

Minutes of Business Meeting of the Southern Section
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE
New Orleans, Louisiana
February 5, 1979

The meeting was convened at 5:00 P.M. in the Tulane Room of the Grand Hotel. President Elliott Barrick called the meeting to order and introduced Dr. Bill Turner from LSU, who welcomed the group to Louisiana.

President Barrick introduced a number of the National Directors who met following the SAAS meetings. These included C. J. Kercher, President, ASAS; M. B. Wise, President-Elect, ASAS; V. W. Hays, Past-President, ASAS; and Herbert Brown, Director-at-Large. He also introduced members of the Executive Committee other than the officers, which included David Spruill, Bob McGuire, and Bob Lowrey with their wives. He thanked the Committees for their cooperation and willingness to help in every instance when asked.

Dr. Bob Shrode was recognized by President Barrick for his contribution to the group through acquiring plaques for the various individuals and for his guidance in initiating the Teaching Session and being the prime mover in carrying it forward.

The minutes of the 1978 meeting, which were distributed to all present, were presented by A. M. Sorensen, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer, and since no corrections nor deletions were voiced, the minutes were approved as presented.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the financial report for the current calendar year, which showed cash on hand December 31, 1977 of \$3,834.13; receipts of \$2,238.00; expenses of \$2,985.65; leaving a balance of cash on hand December 31, 1978, of \$3,086.48. A motion and second to accept the financial report was unanimously passed. The Secretary-Treasurer pointed out that there had been a decrease of approximately \$800 in the past fiscal year. A large amount of our funds come to us in the \$1.00 per member section dues, which helps us to operate our Southern Section. This gives us impetus to attract new members to our organization.

Secretary-Treasurer Sorensen expressed appreciation to those individuals from LSU for their help during the meetings and particularly with the visual and sound equipment used in the various discussion rooms. The major individuals concerned were Dr. Bill Turner, Dr. Paul Humes and Dr. Bob Godke with their graduate students.

Appreciation was also expressed to the Committee chairmen for their assistance in developing the abstracts and returning them although there were many troubles concerned with mail this past year. There were 223 papers presented in 1979. These included 14 Award papers presented in the various sections to which they belonged. Other numbers included Breeding and Genetics, 14; Extension, 17; Meats, 30; Monogastric Nutrition, 21; Pastures and Forages, 14; Physiology, 32; Production and Environment, 17; Ruminant Nutrition, 59; Teaching, 13, and in addition there were papers in the Joint Session and the various Symposia. These papers represented presentations from 25 organizations that submitted abstracts to us from 16 states and 3 foreign countries. A group

of papers was presented from participants in the W-145 Regional Project in our Meats section.

The Secretary cautioned those individuals submitting abstracts and those having charge of other individuals submitting abstracts to carefully read the instructions on the prepared form and utilize it as requested. Particular attention should be paid to checking the category for first, second and latter choices for presentation. An additional block should be put in for papers that wish to be deleted if they cannot be presented in their first choice.

At the time of the meeting, 320 people had registered and 120 had purchased banquet tickets. The registration table was to be held open the following morning to take care of latecomers.

President-Elect Dr. W. C. McCormick was recognized to make comments concerning the banquet and Distinguished Service Award. He pointed out that the two social hours were cancelled because of the monetary involvement in them as well as the entertainment of the city which drew many of our members to that facet. The Section is subsidizing the purchase price of the banquet tickets by \$2.00 to encourage many members to attend.

Thanks were given Drs. Hansard, Edwards, Thrasher, and Thatcher for serving on the Distinguished Service Award Committee. The award was to be presented at the banquet the following night. Many candidates were well-qualified but only one could be chosen. The material is being returned to the nominators for each individual submitted.

Dr. Virgil W. Hays, Past-President, ASAS, was introduced to comment about ARCAS. He stated that there are many areas of Animal Science that we must be cognizant of in terms of registration as an animal scientist and the abilities of the animal scientist. One area is in the handling of animals in research. This has gotten into the hands of people that are not trained animal scientists. Positions in Civil Service are not open to our scientists because the people that have been drafting the requirements for these individuals are not of our kind and do not know our situation. ARCAS is an organization that should correct such situations. In the Food and Drug Administration there are supervisory positions that are not open to animal scientists because of the definition of job requirements. On the other hand, animal science researchers provide 75 to 80% of the data that FDA use in the animal field for making decisions. Evaluation of those data at the high level management decisions shows that we need other qualifications to make those judgments. So we are able to do the research and interpret the results, but cannot make the final decisions. The future of the profession of the animal scientist lies in people of our kind becoming members and becoming active.

