

**Southern Section,
American Society of Animal Science
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
BJCC (3rd Floor) East Meeting Room N
Birmingham
February 6, 2012**

Call to Order: Dr. Tom Welsh, President called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. He welcomed the membership to the meeting and recognized the current Southern Section officers, graduate student representatives and ASAS staff attending the meeting. He recognized Mark Legendre of SAAS for making the arrangements for the meeting. Dr. Welsh then recognized Wayne Greene to give the Welcome.

Welcome to Alabama: Dr. Wayne Greene welcomed the group to Birmingham, AL for their 2012 meeting on behalf of the livestock industries in Alabama and the state's land grant universities. Greene indicated that Auburn University is the 1862 Land Grant University and Alabama A&M University located in Normal, Alabama is the 1890 Land Grant University of our state. Alabama is unique in having three land grant universities in that Tuskegee University located in Tuskegee Alabama was named a land grant university by special assignment from congress. The land grants enjoy a three-way partnership that is strong revolving around animal science teaching, research and extension programs in the state. Greene reported that the total farm receipts in Alabama during 2011 were over \$5 billion excluding forestry. Forestry is the largest industry of the state. The top five farm commodities (outside of forestry) are 1) Poultry, 2) Cattle and calves, 3) Greenhouse, sod, and nursery 4) Cotton and 5) Soybeans. These top five commodities make up 87% of the total commodity receipts. Livestock and Poultry account for 82% of the total. Alabama ranks 3rd nationally in broiler production, 2nd in catfish production and 17th in beef cow numbers across the country. Alabama ranks 28th in swine, 43rd in dairy, 3rd in peanuts, 5th in pecans, 5th in sweet potatoes, and 9th in tomatoes. Alabama has 21,415 farms with beef cattle in the state and 25 livestock market auctions with numerous board sales throughout the year. Alabama has some of the top purebred herds in the country. These outstanding seed-stock producers supply a large selection of outstanding bulls annually. Forage production is our number one resource. We exceed 55 inches of rainfall annually with a mild climate ensuring year around grazing. The wide variety of perennial forages coupled with cool season grasses and clovers offer cattlemen the opportunity to wean heavy calves and carry the lighter calves past weaning in stocker programs. Again, Dr. Greene announced that on behalf of the agricultural industries and the state's land grant universities, welcome to Alabama.

Introduction of Past Presidents: Dr. Welsh introduced the past presidents that were in the audience. These were Dr. Joe Fontenot, VPI & SU; Dr. Tom Troxel, University of Arkansas; Dr. Deb Aaron, University of Kentucky; Dr. Ron Randel, Texas A&M University; Dr. Dale Coleman, Auburn University; Dr. Beth Kegley, University of Arkansas; and Dr. David Morrison, LSU Agricultural Center.

Comments/Update from ASAS: Dr. Welsh recognized Dr. Margaret Benson, ASAS President to give a report from the national office. Dr. Benson reported that it was good to be back in the

southern section. She was a graduate student at the University of Kentucky. She recognized the outstanding ASAS Board which includes the President-Elect from the Southern Section, Dr. Jim Sartin from Auburn University. Dr. Benson then asked current ASAS board members in attendance at the meeting to stand. She then reported that ASAS has enjoyed an all-time record membership in 2011 and added new staff that have made a tremendous impact on the Association (Jacelyn and Madeline). The association has worked hard to increase and improve communications. Examples include the Taking Stock newsletter, increasing our presence in the animalsmart.org interpretive summaries (14), ASAS grad bulletin and 18 podcasts. In 2011, JAS published a record number of pages, maintains an impact factor of 2.58 and is rated as the #1 animal science journal worldwide. The joint meeting in New Orleans enjoyed record attendance. Our national meeting is one reason why ASAS is viewed as the global leader in animal science societies worldwide.

Southern Section Director: Dr. Welsh recognized the Southern Section Director, Dr. Joel Yelich to give comments. Dr. Yelich is half way through his term as Southern Section Director and the southern section ASAS needs to be considering a replacement. He encouraged young faculty to consider the opportunity. Joel encouraged membership to consider nominating colleagues for national ASAS awards which are open through Feb. 23. Abstract deadline is Feb. 15. Dr. Yelich discussed ASAS initiatives including membership with an emphasis on non-traditional animal science faculty and undergraduate members. He also encouraged graduate students to consider sectional and national graduate representative positions. He also encouraged southern section members to consider providing news, articles, etc. to Taking Stock, Websmart and web chats to increase the contribution, visibility and involvement of SS in these national communications efforts.

