

Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Orlando, Florida
February 4, 2002

The annual meeting of the Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science was held on Monday, February 4, 2002 with Dr. Tom Troxel, President presiding.

The following items of business were transacted:

1. **Call to Order.** President Tom Troxel called the 2002 Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science Business Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. President Troxel welcomed the members and guests and announced that handouts of the meeting agenda, financial statement, and minutes of the 2001 Business meeting were available for each attendee.
2. **Welcome to the State of Florida.** Dr. Glen Hembry, Chair of the Department of Animal Sciences at the University of Florida, welcomed the Southern Section of ASAS to Florida on behalf of the University of Florida, Florida A&M University, and the employees of USDA-ARS residing in Florida. Dr. Hembry described Florida agriculture and the importance of animal agriculture in the state.
3. **Introduction of Past Presidents.** President Troxel recognized Dr. Joe Fontenot as a past ASAS president and Drs. Joe Fontenot, Don Franke, Don Ely and Bob Wettemann as past presidents of the Southern Section ASAS.
4. **Remarks by the President of ASAS.** Dr. David Ames, President of the American Society of Animal Science, brought greetings to the group from the Board of Directors of ASAS, who met in Orlando immediately before the beginning of the Southern Section meeting. In his remarks, he indicated that there continues to be a need and interest to form partnerships involving universities, the animal industries, and allied businesses for the advancement of our activities and society. President Ames also provided an update on the electronic submission process for the Journal of Animal Science, indicating that electronic submission has decreased the time to publication and increased the ability to tract submitted manuscripts. More progress is expected as the acceptance and utilization of electronic submission is embraced. President Ames reminded us that increasing membership in our organization is always important and he asked us to encourage others to become members of ASAS. President Ames thank the leadership of the southern section for the contributions they are making, and in particular Dr. Tom Troxel for his representation of the southern section on the ASAS Board of Directors.
5. **Remarks by the Executive Director of ASAS.** Dr. Ellen Bergfeld, Executive Director, American Society of Animal Science, expressed her pleasure to be attending the Southern

Section meeting, and she brought greetings from the staff at the ASAS headquarters in Savoy, Illinois. Dr. Bergfeld reminded us of the summer meeting to be held in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada in conjunction with the American Dairy Science Association. She also told the group about the workshops she was conducting at the southern meeting titled "Congressional Insights". The workshops are open to all attendees of the Southern Ag Workers, and she particularly invited the animal science attendees to participate.

6. **Report from the Secretary-Treasurer.** Dr. Ken Esbenshade thanked the Program Chairs for their help and cooperation developing the program, and for their assistance in assuring that there is audiovisual equipment in each of the sessions. He also thank the chairs, presenters, and attendees for being flexible as numerous unplanned room changes were imposed. There were 123 full members, 59 graduate students, and 11 undergraduate students that registered for a total of 193. In addition, there were ten quadrathlon teams of four undergraduate students each representing another 40 undergraduate students that were involved in the meeting. The total attendance at the last five Southern Section meetings are were 2001 - 197; 2000 - 162; 1999 - 189; 1998 - 183; and 1997 - 174, making this years attendance similar to past meetings. There were 156 presentations, with 139 published abstracts, 17 invited presentations and four symposia. There were 17 papers in the Graduate Student Paper Competition and eight in the Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, representing the largest number of papers ever in these two sessions. At least five special interest groups met during the Southern Section meeting, including four IEGs (Information Exchange Groups) and an IFAFS work group. It was recommended that groups desiring to meet around the time of the Southern Section meeting coordinate this with the Secretary-Treasurer so that room and programming accommodations can be facilitated.

The financial report of the Southern Section ASAS was presented. There was an increase in the cash on hand during the 2001 calendar year and 2001 was operated in the black. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report. The motion passed.

President Troxel accepted a motion and a second to accept the minutes from the 2001 annual business meeting. The motion passed.

7. **Academic Quadrathlon Report.** Dr. Scott Carter was chair of the Academic Quadrathlon Committee, but he was unable to stay for the business meeting. Dr. Todd Thrift reported on the competition and the results. There were ten teams that participated, with the practicum being held at the University of Florida at Gainesville. Dr. Thrift thanked the other members of the committee, the faculty and staff from the University of Florida for their assistance, and the institutions who sent teams. The overall results were first place, University of Florida; second place, Texas A&M University; and third place, Virginia Tech.
8. **Extension Report.** Dr. Matt Poore reported on the extension program. He reminded everyone that the extension luncheon was at noon on Tuesday, February 5.

