Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science

Doubletree Hotel, Tulsa Oklahoma
February 2, 1993

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM February 2, 1993 by President Dennis Marple.

Welcome to Oklahoma: Dr. Don Wagner, Head of the Department of Animal Science at Oklahoma State University, offered a warm welcome to Oklahoma. He congratulated Texas A&M and Virginia Polytechnic Institute for finishing first and second in the Academic Quadrathlon. Dr. Wagner pointed out that this was the first time the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science had been in Oklahoma since 1962. Dr. Wagner described Oklahoma as a beef, grass and wheat state, and pointed out that agriculture and the oil and gas industries are the most important segments of the state's economy. There are 1.9 million cows and 2.2 million stocker cattle in the state. There has been a large increase in hog numbers over the last two years. OSU will benefit greatly from the passage of a capital bond issue. One of the most visible benefits will be the construction of the Oklahoma Food Products Processing Research Center.

Introduction of Past Presidents of Southern ASAS: Dr. Marple introduced Drs. George Mitchell, Joe Fontenot, C.J. Brown, James Riley Hill, Bill Lucas, Clarence Ammerman, Gary Cromwell, Charles Long, Don Franke and Ray Harvey. He also pointed out that Drs. Cromwell and Fontenot had served as President of the American Society of Animal Science.

President of ASAS: Dr. Fred Owens stated his enthusiasm for good activity in Southern ASAS. He announced that the winter board meeting would be the following week and that they would meet with representatives on FAIR 95. The summer meetings of ASAS will be in Spokane on July 5-9, 1993 following the World Animal Production meetings in Edmonton. He also provided information concerning the strategic planning process of ASAS.

Executive Vice-President ASAS: Dr. Bob Zimbleman talked about the time of change in Washington, DC. Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Espy, will probably place more emphasis on sustainability, rural revitalization, and nutrition programs. There is much discussion of reorganization of USDA, but changes in field offices will be on hold until there is reorganization at the top. Food safety and the FSIS are major discussion items. Congress has also changed some focus. Representatives Stenholm and Volken are very active in their support of Animal Agriculture. A major piece of legislation during the last session was the Break-in Bill: The Congressional Science Fellows Program is in good shape. Pete Donnelly stayed in Washington to work on Senator Lugar's staff. Mike Westendorf, the current Fellow, is on the staff of Congressman Stenholm. The environment is a big issue this year. Vice-President Gore is a major player. John Gibbens is the President's top science advisor, he is generally favorable toward issues that are important to ASAS. Fair '95 is on target and will help to increase the connection between research and the concerns of society.

Manager, Business Office ASAS: Mr. Carl Johnson was unable to attend the meetings because of illness.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Dr. Dave Buchanan presented the minutes of the 1992 Annual Meeting and the 1992 Treasurer's report. Both were approved as presented.

Report on Banquet: The Annual Awards Banquet will be on February 3. There were still numerous tickets available.

Recognition of Industry Sponsors for Regular Functions: Dr. Marple thanked Pitman Moore for sponsoring the reception and the Extension Award; Carl Akey & Co. for sponsoring the Young Animal Science...
Research Award, Biozyme for sponsoring the Young Animal Science-Education Award and Pfizer for sponsoring the Extension Luncheon.


Symposia Report: Dr. Marple announced the joint Breeding-Genetics Symposium on the Use of EPDs and the invited paper of Dr. Lee Southern in the Non-Ruminant Session.

Joint Session Report: Dr. Gary Hill announced the title of the Joint Session with Dairy Science and Agroecology. It is "Production and Utilization of New Forages and Silages in the South." The Chair of the Committee this year is Dr. Wayne Kellogg from the Dairy Science Association.

Membership Report: Dr. Marple gave the report of membership which showed a decrease of 27 regular members; an increase of 23 student members and an increase of 30 institutional members.

Awards Competition Report: Dr. L.D. Bunting reported that there were four excellent papers in the graduate student competition. He thanked Drs. Armstrong, Geisert and Rosencrans for helping evaluate presentations since several committee members were unable to attend. Dr. J.L. Perkins reported that there were three presentations in the first year of the undergraduate paper competition. They were from Auburn, Arkansas and North Carolina State. Drs. Aaron and Mulvaney were the other committee members. He encouraged increased involvement and indicated that some of the rules are being reviewed.

Academic Quadrathlon: Dr. Jim Clark gave the results of the Academic Quadrathlon. He thanked Drs. Geisert, Armstrong, Wood (VPI) and Wood (KY) for service on the committee. There were 12 teams participating. He thanked the Animal Science Department at OSU for organizing the Lab Practicum and offered the opinion that it was the best Lab Practicum ever in the Southern Region.

Extension Report: Dr. Bill Kunkle reported on extension activities. There was an excellent invited paper on the SPA program. The Extension Luncheon, sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health, would be on February 3. He also indicated that the triennial Extension Meeting was held at the University of Florida with 40 in attendance.

Necrology Report: Dr. Hesby, chairman of the committee, was unable to attend.

Resolutions: Dr. Bill Phillips reported the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 1 -- Recognition of Academic Quadrathlon Host

Whereas, the 1993 Southern Regional Academic Quadrathlon was hosted by Oklahoma State University in a most professional and supportive manner, and:

Whereas, the Oklahoma State University faculty, staff and students contributed greatly to the success and enjoyment of the event:

Be it resolved that the appropriate officers of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science extend expressions of our appreciation to the host institution's administration, faculty, staff and students of Oklahoma State University.

Resolution No. 2 -- Recognition of Hosts
Whereas, the 1993 Annual Meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma and.

Whereas, Tulsa Convention Center and Adam’s Mark and Doubletree Hotels have provided convenient facilities in a gracious and hospitable manner.

Be it resolved that the appropriate officers of the Southern Section of the Society of Animal Science extend, on behalf of the Southern Section membership, formal expressions of our appreciation.

Resolution No. 3 -- Commendation to Officers

Whereas, the officers of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science have contributed to the continuing success of the Southern Section of the Society through their positive attitude and determined leadership;

Be it resolved that the membership of the Southern Section of the Society extend sincere thanks to our colleagues and express our appreciation by offering a round of applause.

Nominations and Election Results: Dr. Harvey reported that Bill Kunkle, University of Florida, and Paul Harms, Texas A&M University, were nominated for the position of Secretary-Treasurer elect. Dr. Harms won the election, in a close vote.

New Business: None

Pass Gavel to New President: Dr. Marple thanked the Southern Section for the privilege of serving as an officer and wished the best for the society and the new president. He passed the gavel on to the new president, Dr. Paul Noland. Dr. Noland asked if there was any additional business to transact. Absent further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Addendum

Awards - The following awards were given at the 1993 Southern Section-American Society of Animal Science Meetings:

Distinguished Service Award - Dr. L.E. McDowell (University of Florida)

Extension Award - Dr. J.R. Jones (North Carolina State University)

Young Animal Scientist, Research - Dr. R.D. Geisert (Oklahoma State University)

Young Animal Scientist, Education - Dr. K.R. Pond (North Carolina State University)

Graduate Student Paper Award - D.K. Bishop (Oklahoma State University)

Undergraduate Student Paper Award - C.J. Kirby (North Carolina State University)

Academic Quadrathlon - Texas A&M University