

**Southern Section American Society of Animal Science  
Annual Business Meeting Minutes  
Chattanooga, TN  
January 27, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Dr. Paul Beck, President, convened the meeting at 4:51 p.m. Membership and visitors were welcomed, followed by recognition of the current Southern Section ASAS Executive Committee and ASAS staff in attendance. Dr. Beck recognized the SSASAS committee chairs and thanked them for their contributions to our meeting. Dr. Beck also recognized the staff of the ASAS and thanked them for their hard work and superior service to the Southern Section.

**Introduction of Past Presidents:** Dr. Beck introduced past presidents of SSASAS who were in attendance. They included: Dr. Beth Kegley, Dr. Matt Poore; Dr. Ron Randel, Dr. Dave Lalman, Dr. Tom Welsh, Dr. Charlie Rosenkrans

**Sponsor Recognition:** Dr. Beck recognized the following sponsors:

Advanced Biological Marketing	Merck	University of Arkansas
Alliance for Grassland Renewal	North Carolina State University	University of Kentucky
Alltech	Noble Research Institute	University of Tennessee
ASAS	Oklahoma State University	Virginia Tech University
ASAS Foundation	Pennington Seed Company	West Texas T&M University
Auburn University	Texas A&M University	Westway Feeds
CJ America	Tarleton State University	Winpak
Mississippi State University	Texas Tech University	Zoetis

**Welcome to Tennessee:** Dr. Neal Schrick welcomed us to Chattanooga, TN.

**Southern Section Update:** Dr. Beck updated us on the strategic goal accomplishments over the past year. Student co-moderators to each sessions was a success and continued through the 2020 meeting. With the 2020 meeting, we continued with our existing symposia and group meetings. With the addition of the graduate student co-moderators and combining the awards ceremony and student mixer, we have increased the networking options within the meeting. We have also continued this activity for upcoming years.

**ASAS National Update:** Dr. Beth Kegley, ASAS National President, thanked us for inviting her to attend our meeting. She talked about 4 key areas, membership, journals, and outreach opportunities. As of right now, we are in a strong and healthy position. Membership is stable. There are 3 key journals, Journal of Animal Science, Translational Animal Science and Animal Frontiers. They are 3 EICs who report to Publications Committee and then that chair reports to the board. Oxford University Press is our

publisher. We plan to take the impact factor of JAS to over 2.0 in the next two years. Translational Animal Science numbers have doubled over the last two years. The year 2020 will be the 10 year anniversary of Animal Frontiers. The editors are: Translational Animal Science - James Oltjen; Animal Frontiers - Deborah Hammernick, and Journal of Animal Science - Sally Johnson. The Journals continue to be a strong source of information. Moving forward, we plan to have more webinars available and encourage groups within the sections to host webinars specific to their animal science disciplines. In addition, we will incorporate infographic which will be 1 to 2 page displays on a research topic to better engage the public on animal science issues.

**ASAS Southern Director Report:** Dr. Tom Welsh reported addresses the operating funds for the Southern Section to stand alone and move forward with independent meetings. Followed up by discussing a series of summaries the will be put together focused on “What does ASAS mean to me” with Dr. Matt Poore adding the first reflection. Lastly, Dr. Welsh updated the group on the journal page charges and potential changes for members.

**Graduate Student Report:** Katie Mason thanked the membership for letting her serve. Co-chairs went well again this year, Lunch and Learn hosted Kevin McBride from Alltech. Goal with 3MT to improve the communication with students who are competing. Katie Mason (Auburn) introduced Brooke Clemmons and Russell Carroll as the new graduate student representative.

**Secretary-Treasurer and Program Chair Report:** Dr. Justin Rhinehart presented the Secretary-Treasurer Report stating that the SS-ASAS was up a few registrations from the 2019 meeting. The 2020 numbers were 318 registrants (301 in 2019), 135 graduate (95 in 2019), and 79 undergraduates (69 in 2019) registered. There were 171 abstracts accepted for presentation. Southern Section ASAS has strong financials, with a balance at the end of December 2019 of \$36,365 which about a \$3,500 increase in total assets since last year. He stated that sponsorship was important and that we would like to work toward a reserve of a 1 year operating budget (or about \$50,000). It was moved (Ron Randall) and seconded (Charlie Rosenkrans) from the floor that the financial report be accepted as presented. A voice vote of the membership affirmed this motion.

