

**Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science**  
**Minutes of the Business Meeting**  
**Mobile, Alabama**  
**February 3, 2003**

The annual meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science was held on Monday, February 3, 2003 at 5:00 p.m., with Dr. Debra K. Aaron, President presiding.

The following items of business were transacted:

1. **Call to Order.** President Debra Aaron called the 2003 Southern Section ASAS Business meeting to order. President Aaron welcomed the members and guests and announced that copies of the agenda, minutes of the 2002 Business meeting, and financial statement were available for each attendee.
2. **Welcome to the State of Alabama.** Dr. Lowell Frobish, Chair of the Department of Animal Science at Auburn University, welcomed the Southern Section ASAS to Alabama on behalf of Auburn University. Dr. Frobish provided an overview of the Department of Animal Science at Auburn University. In particular he outlined some new developments in construction projects and a profile of the current student body.
3. **Introduction of Past Presidents.** President Aaron recognized Dr. Joe Fontenot and Dr. Gary Cromwell as past ASAS presidents and Drs. Joe Fontenot, Tom Troxel, Don Ely, Gary Cromwell, Don Franke, and Bob Wettemann as past presidents of the Southern Section ASAS.
4. **Past Presidents Report.** Dr. Tom Troxel announced the establishment of a Past Presidents Club. The objective of the Club will be to help support the purchase of plaques and other activities of the Southern Section. He indicated that there would be two types of membership: annual and lifetime (\$500.00 one time donation). As of January 14, 2003, the amount raised by the Past Presidents Club of Southern Section ASAS was \$4,200.00. The following Past Presidents contributed to the Life Time Membership: Drs. Clarence Ammerman, Joe Fontenot, Don Franke, Charles Long, William Luce, George Mitchell, Tom Troxel and Bob Wettemann. Those contributing toward annual membership were Drs. Connell Brown, Paul Harms, David Spruill and Phil Utley.
5. **Comments from ASAS President.** Dr. James W. Lauderdale brought greetings to the group from the Board of Directors of ASAS who met in Detroit, January 31, to February 2, 2003. He commented that changes and patterns of change are important to recognize in our academic departments and membership. The Society must meet the needs of four generations of members. The strategic plan of 1994 was revisited and several outcomes are expected to help direct the Society in the future. The society must have a broader scope to meet membership needs.

The Editor-in-Chief position and responsibilities will be changed. It has been recommended to the Board that Section Editors be assigned greater responsibilities with a new level of Associate Editors. This is an effort to reduce the publication time. A new ethics statement, which came from a committee chaired by Dr. Tom Troxel, will be voted on by the membership. Other items mentioned included improving the quality of the meeting presentations, a new process for publication of symposia papers and a revision in the process for submission of nominations for awards. Dr. Lauderdale also announced that Dr. Ellen Bergfeld, Executive Director of ASAS would be leaving her position at the conclusion of the annual meeting in June. She will become the Executive Vice-President of the Tri-Societies.

6. **Comments from ASAS Executive Director.** Dr. Ellen Bergfeld thanked the membership for their generous support in the past and also for the opportunities that serving as Executive Director provided her. She announced that publications would be moving to Highwire later in the spring. More information about Highwire is available on the ASAS website. The annual meeting ASAS will be a joint meeting with ADSA and the Mexican Association of Animal Production in Phoenix, AZ.
7. **Program Secretary's Report.** Dr. Jerry Baker extended a thank you to the Program Chairs that contributed to the success of this year's program. The program chairs were responsible for reviewing abstracts, correspondence with authors, and submitting to the Secretary the suggested program schedules. Attending this meeting were 130 regular members, 52 graduate students, and 20 undergraduate students. There were nine Quadrathlon teams competing with an additional 36 students. The total attending was 247, which is higher than previous years (193 – 2002, 197 – 2001, 162 – 2000, 189 – 1999, 183 – 1998, and 174 – 1997). There were 129 presentations at the meeting in 2003 compared to 156 in 2002. There were 10 presentations in the Graduate Student Competition and 6 presentations in the Undergraduate Research Competition section. There were three special symposiums with 12 invited presentations. The financial report of the Southern Section ASAS for 2002 was presented. The report indicated that cash on hand as of December 31, 2002 was \$8,447,38; which is an increase over 2001. The increase in revenue can be partially accounted for by contributions to the new Past Presidents Club. President Aaron accepted a motion from Dr. Joe Fontenot and a second by Dr. Jim Neal to accept the minutes from the 2002 annual business meeting. Motion was passed by voice vote. President Aaron next accepted a motion by Dr. Sam Coleman and a second by Dr. Joe Fontenot to accept the financial report as distributed. The motion passed with a voice vote.
8. **Academic Quadrathlon Report.** Dr. Dale Coleman presented the results of the 2003 Academic Quadrathlon competition. There were nine teams competing and it was one of the closest contests in recent history. Every team won, or tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in a least one lab practical station. Seven of the 9 teams placed in the top three in at least one of the four events. The final championship quiz bowl round made the

