

**Southern Section American Society of Animal Science
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
San Antonio, Texas
February 8, 2016**

Call to Order: Dr. John Arthington, President, convened the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Membership and visitors were welcomed, followed by recognition of the current Southern Section ASAS Executive Committee and ASAS staff in attendance. Dr. Arthington also recognized the SSASAS committee chairs and thanked them for their contributions to our meeting.

Welcome to Texas: Dr. Russel Cross representing Texas A&M University's Department of Animal Science welcomed SSASAS to San Antonio. He gave a brief overview of the challenges faced by the Texas agricultural community following the recent drought, and efforts associated with rebuilding the beef cattle herd. He also commented on the fact that agriculture within the state accounts for approximately 60% of the revenue generated, however, the re-investment into agricultural research only amounts to approximately 20% of the overall research investment. He acknowledged the changing demographics of the undergraduate student population within the Department of Animal Science, especially related to the lack of an agricultural background, and the need to revise the curriculum for undergraduate students.

Introduction of Past Presidents: Dr. Arthington introduced past presidents of SSASAS who were in attendance. They included: Dr. Bob Godfrey, University of the Virgin Islands; Dr. Wayne Greene, Auburn University; Dr. Beth Kegley, University of Arkansas; Dr. Matt Poore, North Carolina State University; Dr. Ron Randel, Texas A&M University; and Dr. Tom Welsh, Texas A&M University.

Southern ASAS Director: Dr. Russ Muntifering reported on his activities with national ASAS. He indicated that SSASAS is well represented at ASAS in that he serves as ASAS membership committee chair, he is the ASAS representative to CAST, and he serves on the finance committee. In addition, SSASAS has two graduate students serving on the ASAS board of directors. Dr. Muntifering strongly encouraged members to support their fellow scientists through the distinguished achievement awards (e.g., Distinguished Service Award, Extension Award, Outstanding Young Scientists awards, etc.) and to become more active in the nomination process for these awards. He also stressed the importance of membership and membership recruiting activities, both at the professional level as well as at the student level. Finally, Dr. Muntifering thanked the SSASAS membership for allowing him the opportunity to serve in this very important position, and noted that it was a very gratifying and educational experience. Dr. Muntifering's term as the Southern ASAS Director ended, and the position will be filled by the incoming Southern ASAS Director, Dr. Matt Poore.

Comments and Update from ASAS: Dr. Mike Looper, ASAS President, reminded the crowd that he was proud to be a long-term member of SSASAS and still considers it his home section. He thanked Dr. Russ Muntifering for his service to SSASAS as the Southern

ASAS Director. He mentioned the membership numbers and noted that we have approximately 3300 professional members, and over 6000 members counting students. In line with the ASAS strategic plan to diversify the membership across the country and around the world, there are continued efforts to engage international scientists, with specific efforts focused on scientists from Australia, Canada, and China. During 2015, ASAS funded over 100 international speakers. He mentioned the success of Animal Frontiers, and the improved publication timeline which decreased from one year to six months. He also noted that success of ASAS Taking Stock, and that this weekly communication has become a main stay that has garnered a significant following. He also reminded the membership that as a non-profit organization, ASAS re-invests the funds received from meeting registrations and membership dues into various resources for its membership. He announced that national ASAS summer meetings would be in Salt Lake City (2016), Baltimore (2017), and Vancouver (2018). He also reminded that membership about the Innovate meeting to be held in Brainerd, Minnesota on September 14-16, 2016.

Secretary-Treasurer and Program Chair Report: Dr. Charles Rosenkrans presented the 2015 SSASAS meeting minutes, and the SSASAS treasure's report. There was a motion by Dr. Jeff Carroll, USDA-ARS to accept the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Dr. Brian Rude, Mississippi State University. The motion unanimously passed. With regard to the meeting program, Dr. Rosenkrans recognized and expressed his gratitude to all the session chairs, the symposia chairs, abstract reviewers, and abstract presenters. The number of attendees at the meeting was 295 (an approximate 0.7% increase overall compared to 2015), consisting of 63 undergraduates, 85 graduates, and 147 professionals. He reported that there were 12 symposium ideas that were submitted by the membership for the 2016 meeting, and four were chosen. Collectively, there were 146 abstracts accepted and presented at the meeting, thus reflecting a continued increase over the last four years (94, 118, 136, 146; for 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016, respectively). Undergraduate and graduate student competition continues to remain strong. There were 13 undergraduate, 18 MS, and 5 PhD abstracts presented at the meeting. Dr. Rosenkrans noted that the symposia continue to be very well attended and encourage the membership to continue to submit ideas for future symposium. The four symposia at the 2016 meeting were: Cow-Calf Production in the Southeastern US: Potential for Impact and Economics Sustainability; Bill E. Kunkle Interdisciplinary Beef Symposium; Antimicrobial Resistance Symposium; and Management Strategies for Intensive, Sustainable Cow-Calf Production Systems in the Southeastern US Symposium – Ruminant Animal Production. Dr. Rosenkrans also thanked Texas A&M University for hosting the Academic Quadrathlon, and our sponsors for their program support. The finance report indicated that SSASAS continues to be in good fiscal shape with a balance of \$14,995 as of December 31, 2015, and an estimated budget of \$17,000 that will be available for the 2017 meeting in Franklin. A second motion was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the treasure's report. It was noted that the minutes should be revised to reflect that Dr. Tom Welsh, Texas A&M University, was one of the Past Presidents in attendance at the 2015 SSASAS meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

