

Minutes
Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science
Annual Business Meeting
Corpus Christi, TX
February 7, 2011

Copies of the minutes of the 2010 Orlando, FL meeting, the 2010 pre-audit financial report, and biographies of the 2011 award winners were made available to attendees upon arrival to the meeting room.

The annual business meeting of the Southern Section of ASAS was held in Nueces Ballroom of the Omni Bayfront Hotel starting at 5:00 pm on Monday, February 7, 2011 with Dr. Matt Poore, President, presiding.

The following items of business were transacted:

1. **Call to order:** President Matt Poore called the business meeting to order at 1700. He welcomed everyone to the 2011 Southern Section ASAS meeting. He recognized the current Southern Section ASAS officers (David Morrison, Past President; Tom Welsh, President Elect; Bob Godfrey, Secretary-Treasurer; and Wayne Greene, Secretary-Treasurer elect; Southern Director Joel Yelich) and the program chairs. He introduced Dr. Russell Cross, Interim Head, Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University to deliver the Texas Welcome.
2. **Welcome to Texas.** Dr. Russell Cross welcomed Southern Section ASAS members to Texas. Dr. Cross shared that beef is a Texas animal commodity that is important to the state's economy. Texas A&M University is a member of the 11 member Texas A&M University System. Texas A&M University has reached 50,000 students strong. The Department of Animal Science is composed of 65 faculty members that are housed both on and off campus. The Department is home to 750 undergraduate students and 130 graduate students. The department is blessed with good facilities for educating students. Currently, the department is working with the University and donors in the development of plans to build an equine facility that will house all horse activities in teaching, extension and equestrian performance at Texas A&M University. Dr. Cross indicated that the department has challenges and they are not different than the challenges presented to all the other departments of animal science across the region and nation. Dr. Cross indicated that his department's initiative was beef cattle and beef competitiveness in a global market. He indicated that his animal science faculty are leading the way in genomics across the campus, state and nation. President Poore thanked Dr. Cross for his comments and recognized him for the value of TAMU in hosting this meeting.
3. **Introduction of Past Presidents.** President Poore recognized the past presidents. These included Dr. David Morrison, LSU Ag Center; Dr. Beth Kegley, University of Arkansas; Dr. Chad Chase, USDA; Dr. Tom Troxel, University of Arkansas; Dr. Bob Wetteman, Oklahoma State University; Dr. Paul Harms, Texas A&M University and Dr. Joe

Fontenot, Virginia Tech University. Dr. Poore recognized Dr. Fontenot as being president in 1972-73.

- 4. Comments/Update from ASAS.** President Poore introduced ASAS President Ronnie Green and welcomed him to the podium. Dr. Green expressed pleasure to be here to meet with the Southern Section. Dr. Green emphasized the following points: ASAS finds itself in good financial condition in 2011. It is important for us all to remember that ASAS is run by the membership. The things that happen in ASAS and the southern section happen because of the members involvement. ASAS appreciates the service of the members and their publishing in the Journal of Animal Science. We've had a successful meeting today with a great event continuing through tomorrow. Dr. Green thanked several southern section members who are serving on the ASAS Board of Directors. These are: Joel Yelich, David Morrison, Deb Aaron, Clint Kreibel, Mike Looper, Jerry Weighal, and Bob Wetteman. We are fortunate that we have a great staff at ASAS. Paula Shultz has retired to spend more time with her family in Illinois. We will honor Paula at the New Orleans meeting during summer 2011. We were fortunate to find a high quality replacement in Ms. Jacelyn Friedrich and she joins us at this meeting. We had a large number of applicants for this position and Jacelyn brings a lot of expertise in the marketing arena. Our financial condition is in excellent condition in the Society and is significantly in the black. Last year we finished with a \$400K surplus with 10% return. The ASAS net worth is just over \$4 million. We are in good condition membership wise. We have increased membership at a 4% rate with over 5,000 members. We have a record number of graduate and undergraduate student members. The society implemented a strategic plan that started three years ago covering the years 2008-14. We are living by the strategic plan. This plan has come to life and seen a vast majority of goals achieved to date. We have monthly web cast on various topics. We have a new educator and extension program, and have started down the road of having international meetings. We had a meeting in China last year and this coming October will be hosting a South American meeting in Argentina. The journal continues to thrive with more pages than ever before published. The journal is ranked number 1 in impact factor internationally overtaking the Journal of Dairy Science this year. Dr. Steve Zinn will continue as Editor and Chief of the journal for another term. Dr. Green reported that Dr. Zinn would say a note of appreciation to section and division editors and reviewers. ASAS is initiating a new journal published in partnership with the European and Canadian societies. This Journal will be published in magazine format with topics centered on an issue. The July issue will be on carbon footprint. The ASAS meeting in Denver during 2010 was the largest meeting ever and the Society did well financially. ASAS hopes to continue this track record in New Orleans for 2011. We expect the meeting in New Orleans to be smaller since we are meeting only with ADSA. Expectations are to have 2700 people at the meeting. One of the things the society recognized to do is to look at the annual meeting long term in the future. A task force of 6 members from ASAS and ADSA was formed to evaluate the nature of the annual meeting and how we conduct it over the long term. Meetings are scheduled through 2014 and the meeting continues to evolve and change. We need to be thinking about how we continue to do this. The society is working with partners for the development of FAIR in 2012. This will be the third on conducted. The process is to draw attention to issues in animal science. The last item