difference in how three different teams placed overall. The overall winner for 2003 was Texas A&M University, second place went to University of Florida, and third place was Oklahoma State University.

9. **Extension Report.** Dr. Clyde Lane reported that the number of presentations increased this year from previous years. There were 21 presentations in two sessions. The Extension Luncheon will be in the Jubilee Room on Tuesday, January 4, 2003.
10. **Necrology Report.** Dr. Hayden Brown reported that the following individuals had passed away since the last meeting: Robert Cannon, Auburn University; George Hawkins, Auburn University; Bill Kunkle, University of Florida; Julie Morrow, USDA-ARS; Thomas Marlowe, Virginia; Bob Noble, Oklahoma State University; Troy Patterson, Auburn University; George Robertson, Louisiana State University; Peter Reeds, Children's Nutrition Center, Houston; and Ray Shirley, University of Florida. A moment of silence was observed in memory of these members.
11. **Resolutions Committee Report.** Dr. Jim Neal presented five resolutions for consideration. Resolution 1: Recognition of Auburn University as Academic Quadrathlon host; 2: Recognition of Adam's Mark Hotel as host hotel for gracious and hospitable accommodations; and 3: Recognition of sponsors for luncheon and awards were passed. Resolution 4 was a commendation to the officers of the Southern Section ASAS for leadership and service was approved with applause. Resolution 5 was for the recognition of outgoing Executive Director Ellen Bergfeld for service to ASAS and the Southern Section of ASAS. Approval was shown by an extended applause and standing ovation for Dr. Bergfeld.
12. **Nomination Committee and Election Report.** Dr. Terry Kiser announced the results of the election. Dr. Ron Randel was elected Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. Dale Coleman was elected Secretary-Treasurer elect. The officers for 2003-2004 are: Dr. Ken Esbenshade – President; Dr. Jerry Baker – President Elect; Dr. Ron Randel – Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. Dale Coleman – Secretary-Treasurer elect; and Dr. Debra Aaron – Past President.
13. **New Business.** No new business was presented.
14. **Installation of New President.** Dr. Ken Esbenshade was installed as the new President of Southern Section of American Society of Animal Science for 2003-2004.

Dr. Esbenshade announced the dates for the 2004 meeting in Tulsa and then closed the Business Meeting and opened the Southern Section ASAS Awards Program. He requested that we recognize the sponsors for the awards.