Academic Quadrathlon Report: Dr. Cathleen Williams reported that 10 teams participated in the AQ, reflecting a decrease of three teams compared to 2015. The AQ was held in College Station, Texas and San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Williams noted that the AQ

committee would like to thank Texas A&M University for hosting the practicum and written exam portions of the academic Quadrathlon. Dr. David Forrest coordinated an outstanding practicum, along with great hospitality.

The 10 universities participating in the AQ were as follows:

University of Arkansas
 Auburn University
 Berry College (Rome, GA)
 University of Georgia
 Louisiana State University
 Mississippi State University
 Oklahoma State University
 Texas A&M University
 Tuskegee University
 University of Tennessee

All teams competed at the highest level. The results of the Academic Quadrathlon are as follows:

Rank	Laboratory Practicum	Written Examination	Oral Presentation	Quiz Bowl	Overall
1	Texas A&M University	University of Tennessee	University of Georgia	Louisiana State University	Texas A&M University
2	University of Arkansas	Texas A&M University	Louisiana State University	Texas A&M University	Louisiana State University
3	Louisiana State University	University of Arkansas	Oklahoma State University	University of Arkansas	University of Arkansas

Based upon the above results, Texas A&M University will represent SSASAS at the National Academic Quadrathlon in Salt Lake City, Utah at the 2016 JAM. Team members are:

Sierra Francis
 Madelyn Wilson
 Erika Wiggs
 Logan Speck

Dr. Cathy Williams (LSU) coordinated the written exam. Dr. Jay Daniel (Berry College) coordinated the oral presentations. The committee wishes to thank Drs. Russ Muntifering (Auburn), Charles Rosenkrans (AR), Joe Cassidy (SDSU) and Ms. Kim Schoonmaker (ASAS) for judging the presentations. Special thanks to Meghan Wuster-Radcliff for helping secure judges. Dr. Brian Rude (Mississippi State) for coordinated quiz bowl and moderating one

session. Special thanks are given to Dr. Lisa Kriese-Anderson for moderating quiz bowl as well as stepping in to assist the committee. Special thanks are also given to the graduate and undergraduate student volunteers from LSU and Mississippi State for scoring the matches.

2016 Academic Quadrathlon Committee Members are as follows:

Cathy Williams (2016)
Brian Rude (2017)
Jessica Gentry (2018)
Jay Daniel (2019)

Extension Report: Dr. Shane Gadberry reported that the extension sessions were steady with a slight decrease in abstracts presented (14 in 2016 compared to 16 in 2015). He also reported that the extension group, in collaboration with the Noble Foundation, hosted a very productive working group/extension meeting in August 2015 that was very well received by stakeholders and producers.

Graduate Student Report: Elizabeth Backes (University of Arkansas) and Brittni Littlejohn (Texas A&M University) introduced Sierra Lockwood (University of Tennessee) as the new graduate student representative. Elizabeth expressed her gratitude to the membership for allowing her the opportunity to serve SSASAS in this position. Brittni shared with the membership that the activities such as attendance at the 2015 Innovate meeting, and the Lunch and Learn meeting were important and valuable opportunities that will allow graduate students to prepare for the future. The 2016 Lunch and Learn focused on “Branding Yourself” as a graduate student with three pivotal components: Initiating your brand; Building your brand; and Selling your Brand. Their next meeting will be at the 2016 JAM in Salt Lake City, Utah where they will host a networking lunch and learn.

Nomination Committee and Election Results: Dr. Tom Welsh reported that Dr. Paul Beck (University of Arkansas) was elected to serve as the SSASAS Secretary-Treasurer Elect, and Dr. Matt Poore (North Carolina State University) was elected as to serve as the Southern ASAS Director.

