

Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Memphis, Tennessee
February 1, 1999

The annual meeting of the Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science was called to order by President Jeff Armstrong at The Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee at 5:00 p.m. on Monday February 1, 1999.

The following items of business were transacted.

1. **Introduction/Minutes.** President Jeff Armstrong presented the minutes of the 1998 Meeting in Little Rock Arkansas. They were approved as distributed.

President Armstrong welcomed Paula Schultz to the meeting. He invited participation to the ASAS Meeting in Indianapolis in July. President Armstrong introduced the 1999 officer team (Armstrong, Wettemann, Southern, Troxel, and Ely).

2. **Welcome.** Dr. Jack Britt, Vice President of Agriculture, University of Tennessee, welcomed the Southern Section of ASAS to Tennessee. He was impressed and pleased with the quality of the program, and indicated that the merger of the Animal and Dairy Science Programs was a positive step. He also welcomed the ASAS Board to Tennessee.
3. **Introduction of Past Presidents.** President Armstrong recognized Past Presidents of ASAS, Dr. Joe Fontenot, Dr. Fred Owens, Dr. Barbara Glenn, and Dr. Virgil Hayes. He also recognized Past Presidents of the Southern Section ASAS, Drs. George Mitchell, Paul Noland, Joe Fontenot, Dave Buchanan, Donald Franke, Phil Utley, Paul Harms, and Don Ely.
4. **ASAS Presidents Report.** Dr. Terry Klopfenstein indicated his pleasure to be at the Southern meeting, and that it was good to have the Mid-year ASAS Board Meeting at the same time. We are one year into FASS, and it is working well. It has encouraged us to work closer with the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA). Following the Summer 1999 ASAS meeting, ASAS will meet jointly with ADSA for a number of years, and a joint planning committee has been formed. He indicated the importance of the *Journal of Animal Science*, and that Greg Lewis has provided outstanding leadership. We continue to be in the forefront of electronic publishing. There will be a FAIR 2002 Conference in Baltimore in April. Dr. Klopfenstein welcomed us to the ASAS meeting in Indianapolis in July.
5. **Executive Director, ASAS.** Dr. Ellen Bergfeld expressed her pleasure to be at the Southern Meeting. She reported results of the "Joint Meeting Survey." In brief, the results included: a. joint meetings with Dairy Science every year are supported by ASAS membership, b. begin those meetings on Monday, Sunday starts were strongly discouraged, c. begin meetings with a Sunday evening reception, d. meetings last approximately 3.5 days, e. meetings held in July, f. continue the symposia before the ASAS meeting (do not integrate), and g. get the meeting program to the membership well in advance of the meeting. ASAS is focusing on increasing graduate student membership, and increasing membership services for graduate students. Graduate student memberships have doubled from last year. She commented on the new ASAS web site at www.asas.org.
6. **Executive Vice President for Scientific Liaison, FASS.** Dr. Barbara Glenn expressed her pleasure to be at the Southern Meeting. She defined Scientific Liaison as communication of science to the public policy arena and legislative areas. She stressed the importance of a unified voice from FASS, and to be an advocate of animal agriculture. Dr. Glenn also emphasized the importance of the Congressional Science Fellow program, and asked for applicants for the position.

7. **Executive Vice President for Administration, FASS.** Charles Sapp indicated the success of FASS. Ellen Bergfeld has been a great addition, and the staff are excellent. The joint meeting in Denver was a great success. The joint directory is available online and is updated monthly. There is much potential for the future: a scanning project to get old documents on CDs, continuing web site development, and the working relationships of the three societies that are developing at FASS. Ellen Bergfeld (ASAS), Greg Martin (PS), and Molly Kelly (ADSA) are working closely together, which is necessary for the success of FASS.
8. **Secretary-Treasurer's Report.** Dr. Lee Southern thanked the Committee Chairs and Paula Schultz for their help with the meeting and with the electronic abstract submission process. He asked for input from Committee Chairs on room sizes and other items to improve the meeting. There were 132 member registrations and 51 graduate student registrations. In addition, there were 46 undergraduate gratis registrations representing the Academic Quadrathlon and the Dairy Science student program. There were 112 abstracts published and presented. There also were six symposia or special sessions with a total of 28 invited presentations. Seven of these invited presentations had accompanying abstracts. Five sessions (Breeding and Genetics, Growth and Development, Forages and Joint Session, Physiology, and Teaching) were joint with Dairy Science representing 57 abstracts. There were 27 abstracts presented in the Small Ruminant Session. The financial statement (attached) was distributed - there were no questions. Dr. Armstrong commented on the financial report. We may have to consider an increase in registration fees, and we need additional sponsors.
9. **Joint Session Report.** Dr. Lee Southern presented the report for Dr. John Bernard. Two sessions were organized by the committee. The joint symposium sponsored by Agronomy, Animal and Dairy Science was entitled "Enhancing the Value of Corn Grain and Silage through Hybrid Selection and Processing." The session had four invited speakers (Drs. Fred Owens, Barbara Glenn, Roger Gates and Joe Harrison). Eleven presentations of original research were presented in the joint ADSA and ASAS forage session.
10. **Academic Quadrathlon Report.** Dr. Debra Aaron reported that seven teams (UK, OSU, VT, LSU, UT, Clemson, and AU) participated in the Quadrathlon. This number is down from previous years due to a conflict with the National Block and Bridle Convention. She thanked Mississippi State University for hosting the practicum, particularly Dr. Kiser for the invitation, and Drs. Rude and Tucker for planning and oversight. She also thanked the other members of the committee. Overall results were: first place, University of Kentucky; second place, Oklahoma State University; and third place, Virginia Tech. She expressed excitement in the Academic Quadrathlon program, and asked for support for the program.
11. **Necrology Report.** Dr. Lee Edgerton reported the following members died since the last meeting: Dr. Ben Barentine, Mississippi State University; Mr. Charlie Shawver, Mississippi State University; Dr. Elliot Barrick, Department of Animal Science North Carolina State University; Dr. James Legates, Department of Animal Science North Carolina State University; Dr. Lester Ulberg, Department of Animal Science North Carolina State University; Professor Phillip Loggins, University of Florida; Dr. Nelson Gay, Department of Animal Science University of Kentucky; and Dr. Curtis Mast, Department of Animal Science Virginia Tech. A moment of silence was observed in memory of these members.
12. **Resolutions.** Dr. Joe Fontenot circulated and read the following resolutions: Resolution No. 1. Recognition of Academic Quadrathlon Host, Mississippi State University; Resolution No. 2. Recognition of Hosts, The Peabody Hotel; Resolution No. 3. Potential Ban of Safe Drugs; and Resolution No. 4. Commendation to Officers. All resolutions passed.
13. **Nomination Committee and Election Report.** President Armstrong presented the report for Dr. Olsen. Dr. Debra Aaron was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Therefore, the officers for 1999-2000 are Robert Wettemann, President; Lee Southern, President-Elect; Tom Troxel, Secretary-Treasurer; and Debra Aaron, Secretary-Treasurer Elect.