1. **Undergraduate Student Paper Competition.** Dr. Charles Rosenkrans thanked the committee for their help and presented the results of the competition as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place Marc A. Seitz, Mississippi State University; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Leslie Dabovich, Texas Tech University; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Cynthia Davila, Texas A&M University at Kingsville. The awards were sponsored by Degussa-Hulls Corp.
2. **Graduate Student Paper Competition.** Dr. Scott Whisnant, Chair of the Graduate Student Awards Competition Committee, presented the following awards: 1<sup>st</sup> place Carolina Realini, The University of Georgia; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Tom Bonner, Auburn University; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Brian Whitaker, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. The award was sponsored by Kemin Industries, Inc.
3. **Extension Award.** Dr. Matt Poore presented the Extension Award to Dr. Darrh Bullock, University of Kentucky. This award was sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.
4. **Young Animal Scientist Award Education.** Dr. Debra Aaron presented the award to Dr. Sam Jackson, Texas Tech University. The sponsor for this award is Elanco Animal Health.
5. **Young Animal Scientist Award Research.** Dr. Bob Wettemann presented the Young Animal Scientist Award in Research to Dr. Tom Spencer, Texas A&M University. Elanco Animal Health sponsors the award.
6. **National Pork Board Award for Innovation.** Dr. Ken Esbenshade presented the award on behalf of Dr. David Meisinger of the National Pork Board to Theo van Kempen, North Carolina State University, for abstract entitled "RE-Cycle: recipe for waste-free swine production". The National Pork Board sponsors the award.
7. **Distinguished Service Award to Southern Section ASAS.** Dr. Gary Cromwell presented the Distinguished Service to Southern Section ASAS Award to Dr. Don Franke, Louisiana State University.

President Ken Esbenshade recognized Dr. Debra Aaron as the outgoing President of the Southern Section ASAS. He thanked Dr. Aaron for her hard work and dedication during her tenure as an officer for the Southern Section.

President Esbenshade thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the awards program.

Respectively Submitted,  
Jerome F. Baker  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Southern Section ASAS

## Paula Schultz

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**From:** Ken Esbenshade [ken\_esbenshade@ncsu.edu]  
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**Subject:** Officers for the Southern Section ASAS

**TO:** Members of the Advisory Committee, Southern Section ASAS  
Paul Humes  
Bob Wettemann  
Glen Hembry  
Tom Troxel  
Terry Kiser  
Richard Browning

**FROM:** Ken Esbenshade, President, Southern Section ASAS

**SUBJECT:** Executive Committee

As you are aware, Jerry Baker has accepted the position of Executive Director for the American Society of Animal Science. As a result of Jerry's promotion, we must make some decisions in the Southern Section since Jerry can not serve on the Executive Committee for the Southern Section while also serving as the Executive Director for the Society. Jerry will perform the duties as Vice-President of the Southern Section at the upcoming meeting in Tulsa, but he will have to be replaced on the

Executive Committee for next year.

The current Executive Committee has been discussing this situation via email for the last month or so. After considering various options, the option that we feel is best for the Southern Section is to leave the Past-President and President in their current offices for one more year and allow the normal rotation of the individuals in the other offices. In other words, the Executive Committee for the 2005 meeting would be Debra Aaron as Past-President, me as President, Ron Randel as Vice-President, Dale Coleman as Secretary, and the newly elected Secretary-Elect as the Secretary-Elect. Other options that we considered involved individuals skipping offices in the Southern Section and on the Executive Committee. However, we think it would be more appropriate for elected individuals to continue to have the opportunity to serve in each of the offices in the Section.

The other matter that needs to be addressed is the appointed position on the ASAS Board of Directors from the Southern Section. Jerry will attend the winter Board meeting in the capacity of representing the Southern Section, but the Southern Section will need to have someone else in this position by the summer meeting. By virtue of our Constitution, that responsibility is in the position that Jerry currently occupies. The representative board position should move to the president position next year, before returning to the Secretary-Elect position the following year. In our discussions, I have

indicated that I could serve as President for another year, but I did not want to serve on the ASAS Board of Directors. Ron Randel has graciously volunteered to serve out the remaining term on the ASAS Board

of Directors. The three-year term would then move to the individual elected as Secretary-Elect in Fall 2004 for service on the Board beginning in Summer 2005.

We have also discussed how to bring this matter before the members of the Southern Section at the upcoming meeting in Tulsa. The Executive Committee does not feel that it is appropriate for us to make these recommendations. The suggestion has come forward that we ask the Chair,

or a member, of the Advisory Committee to present this information during the New Business part of the business meeting and make a motion to approve the changes outlined above. We hope this is agreeable to the

members of the Advisory Committee.

I am very interested in obtaining feedback from you on these issues. Feel free to make comments to me or to Paul Humes, the Chair of the Advisory Committee, although I have not discussed this matter with him previously.