Ed Tout, Secretary of ARCAS, was introduced and made remarks concerning the office and its publications. A Symposium is being planned for the ASAS meetings in Tucson on regulation of animal science.

Dr. Conrad Kercher, President of the American Society of Animal Science, was introduced for remarks. He pointed out the differences in some of the procedures from the national office this year. Nominations for awards are requested ahead of abstract papers. He also pointed out the difference in

procedure for submitting abstract papers this year. All of this is in the letter that came from the main office just a brief period ago.

He commented about the abstracts for the Journal of Animal Science and this is still being studied to determine if it should be placed again in the Journal or sold separately as it has been for the last few years. The entire group will probably be polled presenting alternatives for the publication.

Another strong area in the Association at the present time is that of the Research Committee. It is moving toward listing research needs in animal agriculture, but within a general and specific way. He suggested that the Southern Section consider a poster session next year to follow some of the direction of the Northeast District, which did so this past year with success. Finally, he invited the group to submit abstracts for the meeting in Tucson and also invited the group to come and participate.

Committee reports are as follows:

1. Awards Competition

Fuller Bazer presented the report that 18 papers were submitted, of which two were deleted and 3 were later withdrawn. These included 1 in Breeding and Genetics; 5 in Physiology; 1 in Monogastric Nutrition; and 6 in Ruminant Nutrition. The Committee would recommend that the awards papers go back to a single session as previously conducted. Reasons for doing so are the loss of the uniqueness of having a particular session, competition with presentors of other papers in adjacent rooms, and competition related to professors coming to hear their students and wishing to hear other papers at the same time.

2. Membership

The report was given by Bob McGuire, who stated that we need to encourage our graduate students and young scientists to become interested in the Society and become members.

3. Teaching

The report was made by Bob Lowrey, who stated that over half our students are now urban students and 25 to 50% of many of our departments are female. These challenge our curricula and our teaching methods.

4. Extension

David Spruill stated that 47 members were present including the National Association President. Next year's officers were nominated as follows: Chairman, Dennis Herd; Chairman-Elect, Joe Hughes; Secretary, John Williams. It was recommended that the group identify two or three areas for discussion and ask for papers to be submitted by the membership, addressed to these subjects. The Extension group recommended that a committee determine an extension specialist to be recognized for excellence in the program area at the next annual meeting.

5. Necrology

The report was presented by Marvin Koger, who listed the following as passing away in the previous year: Dr. Olin T. Fosgate, University of Georgia, September 21, 1978; Ralph E. Hunt, VPI, July 23, 1978; Dr. William G. Kirk, University of Florida, January 21, 1978; and Dr. W. L. Stangel, Texas Tech University, May 16, 1978. The audience was asked to stand for a moment of remembrance for these four members.

6. Resolutions

Dr. T. W. White, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, gave the report as follows:

Whereas the annual meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science held February 4-7, 1979 in New Orleans, Louisiana has been a most successful meeting and,

Whereas in past years we have voiced concern to Officers of the Southern Section and to Officers of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists because we were located away from SAAS headquarters and other sections with common interest and whereas this year we are located in the same hotel, and

Whereas the arrangements for this meeting have been carefully planned and well executed even though more indepth consideration should be given to meeting room arrangements in the future, and

Whereas the Officers of the Southern Section have rendered distinguished service and outstanding leadership during this year.

Therefore, be it resolved that thanks be extended to our Officers and be it further resolved that our Officers express appreciation to SAAS Officers for these housing arrangements, and

Whereas the awards competition papers require considerable time and effort on the part of the Awards Committee, be it resolved, therefore, that appreciation be expressed to the Awards Committee for a job well done, and

Whereas the host members of the State of Louisiana are involved in planning and coordinating arrangements for this meeting, and

Whereas individual program participants contribute to the success of this meeting, and

Whereas printing arrangements and financial records for this section require considerable effort on the part of our national business manager, Mr. Claude Cruse, who already has a very busy schedule.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science express grateful appreciation for these efforts and,

Be it finally resolved that these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of this meeting and that the Secretary convey the sincere thanks of this group to all persons and organizations herein recognized.

