

Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Tulsa, Oklahoma
February 16, 2004

The annual meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science was held on Monday, February 16, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. with Dr. Ken Esbenshade, President, presiding.

The following items of business were transacted:

1. **Call to Order.** President Ken Esbenshade called the 2004 Southern Section ASAS Business Meeting to order. President Esbenshade welcomed the members and guests, introduced and thanked the Executive Committee and announced that the agenda, minutes from the 2003 Business Meeting and the budget were available as handouts in the back of the room. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes which passed unanimously. A motion was made, seconded and passed to give Dr. Joe Fontenot special recognition for his long service to the Southern Section ASAS.
2. **Welcome to the State of Oklahoma.** Dr. Don Wagner, Chair of the Department of Animal Science at Oklahoma State University welcomed the Southern Section ASAS to Oklahoma on behalf of Oklahoma State University. Dr. Wagner provided an overview of agriculture in Oklahoma where "You do not have to explain to people what you do when you say you are an Animal Scientist". He welcomed back the many former Oklahoma State University students and congratulated the Academic Quadrathlon teams.
3. **Introduction of Past Presidents.** President Esbenshade recognized Dr. Joe Fontenot as a Past President of ASAS and Drs. Joe Fontenot, Debra Aaron, Tom Troxel, Bob Wetteman, Don Ely, Dave Buchanan as Past Presidents of the Southern Section ASAS. Dr. Terry Etherton was recognized as President, ASAS.
4. **Comments from ASAS President.** Dr. Terry Etherton, Pennsylvania State University, brought the message that society is in a time of transition. Demographics and technology are in a period of change. He welcomed Dr. Jerry Baker as the new Executive Director of ASAS. He noted that FAAS had been under review to better connect with members of the societies. He encouraged all members of ASAS to be proactive and to educate people about animal agriculture. He asked for members to get involved, be proactive and to provide unfiltered input to the society.
5. **Comments from the Executive Director, ASAS.** Dr. Jerry Baker noted that this was his first presentation in this position to a sectional meeting of the society. He emphasized that all members are shareholders in the society and that all ideas are

needed to improve or change the society for the better. Graduate students should also present their ideas to the Board of Directors. He noted that membership of the Southern Section had declined. We have 164 fewer members in 2003 than we had in 2001. Losses in numbers occurred in professional and graduate student members. ASAS will celebrate its centennial year in 2008. He encouraged the society to get the membership back up to the 2001 numbers in 2008. He challenged each university to recruit at least 10 undergraduates to become members of ASAS. The Journal of Animal Science is the leading voice of ASAS members. There were 365 manuscripts published in 2003. By February 12, 2004, there have been 53 manuscripts submitted to the Journal of Animal Science for 2004. He encouraged the members to submit manuscripts to our journal. The Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Mike Galyean, is working to improve efficiency of the publication process. The average time from submission to acceptance is currently 187 days. The average time for revisions is 52 days. He encourages authors and reviewers to reduce delays in the publication process.

6. **Program Secretary's Report.** Dr. Ron Randel extended a thank you to the Program Chairs. Attending the meeting were 143 regular members, 50 graduate students and 23 undergraduate students. There were six Quadrathlon teams competing representing the University of Kentucky, Oklahoma State University, Texas A&M University, University of Tennessee, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Mississippi State University. The total membership registered for the meeting was 216. In 2003, there were 202 members registered for the meeting. Attendance totaled 216 for 2004, 247 for 2003, 193 for 2002, 197 for 2001 and 162 for 2000. There were 126 presentations at the meeting in 2004 compared to 129 in 2003 and 156 in 2002. There were 9 presentations in the Graduate Student Competition and 5 in the Undergraduate Research Competition sections. There were 8 invited presentations. The financial report of the Southern Section ASAS for 2003 was presented. The report indicated that cash on hand as of December 31, 2003 was \$8,899.38 which was an increase over 2002. The financial report was accepted unanimously.

7. **Academic Quadrathlon Report.** Dr. Brian Rude presented the results of the 2004 Academic Quadrathlon Competition. The six teams were from University of Kentucky, Oklahoma State University, Texas A&M University, University of Tennessee, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Mississippi State University. The committee that assisted in organizing this event was comprised of Jodi Sterle (Texas A&M University), Joel Yelich (University of Florida), Dale Coleman (Auburn University) and Scott Carter (Oklahoma State University). The results of the lab practical were: Oklahoma State University – 1st place; University of Kentucky – 2nd place; Texas A&M University – 3rd place. For the Written Exam: University of Kentucky – 1st place; Oklahoma State University - 2nd place; Mississippi State University – 3rd place. For the Oral Presentation: University of Kentucky – 1st place; Mississippi State University -2nd place; Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University – 3rd place. And for the Quiz Bowl: University of Kentucky – 1st place; Texas A&M

University – 2nd place; Oklahoma State University and Mississippi State University tied for 3rd place. The overall results were: University of Kentucky – 1st place; Oklahoma State University – 2nd place; and Mississippi State University – 3rd place. The committee wishes to thank the southern section of ASAS for the support that has been provided to ensure that this event was a success.