reported by Dr. Green was that ASAS is very pleased with the effort to re-energize the presence of the society in Washington. Lowell Randel has consulted with FASS in the past and done a fabulous job. He is now working for FASS in this capacity. It is critical for animal sciences to be represented in this process inside Washington DC.

- 5. Southern ASAS Director:** President Poore reported that last year we voted to separate the secretary treasurer position from the responsibility of serving as the Southern Director to ASAS. Dr. Joel Yelich was elected as the Southern Director and is now serving in that capacity. Dr. Yelich took the podium and reported his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the southern section. He indicated that he has been in the position for a few months. He reported that we now have two graduate student national directors and two in the southern section. He reported that award nominations for the national awards are closing on February 14 and encouraged members to nominate colleagues for these awards. Dr. Yelich reported on the interest to return the academic quadrathlon competition to the national meeting and hopefully this will happen in 2012.
- 6. Secretary-Treasurer and Program Chair Report:** President Matt Poore called on the secretary treasurer, Dr. Bob Godfrey to give the Secretary-Treasurer report. Dr. Godfrey thanked all the sections chairs in organizing the meeting. Dr. Godfrey recognized the chairs of each section (Lisa A. Kriese-Anderson, Peter L. Ryan, Jason P. Banta, Adegbola T. Adesogan, Ty B. Schmidt, Niki C. Whitley, Joao Mauricio Bueno Vendramini, Charles F. Rosenkrans, Jr). Dr. Godfrey reported that the chairs did a good job in keeping the program going and on time. He thanked TAMU-Kingsville organizing the academic quadrathlon and TAMU for hosting the practicum. We have had a lot of activities at this year's meeting to include three "information exchange groups" which include; SERA- Beef Cattle Production Using Forages in the Southeast, SCC-72 Enhancing Reproductive Efficiency, and SCC-81 Sustainable Small Ruminant Production, and the Small Ruminant Committee of the National Animal Germplasm Preservation Program and the Extension Luncheon. A new event this year was the Graduate Student luncheon organized by our Graduate Student Representatives on the Executive Committee with sponsorship from Elanco Animal Health. This ties in with student activities at the national level of ASAS and we hope that this continues at future meetings. Appreciation was expressed for the organizational commitment of the graduate student directors for their planning and hosting the graduate student luncheon. We had graduate student competition which ran all day today. The Extension and Ruminant Animal Production committees organized a symposium focused on heifer development that was very well attended. In all, there were 135 submitted abstracts and 4 invited papers presented. This was a small decrease from the previous meeting in Orlando (142 submitted and 4 invited). Of the submitted and accepted abstracts there was 1 in teaching and undergraduate education, 27 in the graduate student competition, 10 in the undergraduate competition, 8 in breeding and genetics, 17 in physiology, 7 in meat science, 18 in extension, 18 small ruminant animal production, 12 ruminant animal production, and 10 pastures and forages. Total registration at the time of the business meeting was 137 professional, 55 graduate student, and 44 undergraduate student for a total of 236 (by the end of the registration on Feb 8 the total was 140 professional, 58 graduate students, and 44 undergraduate students for a total of 242, compared to 135

professional, 51 graduate student, and 37 undergraduate for a total of 223 at Orlando in 2010). Dr. Godfrey asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2010 meetings. The motion was made and seconded, and the minutes were approved as submitted. Dr. Godfrey then asked the attendees to look at the pre-audit financial report and asked for a motion to approve that. The motion was made and seconded, and the financial statement was approved without further discussion.

