Arkansas) served as a judge for oral presentations and Brian Rude (Mississippi State University) and Jodi Sterle (Texas A&M University) assisted with the quiz bowl by reading questions and keeping score, respectively. The top three teams for the lab practicum were: University of Florida – 1st place; Virginia Tech – 2nd place; Texas A&M University – 3rd place. The top three teams for the written exam were: University of Tennessee – 1st place; Mississippi State University – 2nd place; Texas A&M University – 3rd

place. The top three teams for the oral presentation were: Virginia Tech – 1st place; University of Kentucky – 2nd place; Texas A&M University – 3rd place. The top three teams for the quiz bowl were: Texas A&M University, - 1st place; Virginia Tech – 2nd place; University of Kentucky – 3rd place. The final standings of the top three teams were: Texas A&M University – 1st place; Virginia Tech – 2nd place; University of Florida – 3rd place. The winning team members included Dest Sudduth, Blane Cordes, Russell Real, and Cody Gladney; and their advisor was Dr. Jodi Sterle.

8. **Extension Report.** Dr. John Johns indicated that the extension presentations would commence tomorrow with a special workshop titled, “Meeting the Media,” presented by Michele P. Murray from the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) and sponsored by the Beef Check-Off. There will be an extension luncheon sponsored by Alltech and followed by abstract presentations in the afternoon.
9. **Necrology Report.** Dr. Don Ely asked colleagues and friends for the remembrance of the following individuals whom passed on since the last meeting: Doyle Chambers, Louisiana State University; A. V. Allen, Frank Smith, and Jim Leatherwood, North Carolina State University; Joe Whiteman, Oklahoma State University; Howard Hesby, Texas A&M University; Charles “Chuck” Chamberlain, University of Tennessee. A moment of silence was observed in memory of these members.
10. **Resolutions Committee Report.** Dr. Bob Wettemann presented five resolutions for consideration.

Resolution No. 1. Recognition of the Host of the 2006 Southern Section of American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting and Academic Quadrathlon

Whereas, the 2006 Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting was hosted by the University of Florida in an outstanding manner, and **Whereas**, the Animal Science Department Faculty, staff and students contributed to the success of the meetings as well as The Southern Regional Academic Quadrathlon and contributed to both the success and the enjoyment of the event: **Be it resolved:** that the Secretary of the Southern Section extend an expression of the Society’s appreciation to the University of Florida Animal Science Department faculty, staff and students for their support and professionalism in which they hosted the meeting.

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

Whereas, the primary purpose of the gathering of the Southern Section of American Society of Animal Science is the exchange of research, education and concepts in animal production: **Whereas**, the chairs of the

various committees have played significant and professional roles in the success of the meeting: **Be it resolved:** that the membership express appreciation to the committee chairs for their role in making the meeting a success by a round of applause.

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

Whereas, recognition of colleagues that have excelled in research, education and extension is an important function of the Society and sponsorship of awards requires cooperation and financial support from numerous businesses and organizations: **Be it resolved:** that the Secretary of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science as well as the recipients of the awards and the general membership extend appreciation to these sponsors for their gracious support.

Resolution No. 4. Recognition of National Cattlemen's Beef Association

Whereas, the National Cattlemen's Beef association's provided training on "Meeting the Media" to the Southern Section attendees in order for the participants to be better trained on how to react more comfortably to requests from the media for interviews: **Be it resolved:** that the Secretary of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science as well as those recipients of the training express appreciation to Michele P. Murray and the NCBA for their gracious assistance.

Resolution No. 5. Commendation of the Officers of the Southern Section of American Society of Animal Science

Whereas, the officers of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science have worked to ensure the continued success of the Southern Section through their leadership and positive attitudes: **Be it resolved:** that the membership of the Southern Section of the Society extend a sincere thank you and express our appreciation to our colleagues by a resounding round of applause.

Approval was shown by an extended applause.

