



Southern Section  
AMERICAN DAIRY SCIENCE ASSOCIATION  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE



Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science  
Minutes of the Business Meeting  
Lexington, Kentucky  
January 31, 2000

The annual meeting of the Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science was called to order by President Robert Wettemann at the Lexington Convention Center in Lexington, Kentucky at 5:00 p.m. on Monday January 31, 2000.

The following items of business were transacted.

1. **Call to Order.** President Robert Wettemann called the 2000 Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science Business Meeting to order. Handouts including the meeting agenda, financial statement, ASAS Mission and Vision statements, and 1999 Business Meeting minutes were available to each attendee.
2. **Welcome.** Dr. Guy Kiracofe, Head of the Department of Animal Science, University of Kentucky, welcomed the Southern Section of ASAS to Kentucky. During the summer of 1999, Kentucky suffered its worst drought in recent memory. Kentucky has \$4 billion dollars in agriculture receipts with livestock receipts making up 54% or \$2.16 billion. The top five livestock industries are horses, cattle, poultry, dairy and swine. The Animal Science Department is about to complete a research center for swine, sheep and beef cattle.
3. **1999 Business Meeting Minutes.** President Wettemann accepted a motion and second to accept the minutes from the 1999 annual business meeting. Motion was passed.
4. **Introduction of Past Presidents.** President Wettemann recognized **ASAS** Past Presidents Drs. Joe Fontenot and Gary Cromwell. He also recognized Past Presidents of the **Southern Section ASAS**, Drs. Jeff Armstrong, George Mitchell, Joe Fontenot, Dave Buchanan, Donald Franke, Phil Utley, Gary Cromwell and Don Ely.
5. **Executive Director, ASAS.** Dr. Ellen Bergfeld was unable to attend due to weather conditions so Dr. Jeff Armstrong, ASAS President-elect, provided an ASAS update. The society is very healthy in terms of a financial and membership perspective. The initiative for Food and Agricultural Competitiveness was funded (\$120 million). There are five areas where money will be allocated. The Secretary of Agriculture funded the Fund for Rural America Centers. Membership is dropping. Professional members have dropped 9% in recent years. The society has lost a number of institutional members (135). There has been an increase in Graduate Student numbers to over 520. The ASAS Web site has a new look. The rejection rate for the Journal was about 30% last year. Over 320 CD's were sold in 1999. There has been a lot of cooperation between the FASS societies. Hope everyone is planning to attend the annual meeting in Baltimore (July 25-28). It will be a joint meeting with ADSA. As a matter of fact, all the meetings through 2003 are joint with ADSA. The Foundation assets have grown from approximately \$135,000 (1996) to \$255,000 (1999). A new ASAS mission and vision statement (attached) was introduced for input. The new five-year strategic plan was briefly introduced. Five directives in the strategic plan are (1) broaden the scope (increase membership), (2) strengthen ASAS communication and efforts to include and interrelated disciplines of interest, (3) increase continuing educational activities, (4) strengthen member input to establish priorities, and (5) strengthen ASAS's financial statement. For the meeting in 2001, there will be a companion animal program committee. This should help broaden the scope of ASAS. The ASAS board introduced the possibility of adding two board members, which would be filled by graduate students and/or postdoctoral students. These board members would have two-year terms. This hopefully would improve graduate student and postdoctoral student services. Dr. Joe Fontenot suggested that one seat be for a graduate student and the second be for a postdoctoral student.

The Dairy Science and Animal Science Boards have employed Market Partners to develop a better marketing plan to increase corporate donations.

