

Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 2, 1998

The annual meeting of the Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science was called to order by President Don Ely at the Riverfront Hilton Inn in Little Rock, Arkansas at 5:00 pm on Monday, February 2, 1998.

The following items of business were transacted:

1. **Welcome.** Dr. Keith Lusby, Head of the Department of Animal Science at the University of Arkansas, welcomed the Southern Section of ASAS to Arkansas and provided agricultural information.
2. **Introduction of Past presidents.** President Ely recognized Past ASAS president Joe Fontenot and former Presidents of the Southern Section.
3. **ASAS Presidents Report.** Dr. Len Bull brought greetings from ASAS and discussed the formation of the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS). He reported that a great joint ASAS-ADSA meeting has been planned for Denver in July with a goal of getting more students and graduate students involved. Dr. Ellen Bergfeld has been selected and hired as Executive Director of ASAS.
4. **Executive Vice-President for Scientific-Liaison FASS Report.** Dr. Robert Zimbelman commented on his new roll of serving Animal Agriculture in Washington - a change from working only for ASAS. He discussed the Congressional Fellow Program, the Farm Bill and other activities on the Washington scene.
5. **Executive Vice-President for Administration FASS Report.** Chuck Sapp reported that the federation is "up and running". ASAS is financially stable. Changes are occurring and an important one is the location and involvement of Ellen Bergfeld at the Savoy office. The Federation will allow a better staff, increase efficiencies and ASAS money.
6. **Secretary-Treasurer's Report.** Bob Wettemann reported that there were 134 full members and 49 graduate student registrations for the meeting this year. This did not include about 40 students involved with the academic Quadrathlon. One hundred and one papers with abstracts and two invited papers (without abstracts) are being presented at this meeting. In addition, there are three symposia with a total of eight invited papers (five with abstracts). Minutes of the 1997 annual meeting and the Treasurer's report for January 1 through December 31, 1997 were approved as distributed.
7. **Joint Session Report.** Bill Phillips reported a successful session with Agronomy and Dairy Science on "Manipulation of the Rumen Environment for Increased Animal Performance". Three invited presentations were "Manipulating the ruminal fermentation; A microbial ecology perspective", P.J. Weimer, USDA-ARS Dairy Forage Research Center, Madison, WI; "Manipulation of the ruminal fermentation with organic acids: can forages be used as a source of organic acids?" S.A. Martin, University of Georgia, Athens; and "Value added forage improvement. Is it time to change our objectives?" W.S. Hill and E.E. Hiatt, III, University of Georgia, Athens. The sessions were well attended and the discussions were excellent.
8. **Membership Report.** Werner Bergen reported that there are 5400 members and encouraged all to recruit new members.
9. **Academic Quadrathlon Report.** Chris Skaggs reported that ten teams participated. The lab practicum was organized by the University of Arkansas and coordinated by Charles Rosenkrans. Overall results were: first place - University of Kentucky; second place - Texas A&M; third place - Oklahoma State University.