11. **Nomination Committee and Election Report.** Dr. Tom Troxel announced the results of the election. Dr. David Morrison was elected Secretary-Treasurer elect.
12. **New Business.** Dr. Ron Randel informed the membership that the Constitution of the Southern Section is outdated with respect to the submission of abstracts and award nominations because these are now conducted electronically. The Constitution needs to be amended to

accurately reflect the new dates and procedures instituted with electronic submission. A motion was presented to allow the Executive Committee to update the Constitution as to those dates and procedures associated with the electronic submission of abstracts, award nominations, etc. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

13. **Installation of New President.** Dr. Dale Coleman was installed as the new President of Southern Section of American Society of Animal Science for 2006-2007.

Dr. Coleman indicated that next years meeting was scheduled for February 2-7, 2007 in Mobile. There was a motion to close the business meeting that was seconded and passed unanimously. Dr. Coleman then opened the Southern Section ASAS Awards Program.

1. **Undergraduate Student Competition** (presented by Dr. Charles Rosenkrans)
 - 1st Place – Daniel Sykes, Mississippi State University (Abst. #1, *Estrus detection in gilts using digital infrared thermal imaging*).
 - 2nd Place – Sarah N. Wheeler, Morehead State University (Abst. #3, *The effect of breed type on real-time ultrasound carcass traits, performance and pelvic measurement of heifers enrolled in the Eastern Kentucky Heifer Development Program*).
 - 3rd Place – Andrea K. Lunsford, University of Kentucky (Abst. #6, *Nutrient utilization in Polypay and percentage White Dorper lambs fed a high roughage and a high concentrate diet*).
2. **Graduate Student Competition** (presented by Dr. Don Franke)
 - 1st Place – Leon R. Legleiter, North Carolina state University, (Abst. #15, *Copper deficiency results in decreased brain copper but does not affect brain prion protein characteristics in mature Angus cows*).
 - 2nd Place – Reinaldo F. Cooke, University of Florida (Abst. #22, *Effects of supplement type on performance, reproductive and physiological parameters of yearling Brahman-crossbred heifers*).
 - 3rd Place – Clay Cavinder, Texas A&M University (Abst. #19, *Serum concentration comparisons of thyroxine, insulin-like growth factor-I and leptin in foaling mares of fat versus moderate condition*).
3. **2006 Joe Fontenot Graduate Student Travel Scholarship**
(presented by Dr. Joe Fontenot)
Sponsored by: The Joe Fontenot Appreciation Club
Winner: Rachel Zinner, University of Kentucky
4. **2006 National Pork Board Innovative Research Award**
(presented by Dr. Dale Coleman)

Sponsored by: National Pork Board, Des Moines, IA
Winner: Dr. Jeff A. Carroll, USDA-ARS, Lubbock, TX (Abst. #84,
*Evaluation of non-nutrient additives as immunomodulators in
nursery pigs*).

5. **2006 Extension Award** (presented by Dr. Warren Gill)
Sponsored by: Boehringer Ingelheim, Vetmedica Division, St.
Joseph, MO
Winner: Dr. Allen F. Harper, Virginia Tech
6. **2006 Young Animal Scientist – Education Award** (presented by
Dr. Joel Yelich)
Sponsored by: Elanco Animal Health, Greenfield, IN
Winner: Dr. Michael Looper, USDA-ARS, Booneville, AR
7. **2006 Young Animal Scientist – Research Award** (presented by
Dr. Beth Kegley)
Winner: Dr. Scott T. Willard, Mississippi State University
8. **2006 Distinguished Service Award** (presented by Dr. Stacey
Gunter)
Winner: Dr. Gary Hill, University of Georgia
9. **Recognition of Service to the Southern Section** (presented by
Dr. Dale Coleman)
Dr. Ron Randel was awarded the President's service plaque for
recognition of his service as President of the Southern Section
ASAS.

The awards program adjourned at about 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad C. Chase, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Section ASAS