

**Southern Section,
American Society of Animal Science
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Orlando, Florida
February 4, 2013**

Call to Order: Dr. Robert Godfrey, President called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. He welcomed the membership to the meeting and recognized the current Southern Section executive committee and ASAS staff attending the meeting. Dr. Godfrey also recognized the committee chairs and thanked them for their contributions. Dr. Geoff Dahl, Chair UF Animal Science was introduced. Dr. Dahl welcomed the Southern Section group to Florida and gave a brief overview of agriculture in the state.

Introduction of Past Presidents: Dr. Godfrey 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; Dr. Matt Poore, North Carolina State University; and Dr. Tom Welsh, Texas A&M.

Comments/Update from ASAS: Dr. Godfrey recognized Dr. Jim Sartin, ASAS President, to give a report from the national office. Dr. Sartin recognized the ASAS Board members in attendance and gave a brief overview of the many positive changes and activities occurring in the national organization. A few highlights include: total membership is up 9%; a record number of pages were published in the Journal of Animal Science in 2012 (5,300); the organization continues to enhance communication activities including Animal Frontiers, Taking Stock, Animal Smart, and the development of a new and improved web site.

Secretary-Treasurer and Program Chair Report : Dr. Godfrey called on David Lalman to give the secretary-treasurer report. Lalman read the names of the committee chairs and thanked them for their work on the meeting abstract reviews and program development. Lalman also thanked Jennifer Gavel and Megan Wulster from the national ASAS office for their assistance in developing the program and coordinating the meeting. Lalman acknowledged Dr. Joel Yelich and the UF faculty for hosting the lab 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 88 abstracts of research presented. This was lower than the 104 abstracts presented in Birmingham in 2012, 135 abstracts presented in Corpus Christi in 2011, and 145 abstracts of research presented in Orlando in 2010. Lalman mentioned the need for membership and board of directors to consider this substantial continued decline in the SS meeting participation and requested that members provide input regarding possible causes and solutions. Other groups meeting with SAAS this year in general did not see a decline in the number of abstracts presented. There were 10 graduate competition, 5 undergraduate competition, 10 breeding and genetics, 12 ruminant animal production, 2 teaching and undergraduate, 7 physiology, 6 meat science, 15 extension, 12 pastures and forages and 9 small ruminant production abstracts. Lalman reported there were a total of 197 registrants with 129

professional, 37 graduate and 31 undergraduate. This was the first year we did a preregistration which was very helpful in handling the registration desk at the meeting. Lalman indicated that copies of the 2012 meeting minutes were available as handouts. 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 Lalman 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. Ron Randle and seconded by Dr. Joe Fontenot. The motion passed.

Academic Quadrathlon Report: Dr. Godfrey called Dr. Joel Yelich to the podium for the report. Dr. Yelich thanked all the faculty from the Southern Region and beyond for their support and assistance with the quadrathlon. He indicated that there were 11 teams in the competition which was the largest number in many years. The results were 1st Oklahoma State University, 2nd Berry College, and 3rd Auburn University. Oklahoma State will represent the southern section at the national competition during the ASAS national meeting this summer.

Extension Report: Dr. Godfrey recognized Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler to give the report. Dr. Lehmkuhler reported that the number of abstracts remained strong in the extension sessions. He encouraged members to attend the Extension lunch from 12-2 on Tuesday February 5.

Graduate Student Election and Activity Report: Dr. Godfrey called on the graduate student representatives, Andrea Morgan and Amanda Davis to give the report. Andrea indicated that she and Amanda had made a concentrated effort to communicate more with the SS graduate students this past year. The ASGA coordinated the first interdisciplinary graduate student mixer at the SAAS meetings this year with over 200 graduate, undergraduate and faculty attending. The Lunch and Learn activity was well attended and popular in 2012 so it was being held again this year. She encouraged graduate students and undergraduate students to purchase tickets and attend Tuesday beginning at noon. Andrea introduced Tiffany Hebb as the newly elected graduate student representative.

Resolutions Committee Report: Dr. Godfrey called on the Chairman of the Resolutions committee, Dr. Mark Estienne to give the report. The 2013 Resolutions Committee was comprised of S. W. Coleman (OK), M. J. Estienne (VA- Chair), and R. B. Muntifering (AL). The committee presents the following 4 resolutions for consideration by the membership.

Resolution No. 1. Recognition of the Host of the 2013 Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting and the Southern Regional Academic Quadrathlon.

Whereas, the 2013 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 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 University of Florida'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 2013 Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science moves adoption of these resolutions as presented.

Nomination Committee and Election Report: Dr. Beth Kegley gave the nomination committee and election committee report. She reported that Dr. Jane Parish was elected as Secretary-Treasurer Elect and that Dr. Russ Muntifering was elected as the SS representative to the National ASAS Board of Directors.

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

Members who passed away during 2012

North Carolina

Jim Lecce (North Carolina State University)

Arkansas

Loyd Patterson (University of Arkansas)

Kentucky

John Baker (University of Kentucky)

Alabama

Bob McGuire (Auburn University)

Howard Tucker (Auburn University)
Tennessee
Charmi Mendis-Handagama (University of Tennessee)
Texas
Darrell Knabe (Texas A & M University)
Jim Bassett (Texas A & M University)
Virginia
Hubert John Gerken (Virginia Tech University)
Georgia
Fred Thompson (University of Georgia)
A moment of silence was held in recognition of the members that have passed.

Old Business:

None

New Business: Dr. Godfrey indicated that the Southern Section Strategic Plan would be developed in 2013. He also requested feedback to encourage abstract submissions.

Installation of New President and Transfer of Gavel

Dr. Godfrey gave a few comments before passing the gavel to Dr. Greene. Dr. Godfrey adjourned meeting at 6:17 PM and immediately opened the floor for the Awards presentations.

Awards.

Dr. Greene called Andrea Morgan to the podium for presentation of her plaque in recognition for her service as the Graduate Student Director for 2011-2013.

Dr. Greene presented Dr. Godfrey with a plaque for his service as Secretary-Treasurer Elect, Secretary Treasurer, President-Elect and President from 2009 to 2013.

The Academic Quadrathlon awards were presented to

- 1st place team: Oklahoma State University
- 2nd place team: Berry College
- 3rd place team: Auburn University

The Undergraduate Competition awards were presented to

- 1st Place: Adrian Arellano, Texas A&M - Kingsville (Abstract #2)
- 2nd Place: Brittini Littlejohn, Texas A&M - College Station (Abstract #4)
- 3rd Place: Rachel Lemcke, Berry College (Abstract #5)

The Graduate Student Competition awards were presented to

- 1st Place: P. Moriel, University of Florida (Abstract #12)
- 2nd Place: S. Degeer, Auburn University (Abstract #7)
- 3rd Place: S. K. Linneen, Oklahoma State University (Abstract #8)

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Debra Aaron University of Kentucky

The Extension Award was presented to Dr. Chris Richards, Oklahoma State University

The Young Animal Scientist – Research Award was presented to Dr. M. Carey Satterfield, Texas A&M University.

The Young Animal Scientist – Education Award was presented to Dr. Elizabeth Wagner, Auburn University.

The Swine Industry Award for Innovation was presented to J.R. Donaldson, Mississippi State University

The ASAS Foundation Fontenot Appreciation Club Travel Award was presented to Deborah Price, Texas A&M University and Angie Mays, University of Arkansas.

The awards program was adjourned at 6:50 PM.