Secretary-Treasurer and Program Chair Report : Dr. Welsh called on Wayne Greene to give the secretary-treasurer report. Greene thanked the section chairs for their work on the meeting abstract reviews and program development. He recognized the chairs of the sections and thanked them for keeping the program on time. The session chairs are Graduate Student Competition, Deb Aaron; Undergraduate, Brian Rude; Breeding and Genetics, Maurico Elzo; Ruminant Nutrition, Gary Hill and Russ Muntiferung; Teaching and Undergraduate, Rebecca Splan, Physiology, Olga Bolden-Tiller; Extension, Justin Rhinehart; Pastures and Forages, Paul Beck; Small Ruminant Production, Sandra Solaiman; and Symposium, Matt Poore. Greene also thanked the Auburn University faculty and recognized Dr. Lisa Kriese-Anderson for their work in conducting the practicum for the Academic Quadrathlon. He reported that the Information Exchange Groups/SERA projects add a lot to our meeting on Sunday afternoons. This year we had the Beef Cattle Production Using Forages in the Southeast and the Sustainable Small Ruminant Production groups meeting with the southern section. There were six invited papers and 104 abstracts of research presented. This was lower than the 135 abstracts presented in Corpus Christi in 2011 and the 145 abstracts of research presented in Orlando in 2010. All the other groups meeting with SAAS this year also recognized a reduction in abstracts. There were 18 graduate competition, 13 undergraduate competition, 13 breeding and genetics, 15 ruminant nutrition, 3 teaching and undergraduate, 10 physiology, 18 extension, 7 pastures and forages and 7 small ruminant production abstracts. Greene reported there were a total of 210 registrants with 116 professional, 50 graduate and 44 undergraduate. This was the first year we did a preregistration which was very helpful in handling the registration desk at the meeting. Greene

indicated that copies of the 2011 meeting minutes were passed out. He called for any corrections to the minutes and then a motion to approve. Dr. Joe Fontenot made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dale Coleman. The motion passed. Then Greene indicated that a copy of the Treasurer's report was distributed prior to the meeting. He called for a motion to approve treasurer's report. The motion to approve was made by Dr. David Morrison and seconded by Dr. Joe Fontenot. The motion passed.

Academic Quadrathlon Report: Dr. Welsh called Dr. Joel Yelich to the podium for the report. Dr. Yelich indicated that Auburn University Department of Animal Sciences did a great job hosting the practicum and the students had a great time. He listed the teams in competition and then read the placing's for each portion of the competition. The overall rankings were by far the closest competition ever. The results were 1st Texas A&M University, 2nd Auburn University, and 3rd University of Georgia. TAMU will represent the southern section at the 1st national competition in Phoenix.

Extension Report: Dr. Welsh recognized Justin Rhinehart to give the report. Dr. Rhinehart reported that the number of abstracts had increased from 16 to 18. He encouraged members to attend the Extension lunch from 12-1 on Tuesday February 7. He thanked the staff for helping to get the luncheon arranged on short notice.

Graduate Student Election and Activity Report: Dr. Welsh called on the graduate student representative, Jackie Wahrmund, to give the report. Jackie indicated that the Lunch and Learn activity was well attended and popular in 2011 so it was being held again this year. She encouraged graduate students and undergraduate students to purchase tickets and attend. Jackie introduced Amanda Davis as the newly elected graduate student representative. Amanda spoke briefly asking for input from other graduate students.

Resolutions Committee Report: Dr. Welsh called on the Chairman of the Resolutions committee, Dr. Beth Kegley to give the report. Dr. Kegley reported the 2012 Resolutions Committee was comprised of S. W. Coleman (OK), M. J. Estienne (VA), and E. B. Kegley (AR - Chair). The committee presents the following 4 resolutions for consideration by the membership.

Resolution No. 1. Recognition of the Host of the 2012 Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting and the Southern Regional Academic Quadrathlon.

Whereas, the 2012 Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting was hosted by Auburn 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 Auburn 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 2012 Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science moves adoption of these resolutions as presented.

Nomination Committee and Election Report: Dr. Welsh gave the nomination committee and election committee report for Dr. Chad Chase who was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Welsh identified the duties of the committee. Those on the ballot were Dr. Susan Duckett and Dr. John Arthington. He reported that Dr. John Arthington was elected as Secretary-Treasurer Elect.