Thank you for your interest and input.

Best regards,  
Ken

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Report from Resolutions Committee**

Lee Edgerton (KY, Chair), Paul Harms (TX), and James Neel (TN)

February 3, 2003

#### **Resolution No. 1. Recognition of Academic Quadrathlon Host**

WHEREAS, the 2003 Southern Regional Academic Quadrathlon was hosted by the Auburn University in a most professional and supportive manner, and WHEREAS, the Auburn faculty, staff and students contributed greatly to the success and enjoyment of the event: BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science formally express the heartfelt appreciation of the members and the participating teams to the host institution's administration, faculty, staff and students.

#### **Resolution No. 2. Recognition of Hosts**

WHEREAS, the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science was held in Mobile, AL and WHEREAS, the Mobile Convention Center and Adam's Mark Hotel provided convenient facilities in a gracious and hospitable manner: BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriate 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.

#### **Resolution No. 3. Recognition of Sponsors**

WHEREAS, the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science was enhanced by collegial interactions at the extension luncheon and WHEREAS, the support of the Archer Daniels Midland Company facilitated attendance and participation by many extension personnel: BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science extend to Archer Daniels Midland Company, formal expression of our appreciation.

Madam Chair – These three resolutions require action by the membership and the Resolutions Committee recommends their adoption and makes this in a farm of a motion.

**Resolution No. 4. Commendation to Officers**

WHEREAS, the officers of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science have worked to ensure the continued success of the Southern Section of the Society through their leadership and positive attitudes: BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the Southern Section of the Society extend sincere thanks to these colleagues and leaders and express our appreciation by a resounding round of applause.

**Resolution No. 5. Recognition of Outgoing Executive Director of the American Society of Animal Science**

WHEREAS, Ellen Bergfeld has effectively served as executive director of the American Society of Animal Science for the past five years and has worked tirelessly to ensure its continued success and improvement, and WHEREAS she has been a strong supporter of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science, and WHEREAS she has been a true friend and valued colleague of all members of the society: BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science extend, on behalf of the Southern Section, formal expression of our appreciation and that we recognize her contributions by a standing ovation.



**SOUTHERN SECTION NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE (ASAS)**

**MOBILE, AL**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2003**

The Southern Section ASAS Nomination Committee was composed of Terry Kiser, chair and members Don Ely, Will Getz, and Paul Harms. Because of the untimely passing of Dr. William "Bill" Kunkle on February 21, 2002, the offices of Secretary Treasurer and Secretary Treasurer – Elect were open for nominations.

The nominees for Secretary Treasurer were Dr. Paul Humes and Dr. Ron Randel. The nominees for Secretary Treasurer – Elect were Dr. Dale Coleman and Dr. Joe Pascal. Elected to the offices of Secretary Treasurer and Secretary Treasurer – Elect, respectively, were Dr. Ron Randel and Dr. Dale Coleman.

The slate of officers for 2003 for the Southern Section ASAS is:

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| President                   | Ken Esbenshade |
| Past President              | Debra Aaron    |
| President – Elect           | Jerry Baker    |
| Secretary Treasurer         | Ron Randel     |
| Secretary Treasurer – Elect | Dale Coleman   |

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry E. Kiser  
Chair, Nomination Committee

**Awards Presentation Program**  
**Kenneth L. Esbenshade, Presiding**

Undergraduate Research Abstract Competition  
*Sponsor: Degussa-Hulls Corporation* Charles Rosenkrans

Graduate Student Awards Competition  
*Sponsor: Kemin Industries, Inc.* Scott Whisnant

Extension Award  
*Sponsor: Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.* Matt Poore

Young Animal Scientist Award – Education Debra Aaron

Young Animal Scientist Award – Research  
*Sponsor: Elanco Animal Health*

*Bob Wettemann*  
~~Kevin Pond~~

National Pork Board Award for Innovation  
*Sponsor: National Pork Board* Ken Esbenshade

Distinguished Service Award Gary Cromwell

Recognition of Outgoing President Ken Esbenshade

**Adjournment**