Minutes of Business Meeting of the Southern Section
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE
Atlanta, Georgia
February 7, 1977

The meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. in the Saxony Room of the Atlanta Townehouse. President J. J. Guenther called the meeting to order, and commended the officers, committee chairman, and staff members of the University of Georgia for their efforts in arrangements for the meetings. He introduced T. J. Marlowe, immediate past National President of the Society and recognized L. J. Boyd, Department Head and Chairman of Animal and Dairy Science, University of Georgia, who welcomed the members of the Society to Georgia.

The minutes of the 1976 meeting, which had been passed out to all present, were approved on a motion by E. R. Barrick, Secretary-Treasurer, seconded by G. L. Robertson. The financial report was then given by E. R. Barrick. It showed cash on hand January 15, 1976 of $2534.08, receipts of $1231.50 for Section Dues and $565.75 for the 1976 meeting. Disbursements including costs for abstracts, postage, the 1976 banquet and miscellaneous expenses were $2437.85 with a balance on hand January 31, 1977 of $1893.48. It was explained that income and expenses for the current meeting are not included in this statement. The report was approved on a motion by E. R. Barrick, seconded by M. B. Wise. Secretary Barrick expressed his appreciation to Dr. Boyd and his staff for assistance in the "logistics" of the meeting and to committee chairmen and those who accepted responsibility for presiding at meetings.

President-elect R. L. McGuire reminded members of the Awards Banquet at 7:15 on Tuesday night preceded by a social hour at 6:30. He commented on the outstanding nominees for the Distinguished Service Award and reminded those who made nominations to re-submit them along with other qualified persons.

Dr. T. B. King, National President of the American Society of Animal Science commented on some of the activities of the society and considerations coming before the National Board in their session which follows the Southern Association meetings. He commended the Southern Section on their active Extension Sessions and stimulating Teaching Session. Questions that have been raised that are of concern to all members concern ARCUS: (should there be standards for certification) and Publications (should we have another journal in the applied field).

Committee Reports:

1. Awards Competition--J. A. Stuedemann reported that his committee evaluated 13 manuscripts and presentations this year. He suggested that January 10th be established as a date for getting in the awards papers rather than January 1. This would avoid conflicts with the holiday season. Report accepted.

2. Teaching--Howard Hesby thanked participants in the Teaching Session and emphasized that the committee would like to have the teaching display room continued and expanded. Report accepted.

4. Resolutions Committee--J. P. Fontenot submitted the following resolutions. See attached--Report accepted.

5. Extension Committee--Chairman not present.

6. Nominating Committee--C. J. Brown submitted the following names for the coming year: R. L. McGuire, President; E. R. Barrick, President-elect; W. C. McCormick, Secretary-Treasurer. Additional nominations were called for from the floor but there being none, J. P. Fontenot moved that the slate of officers be elected by acclamation. This was seconded by Tom Marlowe and passed unanimously.

No old business was brought before the meeting.

In regard to new business President Guenther brought up several ideas that have been suggested:

--Increase the amount of the awards for winning papers. The president pointed out that the Executive Committee and advisory members to the committee felt that the honor of winning and the plaque should be adequate incentive without additional monetary premium.

--Membership committee feels that there should be an on-going program to solicit membership in the Society by leaders in the Livestock and Meat Industry.

--New committee members should be selected earlier in order to have more planning time for the next meeting. President Guenther pointed out that the Executive Committee and Advisory Board had selected committee members and that they would be notified in the near future.

--The desirability of appointing section chairmen for each discipline or area of responsibility was also considered. Extension has an on-going committee and a non-ruminant committee was formed this year. It was agreed to appoint committees for: Physiology, Ruminant Nutrition, Breeding and Genetics, Pasture and Forage, Production and Environment and Meats. Members of these committees were also selected by the Executive Committee and Advisory Board.

--The matter of additional awards similar to the Junior Scientist Award of the Midwest Section. The committee supported the idea of awards in Teaching, Research and Extension if additional awards are to be made. J. H. Conrad, a former participant in the Midwest Section pointed out that he felt the Junior Scientist Award served as a stimulus for young workers. Dr. Fontenot pointed out that the Southern Section was the first to have a Distinguished Service Award and Awards Competition in research presentations by young workers and questioned whether we should get in competition with the National Organization in other awards. President Guenther said a flyer would be sent out for comments by the members on the matter of additional awards.
The matter of publishing Proceedings similar to the Western Section has been considered by the Executive Committee and Advisory Board. A letter pertaining to this matter will be circulated to members for their reaction.

President Guenther announced that the 1978 meeting would be in Houston, Texas and the 1979 meeting in New Orleans.

There being no additional call for new business, President Guenther then presented the gavel of authority to President-elect R. L. McGuire, charged him with his new duties, and formally installed him as the 1977-78 President of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science. Dr. McGuire accepted the gavel and responsibilities of the office and asked the membership for a standing ovation in appreciation of the leadership given by Dr. Guenther. President McGuire adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.
Addendum to the Minutes
Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science
Atlanta, Georgia
February 8, 1977

The Annual Awards Banquet was held in the Saxony Room, Atlanta Townehouse at 7:15 p.m. following a social hour. President R. L. McGuire presided. The invocation was given by Dr. Sam Hansard. Following the dinner Dr. R. S. Lowrey, Animal-Dairy Science Department, University of Georgia, gave some interesting information on the State of Georgia and the city of Atlanta, with a hearty welcome to the state. Dr. T. B. King, National President of the Society, was called on by the President for comments. He commended the Southern Section for the participation of the membership and emphasized the opportunities and obligations of the members in maintaining a strong society. Dr. Sam Hansard was recognized by President McGuire for his outstanding service and many contributions in the field of Animal Science as well as to the American Society of Animal Science and was presented with the Distinguished Service Award for 1977.

The winners in the Awards Competition were announced and presentations made by Dr. J. A. Stuedemann, Chairman of the Awards Competition Committee.

First Place--Tony A. Puglisi, University of Georgia and U.S.D.A
Second Place--Susan H. Hayes, University of Kentucky
Third Place--M. T. Zavy, University of Florida.

Each received a plaque and cash award of $25.00, $15.00 and $10.00 for first, second and third places, respectively.

President McGuire introduced the speaker for the occasion, Dr. J. W. Pou, Assistant Director of Community and Rural Development, Extension Service, University of Georgia, who gave an entertaining and stimulating talk on the challenges of the 1970s.

Outgoing President, J. J. Guenther, was recognized by the Society for his contributions to the society and particularly his leadership as President during 1976-77 and was presented with a plaque by President-elect E. R. Barrick. Following some very interesting remarks by Dr. Guenther on incidents encountered during his period in office, the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Respectfully submitted

E. R. Barrick
Secretary-Treasurer
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