14. **Advisory Committee and Membership.** Dr. Ken Esbenshade commented on the seven recommendations made by the Advisory Committee last year and entered into the minutes of the 1998 meeting. He requested input from the membership on these recommendations, as well as other items of concern and items that would increase participation. Dr. Esbenshade also indicated that the Executive Committee suggested that the Advisory and Membership committees be combined.
15. **New Business.** President Armstrong reported that the next meetings of SAAS and the Southern Section ASAS will be held in: 2000 Lexington, 2001 Fort Worth, 2002 Orlando, 2003 Mobile. Last year SAAS agreed to follow a rotation of having the meetings in a central state, followed by a west state, then a central state, then east, then central and so.

Dr. Fontenot commented on SAAS.

16. **Installation of New President.** Dr. Robert Wettemann was installed as new President of the Southern Section, ASAS. He thanked Dr. Armstrong for his insightful leadership.

Dr. Wettemann also opened the Awards Program and asked that we recognize the sponsors of this year awards and events. In addition to the sponsors listed below with the awards, the National Cottonseed Products Association sponsored the Extension Luncheon. He invited participation from other potential sponsors.

Respectively Submitted,



L. Lee Southern
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Section, ASAS

**Awards Presentation Program
R. P. Wetteman - Presiding**

1. **Undergraduate Awards.** Sponsor, Prestage Farms. The undergraduate paper competition was held on Tuesday February 2, 1999. Dr. Dave Buchanan reported the following results later to the secretary: first place, J.L. Bardugone, Virginia Tech; second place, D.D. Crosby, Auburn University; and third place, K.C. Hanson, Mississippi State University. Six abstracts accepted into the competition, and four abstracts were presented.
2. **Graduate Awards.** Sponsor, Joe Hughes. Dr. Don Franke reported the following results: first place, T.E. Engle, North Carolina State University; second place, M.L. Looper, Oklahoma State University; and third place, J. R. Kempfer, University of Florida. There were seven papers presented in the competition.
3. **Extension Award.** Sponsor, Boehringer Ingelheim. Recipient, Dr. George Davis.
4. **Young Animal Scientist Award - Research.** Sponsor, Akey, Inc. Recipient, Dr. Chadwick C. Chase, Jr.
5. **NPPC Swine Industry Award for Innovation.** Sponsor, National Pork Producers Council. Not presented.
6. **Young Animal Scientist Award - Teaching.** Not presented.
7. **Distinguished Service Award.** Recipient, Dr. Paul Noland.
8. **Recognition of Outgoing President.** Dr. Jeff Armstrong by Dr. Robert Wettemann.

RESOLUTIONS

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Report from the Resolutions Committee: J. P. Fontenot, Virginia, Chair
C. E. Thompson, South Carolina
K. S. Lusby, Arkansas

Resolution No. 1 – Recognition of Academic Quadrathlon Host

Whereas, the 1999 Southern Regional Academic Quadrathlon was hosted by Mississippi State University in a most professional and supportive manner, and

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

Be it resolved that the officers of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science extend expression of our appreciation to the administration, faculty, staff and students of Mississippi State University.

Resolution No. 2 – Recognition of Hosts

Whereas, the 1999 Annual Meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science was held in Memphis, Tennessee and

Whereas, the Peabody Hotel provided convenient facilities in a gracious and hospitable manner,

Be it resolved that the officers of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science extend, on behalf of the Southern Section membership, formal expression of our appreciation to the Hotel.

Resolution No. 3 – Potential Ban of Safe Drugs

Whereas, use of antibiotics and other drugs have enabled the livestock industry to produce an ample supply of nutritious and safe animal products at a low cost, and

Whereas, use of four antibiotics, including Tylosin, has been banned in Europe, and

Whereas, it has been suggested that regulation of the use of BST in dairy cattle be reconsidered, and

Whereas, banning the use of safe and effective drugs would adversely affect production of safe animal products at an economical cost,