6. **Secretary-Treasurer's Report.** Dr. Tom Troxel thanked the Program Chairs for their help and cooperation with developing the program. There were 103 full member registrations, 50 graduate students and 9 undergraduate students that registered for a total of 162. There were 104 abstracts published and 118 presented (including invited papers). There were four symposia with 16 presentations and 4 exchange groups scheduled. The Graduate Student Paper Competition grew from 7 in 1999 to 13 in 2000. There were 27 abstracts (4 invited) presented in the Small Ruminant Session plus a tour of the new sheep research facilities at the University of Kentucky. The financial statement (attached) was distributed; there were no questions.
7. **Academic Quadrathlon Report.** Sandra TenBroeck was chair of the Academic Quadrathlon committee but was unable to stay for the business meeting. Therefore, Dr. Debra Aaron reported that nine out of the ten teams registered in the Quadrathlon participated. This number is up from last year, and the interest in this activity seems to be growing. Dr. Aaron thanked the other members of the committee. Overall results were first place, Texas A & M; second place, Virginia Tech; and third place University of Kentucky. She expressed excitement in the Academic Quadrathlon program, and continued support for the program.
8. **Extension Report.** Extension chair Dr. Mark McCann reported that at the 1999 meeting a special session was provided for county agents to present successful Extension programs. This was well received but this session was not planned for the 2000 meeting because of the increase in the number of Extension abstracts submitted. Twenty abstracts representing 14 institutions were submitted in 2000. The Triennial Extension meeting in 2001 will be hosted by LSU. Pfizer Animal Health sponsored the extension luncheon.
9. **Necrology Report.** Dr. Phil Utey reported the following members passed away since the last meeting: Dr. John K. Skeeles, University of Arkansas; Dr. Charles Stanislaw, North Carolina State University; Dr. Ervin T. Kornegay, Virginia Tech; and Mr. John Wise, Clemson University. A moment of silence was observed in memory of these members.
10. **Resolutions.** Dr. Carl Thompson read a resolution (attached) recognizing the host - University of Kentucky, Hyatt and Radisson Hotels and the Lexington Convention Center. The resolution was approved by applause.
11. **Nomination Committee and Election Report.** Dr. Paul Humes announced the results of the election. Dr. Ken Esbenshade was elected Secretary-Treasurer. **Therefore, the officers for 2000-01 are Lee Southern - President, Tom Troxel - President-Elect, Debra Aaron - Secretary-Treasurer, and Ken Esbenshade - Secretary-Treasurer Elect.**
12. **Advisory Committee and Membership Report.** No report was given.
13. **New Business.** President Wettemann reported that the next meetings of SAAS and the Southern Section ASAS would be held in 2001, Fort Worth; 2002, Orlando; and 2003, Mobile.
14. **Installation of New President.** Dr. Lee Southern was installed as new President of the Southern Section, ASAS. Dr. Southern expressed his appreciation to many members who has helped put together the Southern Section meeting.

Dr. Southern opened the Awards Program and asked that we recognize the sponsors of this year's awards and events.

Respectively submitted,  
Tom R. Troxel  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Southern Section, ASAS

**Awards Presentation Program  
Lee Southern - Presiding**

1. **Undergraduate Awards.** Sponsor, Degussa-Hüls Corporation. The undergraduate paper competition was held on Monday, January 31, 2000. Dr. Bob James reported the following results: first place – Brooke Robbins, Virginia Tech; second place – Elizabeth A. Cowardin, Virginia Tech and third place – Amanda E. Ramer, West Kentucky University. There were eight entries with seven presented in the competition.
2. **Graduate Awards.** Sponsor, Kemin Industries. Dr. Neal Schrick reported the following results: first place – Matt R. Stivarius, University of Arkansas; second place – Cody L. Wright, North Carolina State University and third place – Jonalee A. Meyer, Texas A & M University. There were 13 papers submitted and 12 papers presented in the competition.
3. **Extension Award.** Sponsor, Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. Dr. Darrh Bullock presented the Extension Award to Dr. Tom R. Troxel.
4. **Young Animal Scientist Award - Education.** Sponsor, Block and Bridle Clubs (Southern Section). Chairperson Dr. Debra Aaron presented the Young Animal Scientist Award – Education to Andy Herring.
5. **Distinguished Service Award.** President Southern presented the Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Philip Utley.
6. **Young Animal Scientist Award - Research.** Not presented.
7. **NPPC Swine Industry Award for Innovation.** Sponsor, National Pork Producers Council. Not presented.

President Southern expressed appreciation to all the sponsors of the awards.

**Recognition of Outgoing President.** Dr. Lee Southern recognized Dr. Robert Wettemann as outgoing president.