**Approval of 2018 Business Meeting Minutes:** Dr. Beck called for revisions and a few were suggested from the floor for the 2019 Southern Section ASAS Business Meeting minutes. It was moved (Charlie Rosenkrans) and seconded (Dr. Randel) that the minutes be approved with the suggested modifications (typos), following a vote of the assembled membership the motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**  
No Advisory Report

**Quadrathalon:**  
Sixty students on fifteen teams competed in the 2020 Southern Section ASAS Academic Quadrathlon. Teams from Auburn University, Berry College, Eastern Kentucky University, Louisiana State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Mississippi State University,

North Carolina State University, Oklahoma State University, Sul Rose State University, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, Tuskegee University, University of Arkansas, and University of Tennessee competed in a hands on practicum and written exam at Berry College on Saturday January 25. The teams then competed in oral presentations and quiz bowl events on Sunday January 26 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Lab practicum results:

- 1) University of Tennessee
- 1) Texas Tech University
- 3) Berry College

Written exam:

- 1) Texas Tech University
- 2) Oklahoma State University
- 3) Middle Tennessee State

Oral Presentation:

- 1) University of Tennessee
- 2) Texas Tech University
- 3) Middle Tennessee State

Quiz Bowl:

- 1) Texas Tech University
- 2) Oklahoma State University
- 3) Louisiana State University

OVERALL

- 1) Texas Tech University
- 2) University of Tennessee
- 3) Louisiana State University

Texas Tech will represent the Southern Section at the National Contest this summer in Wisconsin.

**Necrology:** Dr. Beck was negligent in asking for communication with the Department of Animal Science Department Heads located at Land Grant Universities and to other selected leaders in the southern section region requesting information on ASAS members located within their state/programs that have passed during the reporting year. He requested that people who know of those who have passed could stand and give the names. This was followed with a moment of silence.

ASAS Member	State Affiliation	Submitted by
William "Bill" Wallace	Univ. of Arkansas	

**Resolutions: Dr. Lawton Stewart read the 2020 resolutions.**

Be it resolved that the ASAS Southern Section Board of Directors and the ASAS Southern Section Members wishes to recognize and thank the sponsors of the 2020 ASAS Southern Section Meeting for their generous support, with the understanding that their support allows the Southern Section to hold, enhance and provide a high quality annual meeting.

Be it resolved that the ASAS Southern Section Board of Directors wishes to thank the members and volunteers at the 2020 Southern Section for the hard work that guarantees a successful meeting.

Be it further resolved that the ASAS Southern Section Board of Directors and the ASAS Southern Section Members would thank the ASAS National Staff for their help and support with the 2020 Southern Section Meetings.

**Nominations:** Dr. Dave Lalman thanked the members for submissions of nominations. He thanked the committee and stated that there was good discussion on commitments and how well some of the members will fit with the duties of the board. He encouraged young faculty to consider leadership opportunities and that if you wanted to tell friends to nominate you, please do. The Secretary Treasurer Elect was Dan Poole (NCSU) and Southern Director was Tom Welsh (TAMU). He thanked Matt for his service and then reintroduced Claire Andresen (OSU) as the Graduate Student Director.

**Extension:** Dr. Jason Smith, Extension Committee Chair, recognized other committee members reported there were 25% fewer abstracts submitted for presentation in the Extension sessions. They will be working on agent training, a demonstration project and methods for improving formal education. The group worked for regional efforts training agents and have a webinar series that are archived. They hosted webinars this past fall focused on reproductive management and all will be integrated to an online course

**Call for Old Business:** NONE

**Recognition of Our-Going Board:**

Katie Mason

Dr. Jeff Carroll

**Installation of New President and Transfer of Gavel:** Dr. Paul Beck passed the gavel to Dr. Christy Bratcher. Dr. Bratcher recognized the promotions of the current board members.

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

**Discussion of Future Southern Section Meetings:** Dr. Daniel H. Poole stated that the 2021 meeting will be in Raleigh NC and Fort Worth TX in 2022. He stated that there has been discussion on the board about rotations and cities and we would like your input and feedback, so please let us know your thoughts and we will assimilate that into something to try and please everybody

**Call to Adjourn:**

A motion was made from the floor by Dr. Bratcher to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dr. Matt Poore.