Necrology Report: Dr. Welsh welcomed Jim Sanders to report. Dr. Sanders reported the other committee members are Paul Beck and Jerry Spears. Dr. Sanders reported the following ASAS members passed away this last year:

-Ed R. Lidvall, who had been livestock judging team coach and academic advisor at the University of Tennessee, passed away Dec. 26, 2010.

-C. Frank Buck passed away January 16, 2011. He was a long time faculty member and Professor Emeritus in Animal Sciences at the University of Kentucky.

-Bob Murphee passed away Feb. 1, 2011. He taught and conducted research in reproductive physiology in beef and dairy cattle at the University of Tennessee.

-T.D. Tanksley passed away April 12, 2011. He was Professor Emeritus in swine nutrition in research, teaching, and extension at Texas A&M University, College Station.

- Brett Barham, Associate Professor in Breeding and Genetics at the University of Arkansas, based at Little Rock, passed away July 9, 2011.*
- Harold Franke passed away July 16, 2011, He was academic advisor and taught livestock marketing and was Professor Emeritus at Texas A&M University, College Station.*
- Jim Butler, who had been a 4-H Livestock Specialist with North Carolina State University, passed away Aug 21, 2011.*
- Matt Rowe, a graduate student in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, passed away October 20, 2011.*
- Tom Meacham, who had worked in Equine teaching and research in the field of reproductive physiology at Virginia Tech University, passed away Nov 19, 2011.*

A moment of silence was held in recognition of the members that have passed.

Old Business:

Dr. Welsh indicated that SAAS is interested in modeling a graduate student representative program after the southern section ASAS. Dr. Welsh also reported to the southern section that we purchased and presented a silver tray to Paula Schultz in thanks of her years of service to the Southern Section upon her retirement. President Welsh reminded the membership of the nomination process for officers and graduate student EC members.

New Business: Dr. Welsh reported the Executive Committee under the presidency of Dr. Godfrey will be working toward balancing Southern Section with ASAS priorities. These included increasing sponsorships, increased communication activities, expanding communication/interaction with Latin American animal scientists, changes/decisions regarding the graduate student competition (only one pool), and that the EC would be conferencing once monthly in the coming year to better manage association business. Dr. Welsh called for any new business from the floor. There was none.

Installation of New President and Transfer of Gavel

Dr. Welsh gave comments on his presidency and Paraphrased Dr. Poore from the 2011 meeting. We need to meet global challenges and graduate program will allow us to do that. He thanked the southern section for allowing him to represent the southern section and then passed the gavel to Dr. Godfrey. Dr. Godfrey adjourned meeting at 6:17 PM and immediately opened the floor for the Awards presentations.

Awards.

Dr. Godfrey called Ms Sandra Dillard to the front for presentation of her plaque in recognition for her service as the Graduate Student Director for 2010-2011.

Dr. Godfrey called Dr. Jackie Wahrmond to the front for presentation of her plaque in recognition for her service as Graduate Student Director for 2010-2012.

Dr. Godfrey called Dr. Tom Welsh to the front for presentation of his service plaque for Secretary-Treasurer Elect, Secretary Treasurer, President-Elect and President from 2008 to 2012.

The Academic Quadrathlon awards were presented to

1st place team: Texas A&M University

2nd place team Auburn University

3rd place team University of Georgia

The Undergraduate Competition awards were presented to

1st Place: W.B. (William) Smith, Auburn (Abstract #7)

2nd Place: M.L. (Moriah) Penick, Moorehead State University (Abstract #6)

3rd Place: C.N. (Cassandra) Key, Auburn University (Abstract #4)

The Graduate Student Competition awards were presented to

1st Place: L. M. (Leanne) Wiley, Texas A&M University (Abstract #40)

2nd Place: J. D. (Jennifer) Patterson, University of Arkansas (Abstract #38)

3rd Place: C. L. (Carresse) Gerald, North Carolina A&T University (Abstract #36)

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. David Morrison LSU-Ag Center

The Extension Award was presented to Dr. Michael Gadberry, University of Arkansas

The Young Animal Scientist – Research Award was presented to Dr. Surendranath P. Suman,
University of Kentucky.

The Young Animal Scientist – Education Award was presented to Dr. Deb Overbeke, Oklahoma
State University.

The Swine Industry Award for Innovation was presented to Dr. Mark Estienne, Virginia Tech
University

The ASAS Foundation Fontenot Appreciation Club Travel Award was presented to Angie Mays,
University of Arkansas.

The awards program was adjourned at 6:42 PM.