Resolutions Committee Report: The below proposed resolutions were not available at the meeting for the membership to take action on:

Resolution No. 1. Recognition of the Host of the 2016 American Society of Animal Science Southern Regional Academic Quadrathlon.

Whereas, the faculty, staff, and students of Texas A&M University Department of Animal Science contributed to the success of the annual meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science in a positive manner by ensuring 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 Department of Animal Science 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 and Members of Special-Event and Technical-Session 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 and members of the various special-event and technical-session 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 and members for their roles 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 and members of the National Headquarters staff of the American Society of Animal Science.

Whereas, the officers of the Southern Section and members of the National Headquarters staff of the American Society of Animal Science have worked together 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 extend a sincere thank you to the section officers and members of the ASAS Headquarters staff, and express with a resounding round of applause our gratitude to all of our colleagues throughout the Southern Section who have worked so diligently toward a successful annual meeting.

The Resolutions Committee of the 2016 Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science moves adoption of these resolutions.

Old Business: There was no Old Business brought to the floor for discussion.

New Business: There was no New Business brought to the floor for discussion.

Necrology Report: Members of the Necrology Committee could not attend SSASAS; therefore, Dr. Matt Poore (North Carolina State University) presented the report, and a

moment of silence was held in recognition of the following deceased colleagues and friends:

1. Herb Chapman, University of Florida
2. Ralph Harris, Auburn University
3. Paul Noland, University of Arkansas
4. Jack Perkins, University of Arkansas
5. David Kreider, University of Arkansas
6. Bull Silvia, University of Kentucky
7. Robert Godke, Louisiana State University
8. Will Getz, Fort Valley State
9. Dick Meyer, North Carolina State University

Installation of New President and Transfer of Gavel: Dr. Arthington concluded his presidency with remarks and his thanks to the membership, SSASAS Executive Committee, and ASAS team, for all of their assistance in making our section strong and our meeting valuable. He passed the gavel to incoming SSASAS President Dr. Jane Parish (Mississippi State University). President Parish asked the membership to please keep the SSASAS meeting growing with upward motion. She commented on the excitement surrounding the upcoming 2017 SSASAS meeting in Franklin, Tennessee, and encouraged a strong attendance by the SSASAS membership. She closed the meeting by asking for a motion to adjourn; motion was moved (Dr. Charles Rosenkrans), seconded (Dr. Ron Randel), and passed unanimously.

Awards Program: Immediately following the SSASAS business meeting the awards program was initiated.

Dr. Jane Parish thanked **Dr. John Arthington** for his leadership and service, which was recognized with a plaque.

Dr. Tom Welsh presented **Dr. Gerald Horn** (Oklahoma State University) with the **Distinguished Service Award**.

Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler (University of Kentucky) was presented the **Extension Award** by Dr. Shane Gadberry.

Outstanding Young Animal Scientist-Research was awarded to **Dr. Nicholas DiLorenzo** (University of Florida), Dr. Mike Looper made the presentation.

Outstanding Young Animal Scientist-Education was awarded to **Dr. Carolyn Huntington** (Auburn University), Dr. Wayne Greene made the presentation.

Emerging Scholar Award: There was no recipient of this award at the 2016 meeting.

Dr. Wayne Greene presented the **Joe Fontenot Travel Awards** to **Ms. Deborah Price** (University of Florida).

Dr. Nicole Burdick Sanchez was presented the **Pork Board Award** by Dr. Jane Parish.

Dr. Christy Bratcher, Committee Chair, and Dr. Jane Parish announced the winners of the Master's graduate student competition. The winners for the competition were (Note: There was a tie for 1st place, therefore two first-place awards were presented along with a 2nd and 3rd place:

Rank	Name	Institution
1	N.M. Early	Texas A&M University
1	C.L. Bayliff	Oklahoma State University
2	H.C. Collins	Texas A&M University and Sam Houston State University
3	J.C. Mackey	North Carolina State University

Dr. Christy Bratcher, Committee Chair, and Dr. Jane Parish announced the winners of the Ph.D. student competition. The winners for the competition were:

Rank	Name	Institution
1	S.A. Lockwood	University of Tennessee
2	M.D. Redden	Oklahoma State University
3	E.A. Backes	University of Arkansas

Dr. Janelle Nancy announced the winners of the undergraduate student competition. The winners were:

Rank	Name	Institution
1	F.W. Pohlman	University of Arkansas
2	E.K. Cook	Clemson University
3	E.M. Rankins	Auburn University

The awards program was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.