

**Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science  
Minutes of the Business Meeting  
Fort Worth, Texas  
January 29, 2001**

The annual meeting of the Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science was called to order by President Lee Southern at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2001.

The following items of business were transacted:

1. **Call to Order.** President Lee Southern called the 2001 Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science Business Meeting to order. Handouts, including the meeting agenda, financial statement, and 2000 Business meeting minutes, were available to each attendee.
2. **Welcome.** Dr. Byran H. Johnson, Head of the Department of Animal Science, Texas A&M University welcomed the Southern Section of ASAS to Texas. During his remarks, he reminded attendees of the value and history of the Southern Section.
3. **2000 Business Meeting Minutes.** President Southern accepted a motion and second to accept the minutes from the 2000 annual business meeting. Motion was passed.
4. **Introduction of Past Presidents.** President Southern recognized **ASAS** past president Dr. Joe Fontenot. He also recognized Past Presidents of the **Southern Section ASAS**, Drs. Jeff Armstrong, Don Ely, Joe Fontenot, Don Franke, Charles Long, and Robert Wetteman.
5. **President, ASAS.** Dr. Jeff Armstrong recognized the Southern Section for its excellent tradition and reminded attendees that many of them gave their first paper at a Southern Section meeting. He commended Tom Troxel for his representation on the ASAS Board of Directors. He also provided an ASAS update. Among the items he discussed were 1) the continuation of strategic directives and planning activities by ASAS, announcing that the Journal of Animal Science continues to be the top strategic directive, 2) the upcoming total electronic submission process for the Journal of Animal Science, 3) the health of the ASAS budget, and 4) the addition of two new 'trainee' positions on the Board of Directors, noting that there had been 19 nominations for the two positions to date.
6. **Executive Director, ASAS.** Dr. Ellen Bergfeld, Executive Director, ASAS, discussed the increase in ASAS memberships during the past year. She also made an announcement regarding the new ASAS Member-Get-A-Member

campaign, which will be kicked-off at the 2001 ASAS meeting in Indianapolis. Regarding the Indianapolis meeting, it will be the first-ever joint meeting of the four associations, American Dairy Science Association, American Meat Science Association, American Society of Animal Science, and Poultry Science Association. Currently, 45 symposia are scheduled, with the majority of them being integrated over the four societies.

7. **Secretary-Treasurer's Report.** Dr. Debra K. Aaron thanked the Program Chairs for their help and cooperation developing the program. There were 134 full member registrations, 54 graduate students, and 9 undergraduates for a total of 197. This represented an increase of 22% over last year. There were 145 abstracts presented (including invited papers) and 140 abstracts published. There were 5 papers in the Graduate Student Paper Competition, down from 13 in 2000. Two research exchange group meetings were scheduled. The financial statement (attached) was distributed and Dr. Aaron informed meeting attendees of several actions that had been made to improve finances during 2000-2001. These included 1) increasing registration fees from \$10 to \$20 for full members and from \$5 to \$15 for graduate student members, 2) cutting the size of the mailing for the 2001 meeting and placing most of the information on the Web, and 3) increasing sponsorships. There were no questions.
8. **Academic Quadrathlon Report.** Dr. Dale Coleman was chair of the Academic Quadrathlon Committee but was unable to stay for the business meeting. Therefore, Dr. Todd A. Thrift reported that 11 teams participated in the Quadrathlon, including a team from an institution (Middle Tennessee State University) that had never participated before. Dr. Thrift thanked the other members of the committee and recognized faculty and staff from Texas A&M University for their assistance in putting on the practicum portion of the competition. Overall results were first place, University of Kentucky; second place, Texas A&M University; third place, University of Georgia.
9. **Extension Report.** Extension chair Dr. Joe Paschal reported that 12 abstracts were submitted in 2001.
10. **Necrology Report.** Dr. John T. Johns reported the following members passed away since the last meeting: Dr. Robert Behlow, North Carolina State University, Dr. Sumner Griffin, University of Tennessee, Mr. W. A. "Bo" Nipper, Louisiana State University, and Dr. John S. Sullivan, Louisiana State University. A moment of silence was observed in memory of these members.
11. **Resolutions.** Dr. Debra K. Aaron read a resolution (attached) recognizing the host - Texas A&M University and the Radisson Plaza Hotel. The resolution was approved by applause.
12. **Nomination Committee and Election Report.** Dr. Debra K. Aaron announced the results of the election. Dr. Bill Kunkle was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Therefore, the officers for 2001-2002 are Dr. Tom Troxel - President, Dr. Debra K. Aaron - President-Elect, Dr. Kenneth L. Esbenshade - Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Bill Kunkle - Secretary-Treasurer-Elect, and Dr. Lee Southern, Past-President.

13. **Advisory Committee and Membership Report.** Dr. Monte Rouquette announced there were no new activities.
14. **New Business.** President Southern reported that the next meeting of SAAS and the Southern Section ASAS was scheduled for February 2-5, 2002 in Orlando, Florida.
15. **Installation of New President.** Dr. Tom Troxel was installed as new President of the Southern Section, ASAS.

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

Respectively submitted,  
Debra K. Aaron  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Southern Section, ASAS

#### **Awards Presentation Program Dr. Tom Troxel - Presiding**

1. **Undergraduate Awards.** Sponsor, Degussa-Hüls Corporation. The undergraduate paper award was to be presented on Tuesday, January 30.
2. **Graduate Awards.** Sponsor, Kemin Industries. Dr. John Spitzer reported the following results: first place - Jayden Montgomery, Texas Tech University; second place - Elizabeth McFadin-Buff, University of Missouri; third place - Jason M. Behrends, University of Kentucky. There were 5 papers in the competition.
3. **Extension Award.** Sponser, Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. Dr. Tom Troxel presented the Extension Award to Dr. Walter Roy Burris, University of Kentucky.
4. **Young Animal Scientist Award-Education.** Sponsor, Block and Bridle Clubs located in the Southern Region. Dr. Ronnie L. Edwards presented the Young Animal Scientist Award-Education to Dr. Shawn Ramsey, Texas A&M University.
5. **Young Animal Scientist Award-Research.** Sponsor, Elanco Animal Health. Dr. Jerome Baker presented the Young Animal Scientist Award-Research to Dr.

- Jason Apple, University of Arkansas.
6. **Swine Industry Award for Innovation.** Sponsor, National Pork Producers Council. Dr. David Meisinger presented the Swine Industry Award for Innovation to Dr. Glenn E. Conaster, University of Tennessee.
  7. **Distinguished Service Award.** Dr. Joe Fontenot presented the Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Robert P. Wettemann, Oklahoma State University.

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

**Recognition of Outgoing President.** Dr. Tom Troxel recognized Dr. Lee Southern as outgoing president.