7. **Academic Quadrathlon Report:** President Moore called Dr. Joel Yelich to the podium to give the academic quadrathlon report. Dr. Yelich reported that the practicum was held at TAMU in College Station and TAMU was closed due to inclement weather on Friday before the quadrathlon. There were seven teams in the competition including Texas A&M University, Tuskegee University, University of Tennessee, Mississippi State University, Texas A&M University – Kingsville, University of Florida and Auburn University. This was the same number, but different teams, that participated in Orlando in 2010.

The results were as follows:

1st—Texas A&M--- Alyzabeth Looney, Alyssa Looney, Christine Mescher, Michelle Bedenbaugh

2nd-- University of Tennessee -- Amanda Carlile, Caroline Ellis, Levi Holt, Heslie Powell

3rd-- University of Florida -- Peter Linde, Marissa Navarro, Stephanie Kirchman, Lauren Ellison

8. **Extension Report:** Dr. Poore called Dr. Jason Banta to the podium to deliver the Extension Report. Dr. Banta thanked the fellow members of his committee Justin Rhinehart and Jeff Lehmkuhler. Dr. Banta reported that the Extension Luncheon will be off site this year and is not supported by a sponsor. There are 25 people paying for the luncheon at present. The luncheon will be hosted at the Waterstreet Seafood Company. It is 5 blocks from the hotel.
9. **Graduate Student Report:** Dr. Poore called on Leanne Dillard and Jackie Wahrmond to the podium to present the graduate student report. Ms. Wahrmond reported that the new graduate student rep is Ms. Andrea Lloyd from TAMU. Ms. Wahrmond read her bio to the membership. Ms. Dillard reported on the graduate student activities. The graduate student directors initiated the graduate student luncheon. The luncheon has been sold out and will have 36 students attending. At the luncheon they will have a panel discussion on ‘the job search’. They have invited three panelists to direct comments to the graduate students in attendance. The graduate students made a recommendation to the executive committee to separate the MS and PhD students for the competition section at the southern section meetings. This will alleviate the long session for this competition. This recommendation was considered and will be implemented by the executive committee for the 2012 meeting. President Poore expressed appreciation for the graduate student service.
10. **Nomination Committee and Election Report** Dr. Tom Troxel was called to give the nomination committee report. Dr. Troxel recognized the members of his committee Chad

Chase, Beth Kegley and David Morrison. Dr. Troxel indicated the committee has two duties. One was to identify the nominees for Southern Director for the Board of Directors of the national organization and the other was to identify the nominees for the secretary-treasurer elect. He thanked all the members of the society for their interest and involvement in the association. He explained that the nomination committee over time has developed a list of active members with a history of serving in leadership roles within the southern section. The nominees are selected from this group and recommended to the executive committee. If anyone in the membership would like to be considered for a leadership role, they can express an interest to the executive committee or the nominating committee. For this year, Dr. Les Anderson and Dr. David Lalman were nominated for secretary-treasurer elect. Following the electronic voting, Dr. David Lalman was named secretary treasurer elected of the Southern Section.

11. **Resolutions Committee Report:** David Morrison was called to give the resolutions committee report. He identified the committee members, Bill Phillips and Beth Kegley, and identified four resolutions.

Resolution No. 1. Recognition of the Host of the 2011 Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting and the Southern Regional Academic Quadrathlon.

Whereas, the 2011 Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting was hosted by 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 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 meeting and 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 by a round of applause.

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 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 2011 Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science moves adoption of these resolutions as presented. All four resolutions were approved by the attendees by a round of applause.

12. **Necrology Report:** Dr. John Waller was called to give the necrology report. Dr. Waller identified the committee members, Jim Sanders and Paul Beck. Dr. Waller presented the following members as having passed during the past year. Dr. Leroy Boyd (Mississippi); Dr. Lowell Eugene Walters, Dr. Leon S. "Bill" Pope (Oklahoma); Dr. Richard P. McDonald, Dr. W.C. "Bill" Ellis (Texas); Dr. Herschel V. Shirley, Prof. Ed E. Lidvall (Tennessee); Dr. Kenneth Carlson "KC" Williamson (Virginia). Dr. Waller asked if there were any additions to this list from the membership. It was identified that Dr. Joe Johnson of the University of Georgia who was a retired dairy scientist passed on December 26, 2010. The membership was asked to stand for a moment of silence.
13. **Old Business:** President Poore presented highlights of Executive Committee Business Meeting held on 2-6-2011. President Poore indicated that the Monday morning sessions had been expanded into three sessions giving more variety of information delivery. A special thanks was given to Elanco for their support of the break during the Monday sessions. President Poore indicated that the graduate student representatives had added a positive contribution to the southern section. With the change in the registration policy of members vs. non members we signed up a number of new members to the society adding to our ranks in the southern section. Because of the location of the southern sections meetings for the next several years, four universities will have the burden of hosting the academic quadrathlon practicum.
14. **New Business:**
 - The Executive Committee approved up to \$1000 for cost incurred by Texas A&M University in the conduct of the recent practicum and has asked the academic quadrathlon committee to establish a budget for submission to the Southern Section

ASAS Executive Committee for approval for future years of the academic quadrathlon practicum.