9. **Necrology Report.** Dr. John Johns reported that the following individuals had passed away since the last meeting: Neil Bradley, University of Kentucky; Fred Leek, University of Florida; Tom Marlowe, Virginia Tech; John Riggs, Texas A&M University; and Patch Woolfolk, University of Kentucky. A moment of silence was observed in memory of these members.

10. **Resolutions Committee Report:** Dr. Bob Wetteman presented three resolutions for consideration. Resolution No. 1: Recognition of the University of Florida for hosting the Academic Quadrathlon. Resolution No. 2: Recognition of the Radisson as the host hotel. Resolution No. 3: Commendation to the Officers of the Southern Section ASAS. All resolutions passed.

President Troxel commented that the Officers of the Southern Section is contemplating developing guidelines and procedures for the general membership to submit resolutions for consideration.

11. **Nomination Committee and Election Report.** Dr. Warren Gill announced the results of the election. Dr. Jerry Baker was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The officers for 2002-2003 are Dr. Debra Aaron - President; Dr. Ken Esbenshade - President Elect; Dr. Bill Kunkle - Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Jerry Baker - Secretary/Treasurer Elect; and Dr. Tom Troxel - Past President.

12. **Membership Report.** President Tom Troxel encouraged the membership to get others to join the American Society of Animal Science. He emphasized the need to encourage young scholars in the animal sciences, including graduate students, to join the society and become affiliated with the organization. He reminded the attendees about the member-get-a-member program, and he encouraged us to participate in the program in 2002.

13. **New Business.** President Troxel reported that the upcoming meetings of the Southern Section will be as follows: 2003 - Mobile, Alabama; 2004 - Tulsa, Oklahoma; and 2005 - Little Rock, Arkansas.

14. **Installation of New President.** Dr. Debra Aaron was installed as the new President of the Southern Section, ASAS.

Dr. Aaron closed the Business Meeting and opened the Awards Program. She thanked everyone for their hard work in putting together the Southern Section meeting. She then asked that we recognize the sponsors of this year's awards and events. The following awards were presented:

1. **Undergraduate Student Paper Competition.** Dr. Dale Coleman, Chair of the Teaching and Undergraduate Education Committee, thanked the committee for their help and presented the results of the competition as follows: first place - Brett Spader, University of Missouri; second place - Susan Cannon, University of Arkansas; and third place - Aaron Maye, North Carolina State University. *Sponsor: Degussa-Hulls Corporation*

2. **Graduate Student Paper Competition.** Dr. Beth Kegley, Chair of the Graduate Student Awards Competition Committee, presented the awards as follows: first place - J.A. Parish, University of Georgia; second place - Liza Soliz, Texas A&M University at Kingsville; and third place - Kay Garner, University of Tennessee. *Sponsor: Kemin Industries, Inc.*
3. **Extension Award.** Dr. Debra Aaron presented the Extension Award to Dr. Warren Gill, University of Tennessee. *Sponsor: Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.*
4. **Young Animal Scientist Award - Education.** Dr. Glen Hembry presented the Young Animal Scientist Award-Education to Dr. Joel Yelich, University of Florida. *Sponsor: Elanco Animal Health*
5. **Young Animal Scientist Award - Research.** Dr. Jerry Spears presented the Young Animal Scientist Award-Research to Dr. Beth Kegley, University of Arkansas. *Sponsor: Elanco Animal Health*
6. **National Pork Board Award for Innovation.** Dr. David Meisinger from the National Pork Board presented the National Pork Board Award for Innovation to Kim Cole from the University of Arkansas for the abstract entitled "Follicular dynamics and ovulation rate in gilts actively immunized against 17- α -hydroxyprogesterone." *Sponsor: National Pork Board*
7. **Distinguished Service Award.** Dr. Joe Fontenot presented the Distinguished Service award to Dr. Fred Thrift, University of Kentucky.

President Debra Aaron recognized Dr. Tom Troxel as the outgoing president of the Southern Section, ASAS. She thanked Dr. Troxel for his hard work and dedication during his tenure as president.

President Aaron thank everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Respectively Submitted,
 Kenneth L. Esbenshade
 Secretary-Treasurer
 Southern Section, ASAS