

2022 Southern Section Business Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2022

The 2022 American Society of Animal Science Southern Section Business Meeting was called to order at 4:45 PM Central Time on Monday, January 24, 2022 at the Sheraton Downtown Hotel in Fort Worth, TX by President Justin Rhinehart.

Justin Rhinehart recognized the meeting sponsors and thanked them for their continued support of the section. Sponsors included: the Alliance for Grassland Renewal, American Society of Animal Science, ASAS Foundation, Randel Appreciation Club, Elanco Animal Health, Texas A&M, Auburn University, Tuskegee University, University of Arkansas, University of Florida, University of Kentucky, Noble Research Institute, North Carolina State University, University of Georgia, Texas Tech University, Oklahoma State University, The University of Tennessee, and Zinpro (18 total sponsors).

Past presidents of the Southern Section and National ASAS were recognized by Justin Rhinehart. He also extended thanks and recognition to the National ASAS staff for their support of the Southern Section meeting and success of the 2022 meeting.

Christy Bratcher (Past-President) and Dr. Cliff Lamb (Department Head, Texas A&M University) gave the 'Welcome to Texas' overview. Dr. Bratcher shared state agricultural statistics with the group and highlighted Texas Tech University programs, including the renaming of College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources to Davis College following the donation of a \$44 million gift. Dr. Lamb discussed program focus areas for the Texas A&M Department of Animal Sciences, program enrollment, and stakeholder engagement initiatives.

Justin Rhinehart shared the Southern Section update and encouraged membership in ASAS. Membership numbers have decreased since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the board will be discussing strategies to regain members for future meetings.

Mike Tokach (President – ASAS) provided a national ASAS update by highlighting the top 10 accomplishments of the organization in the last year. Key points included improved online engagement through various ASAS resources, success of webinars, creation of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, and the anticipated release of the accreditation process in 2022.

Tom Welsh (Southern Section Director to the National Board) provided an update and emphasized the importance of membership at the section level, public policy developments and provided an overview of future national meeting locations and dates for the group. Meeting attendees discussed the accreditation process during the update.

Russell Carrell and Audrey Earnhardt (Graduate Student Directors; AU and Texas A&M, respectively) gave an overview of the Lunch and Learn at the 2022 Southern Section Meeting. There were 41 student participants at the program. Speakers were Donnell Brown and Kelley Sullivan Georgiades. Audrey shared that future meeting initiatives will focus on bridging the gap between students and industry partners in collaboration with the incoming Graduate Student Director, Maggie Justice (AU).

Kim Mullenix reviewed the 2021 ASAS Southern Section Business Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Russell Carrell to approve the minutes and seconded by Brandi Karisch. The motion passed unanimously. Mullenix also reviewed the financial report. In 2021, the Southern Section had total revenue of \$20,420 from registrations and sponsorship. This number was less than previous years due to attendance at the combined summer annual meeting and COVID pandemic. Total expenses were \$25,419, which was lower than 2020. This left the section with a \$1,601 total change in assets. With a reserve of \$32,051 at the end of year 2021. These are the audited 2021 financials. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Paul Beck and seconded by Lawton Stewart. The motion passed.

Kim Mullenix gave the 2022 ASAS Southern Section Program Update and reviewed registration numbers. Registration total was 245 and there were 143 abstracts presented at the meeting (14 were withdrawn within days of the start of the meeting).

Carrie Pickworth provided the Academic Quadrathlon update on behalf of the Academic Quadrathlon committee. There were 9 teams that participated in the regional competition (Auburn, Tuskegee, Mississippi State, University of Tennessee, Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, North Carolina State University, Oklahoma State University, and Tarleton State University). Tarleton State University hosted the practicum in Stephenville. The Academic Quadrathlon Committee thanked Drs. Cheyenne Runyan (Tarleton State University) and Sushil Paudyal (Texas A&M University) for their organization of the 2022 contest. Winners of the contest were: 1) Texas A&M University, 2) North Carolina State University, 3) Texas Tech University.

John Arthington gave the necrology report for the section. The following Animal Scientists were recognized:

Frank David Kirkpatrick	Beef Genetics	University of Tennessee
Mike Barns	Dairy Science	Virginia Tech University
Keith Inskeep	Reproduction	West Virginia University
Bill Jones	Meat Science	Auburn University
Jerry Van Dyke	Livestock Extension	Auburn University
Herb Head	Dairy Science	University of Florida
Jim Smith	Dairy Extension	University of Georgia

George Rampack	Swine Reproduction	University of Georgia
Charlie McPeake	Beef Extension	University of Georgia
Jerry Cherry	Poultry Research	University of Georgia
Larry Olson	Beef Extension	Clemson University
Jeff Dailey	Beef Research	USDA/ARS, Lubbock

Chelsey Kimbrough provided the Extension committee report. The committee plans to continue offering webinars for Extension agent training. The focus of the 2022 will be on current livestock industry hot topics. Katie Mason (University of Tennessee) was elected as incoming officer for the committee.

Lawton Stewart reviewed the resolutions with participants at the business meeting, and the resolutions passed unanimously.

Justin Rhinehart discussed old business, which primarily included a review of Bylaw Changes. Technical edits were made to the ASAS Southern Section bylaws to be clear and consistent in regards to board name and functions in alignment with other ASAS Sections. The outgoing board was recognized and thanked for their service to the section, which included Russell Carrell (Graduate Director), Tom Welsh (Southern Director to National Board), and Christy Bratcher (Past President). The current slate of officers were introduced:

President: Daniel Poole, North Carolina State University

President-elect: Kim Mullenix, Auburn University

Past-President: Justin Rhinehart, University of Tennessee

Secretary-Treasurer/Program Chair: Joao Vendramini, University of Florida

Secretary-Treasurer Elect: Nicole Burdick Sanchez, USDA ARS, Lubbock, TX

Southern Section Director: Tom Welsh, Texas A&M University (till June 2022); Christy Bratcher (incoming)

Graduate Director: Audrey Earnhardt, Texas A&M University

Graduate Director: Maggie Justice, Auburn University

Justin Rhinehart transferred the gavel to Daniel Poole, who made a call for discussion of new business. No new business was presented.

Joe Vendramini provided an update on future meeting sites and dates. The 2023 meeting will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina from Jan. 21-24, 2023. The section will return to Louisville in 2024 and meet at the Omni Hotel from Jan. 28-30, 2024. Site selection for the 2025 and 2026 meetings are under discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm Central Time. The business meeting was followed by the awards banquet at Lil Red's Saloon in the Fort Worth Stockyards.