- Graduate student paper competition has grown very large over the last several years. We had 27 abstracts of research presented for competition this year. This was extremely large making the evaluation process very difficult. The Executive Committee entertained several recommendations for a solution. The Executive Committee approved splitting the competition into two sections – one will be a M.S. competition and one will be a Ph.D. competition. Students winning the M.S. competition will be eligible to compete in the Ph.D. competition when they become Ph.D. students conducting research. We will have two sets of judges for both competitions. We think this change will continue to increase the number of students competing in this competition.
- Another item of new business that needs a membership vote pertains to the responsibility of officers. The secretary-treasurer position contains the largest responsibility of any of the officer positions. It is proposed to shift the responsibility of the preparation of minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting and the Business Meeting to the secretary/treasurer-elect position. This will require a constitution change. A motion from the floor was made and seconded, and the members passed the motion unanimously.

15. Installation of New President and Transfer of Gavel: Dr. Matt Poore gave comments about his presidency during the past year indicating that he really enjoyed the service. He indicated that we were in challenging times and that we are all challenged. However, we have a great opportunity before us. Dr. Poore quoted “These are not the best of times; but, they are the only times I’ve ever known”. Dr. Poore addressed the younger members of the society by saying, “These are your times. Develop a vision and focus. Develop a funding plan and pursue it; and, if it fails, get up and do it again. Figure out what’s wrong, get up and build it because it’s your future.” Dr. Matt Poore called Dr. Tom Welsh to the podium and turned over the gavel to Dr. Welsh for his service and leadership of the Southern Section ASAS for 2011. Dr. Welsh thanked Dr. Poore for his service and asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion from the floor was made and seconded, and the members passed the motion unanimously.

Awards Program- Tom Welsh, presiding.

1. Undergraduate Student Competition.

- 1st place – L.A. Smith, Auburn University
- 2nd place – C.R Ahrens, University of Arkansas
- 3rd place – M.L Penick, Morehead State University

2. Graduate Student Competition.

- 1st place – J. Tyus, Tennessee State University
- 2nd place – A.R. Boyer, University of Arkansas
- 3rd place – A.L. Sexton, Oklahoma State University

3. 2011 Joe Fontenot Graduate Student Travel Scholarship.

Sponsored by the Joe Fontenot Appreciation Club and presented by Joe Fontenot

Winner: Laura Whittish, Virginia Tech University

4. 2011 National Pork Board Innovation Research Award. Presented and chaired by Tom Welsh.

Winner: Dr. Mark Estienne, Virginia Tech University, Based on Abstract #94: Use of MATRIX[®] and P.G. 600[®] in combination to synchronize estrus in replacement gilts.

5. 2011 Extension Award. Chaired by Allen Harper and presented by Matt Poore.

Winner: Dr. Richard Coffey, University of Kentucky

6. 2011 Young Animal Scientist – Education Award. Chaired and presented by Mike Looper.

Winner: Dr. Chance Brookes, Texas Tech University

7. 2011 Young Animal Scientist – Research Award. Chaired by Matt Poore and presented by Tom Welsh.

Winner: Dr. Chance Brookes, Texas Tech University

8. 2011 Emerging Scholar Award. Presented and chaired by David Morrison.

Co-Winners: Scott Fry, North Carolina State University;
John Richeson, University of Arkansas

9. 2011 Distinguished Service Award. Chaired by Don Ely and presented by Gary Hill.

Winner: Dr. Paul Harms, Texas A&M University

10. Recognition of Service to the Southern Section.

Lean Dillard of Auburn University was recognized for her service as the outgoing graduate student representatives on the Executive Committee. Dr. Matt Poore was awarded the President's service plaque for recognition of the dedicated service he has provided as an officer and as the 2010-2011 president of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science.

After the award presentations, Dr. Welsh encouraged all members of the Southern Section to nominate their colleagues that were deserving of one of the awards.

The award program adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Bob Godfrey
2010-2011 Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Section ASAS