T. Wayne White, Chairman
J. W. Lassiter

President Barrick told the group that the Executive Committee had met and would like to suggest that a Secretary-Elect be added to our nomination ballots so that he could work with the Secretary and be familiar with his duties before he becomes Secretary. This is necessary since the Secretary's job is a one-year proposition. The motion was made by Bob Lowrey that a Secretary-Elect be added to the nominations ballot and he assume the duties of Secretary after one year. The motion was seconded by Jim Guenther and carried.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Bob McGuire, made its report. He thanked the other members of the committee and said that the nominations included a Secretary-Elect, which would be the new nominee in subsequent years. Nominations were: President - W. C. McCormick of Georgia; President-Elect - A. M. Sorensen, Jr., of Texas; Secretary - J. W. Turner of LSU; and Secretary-Elect - J. R. Hill of South Carolina. Jim Guenther moved that nominations cease and the slate be elected by acclamation. Marvin Koger seconded the motion and it carried.

President Barrick reported on action of the Executive and Advisory Committee concerning finances. We have been operating at a loss the last two years, after having a sizable addition to our funds. It has been suggested that a registration fee be required of those attending the SSASAS meeting. We apparently are the only group at the present time that does not charge some fee. None of the \$5.00 fee for SAAS is applied to the expenses of our section.

The motion was made by Milt Wise that the registration fee be \$4.00 for non-students, \$2.00 for students, and \$1.00 for any additional abstracts. The motion was seconded by Marvin Koger and passed.

Dick Wheeler moved that our section consider the feasibility of having the meeting at another time of the year. The motion was seconded by Bryan Baker. Discussion included a comment by Connie Kercher that most of the sectional meetings were held in June and July and created quite a conflict on Claude Cruse, Business Manager. Also, going to two meetings, the Sectional and the National, close together, makes a hardship. Another comment reiterated the advantages of meeting with the larger organization, although there were disadvantages. Alternatives needed to be considered. The motion carried with some dissention and the Executive and Advisory Committee will consider the possibilities.

Bill Ellis of Texas suggested that some way be continued to coordinate the meeting with Agronomy, so that the Nutrition Section people interested in pastures, particularly, could attend those sessions.

President Barrick presented the gavel to incoming President McCormick, charging him with the responsibilities of the Southern Section of the American

Society of Animal Science for the coming year.

New President McCormick accepted the gavel and asked that the group stand and give Past-President Barrick an ovation. Following this, the meeting was adjourned.

Addendum to the Minutes
Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science
New Orleans, Louisiana
February 6, 1979

The Annual Awards Banquet was held in the Tulane Room, Grand Hotel, at 7:15 P.M. President McCormick presided and the invocation was given by A. M. Sorensen, Jr. Members at the head table were introduced as well as a number of the dignitaries in the audience. The group was welcomed to Louisiana by Director Doyle Chambers of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station.

President McCormick announced to the group that the meeting next year would be in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

President C. J. Kercher, American Society of Animal Science, was introduced for his comments. He introduced Herb Brown, Director-at-Large; Elliott Barrick, Southern Section Director; M. C. McCormick, Southern Director; Milt Wise, President-Elect, ASAS; Virgil Hays, Past-President, ASAS; Clair Terrill, Past-President, ASAS; and Don Kinsman, President, American Science Association. President Kercher invited the group to the ASAS meetings in Tucson, Arizona, July 28, 1979. There will be a Biannual Reproduction Symposium on the 28th and the Animal Science meetings will be from July 29 through August 1. Information is already in the mail on this meeting. The group was urged to read the instructions carefully on abstracts and the other materials for this coming year. There have been some changes made.

Past Presidents of the Southern Section, ASAS, were recognized by President McCormick.

President McCormick then presented the Distinguished Service Award for 1979 to Dr. Marvin Koger, Professor of Animal Breeding and Genetics, University of Florida. He was cited for his many contributions to the area of animal science and particularly his work with the Southern Livestock Industry.

Fuller Bazer was recognized to present the Student Competition Awards. The winners in the 1979 meeting were: First place--T. W. Robb, University of Kentucky; Second place--C. G. Belcher, Oklahoma State University; Third place--M. E. Wilson, University of Kentucky. Each winner received a plaque and cash awards of \$75, \$50 and \$25 for the respective presentations. Other participants in the awards competition were recognized by name and appreciation was expressed to them for their participation.

Dr. Doyle Chambers introduced Dr. J. N. Efferson, Chancellor of the Center for Agricultural Sciences and Rural Development, Louisiana State University. He

presented a "tongue in cheek" talk entitled "Unique Developments in Swamp Country Agriculture."

Dr. A. M. Sorensen presented a plaque to Past-President Barrick, thanking him for his outstanding leadership as President, 1978-79.

Past-President Barrick expressed his appreciation and voiced his support for the future of the organization. The meeting was adjourned by President McCormick.

125 individuals attended the banquet.

Respectfully submitted,



A. M. Sorensen, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer
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American Society of Animal Science