8. **Extension Report.** Dr. Allen Harper reported that there were 2 extension sessions with 17 presentations covering many species. He encouraged greater attendance to future meetings by Extension Specialists.
9. **Necrology Report.** The report was presented by Dr. Monty Chappell. The following individuals have passed away since the last meeting: J. B. McLaren, University of Tennessee; M. C. “Carl” Bell, University of Tennessee; O. D. Stallcup, University of Arkansas; George Green, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Evan “Swede” Jones, North Carolina State University; A. D. Fitzgerald, Louisiana State University. A moment of silence was observed in memory of these members.
10. **Resolutions Committee Report.** Dr. Bob Wetteman presented two resolutions for consideration.

Resolution No. 1. Recognition of Academic Quadrathlon Host

WHEREAS, the 2004 Southern Regional Academic Quadrathlon was hosted by Oklahoma State University in a most professional and supportive manner, and WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State University faculty, staff and students contributed greatly to the success and enjoyment of the event: BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science extend an expression of our appreciation to the host institution’s administration, faculty, staff and students.

Resolution No. 2. Commendation of 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 our colleagues and express our appreciation by a resounding round of applause.

Approval was shown by an extended applause.

11. **Nomination Committee and Election Report.** Dr. Don Ely announced the results of the election. Dr. Chad Chase was elected Secretary-Treasurer elect.

12. **Old Business.** Dr. Debra Aaron reported that the Past Presidents Club has 13 contributors, 8 of which are lifetime members. The club has a balance of \$4,300 on hand.
13. **New Business.**
 - a) Dr. Ron Randel informed the membership that the Agronomy Society had left SAAS. This removed them from the joint ASAS-Agronomy Symposium in 2004. This required the program committee to make changes. A motion was made and seconded that ASAS would develop a new committee and an appropriate name for the section to retain a focus on pastures and forages which passed unanimously.
 - b) Dr. Paul Humes from the Advisory Committee informed the membership that Dr. Jerry Baker, in his new position as Executive Director of ASAS, would have to resign his office in the Southern Section of ASAS and his position as representative of the Southern Section ASAS on the ASAS Board of Directors.

The Advisory Committee made the recommendation that Dr. Debra Aaron remain as Past President and that Dr. Ken Esbenshade remain as President for another year with the remainder of the Executive Committee moving up in their normal rotation. A motion was made and seconded to this effect and it was passed unanimously. The Advisory Committee made the recommendation that Dr. Dale Coleman be named to replace Dr. Jerry Baker on the ASAS Board of Directors and that he should serve the normal 3-year term. A motion was made and seconded to this effect and it was passed unanimously.

Dr. Esbenshade announced the dates for the 2005 meeting in Little Rock and closed the Business Meeting. Dr. Jerry Baker opened the Southern Section ASAS Awards Program.

1. **Undergraduate Student Paper Competition.**

Dr. Brian Rude presented the results of the competition.

L. E. Hulbert: *Behavior of pregnant gilts and sows in crates or pens fed either by a single drop or by trickle feeding.*

C. W. O'Gorman: *Effects of fasting and development on leptin and PPAR γ gene expression in various fat depots.*

N. Burdick: *Dehydroepiandrosterone-sulfate (DHEAS) enhances in vitro lymphocyte function and improves immunization response in pigs.*

J. L. Roberts: *Porcine endometrial nitric oxide synthase gene expression and uterine nitric oxide content during estrous cycle and early pregnancy.*

J. W. Rounsavall: *Improving the performance of weaned pigs with natural products.*

The Committee that assisted in organizing this event was comprised of A. H. Brown (University of Arkansas), J. Moore (North Carolina State University), and J. M. Fernandez (Louisiana State University). The judges for the competition were: A. H. Brown (University of Arkansas), Charles Rosenkrans (University of Arkansas), D. A. Coleman (Auburn University), and A. I. Orr (Mississippi State University). The results of the competition were: J. L. Roberts, Oklahoma State University – 1st place; L. E. Hulbert, Texas Tech University – 2nd place; N. Burdick, Texas A&M University-Kingsville – 3rd place. The committee wishes to thank the Southern Section of ASAS for the support that has been provided to ensure that this event was a success. Appreciation is also extended to AgriLabs and Fuller Supply Co., Inc. for their support of the competition.

2. **Graduate Student Paper Competition.** Dr. Wayne Greene, Chair of the Graduate Student Awards Competition Committee presented the following awards: 1st place – Erin Brown, Texas A&M University; 2nd place – Joao Vendramini, University of Florida; 3rd place – Jolena Fleming, Texas Tech University. The awards were sponsored by AgriLabs and Fuller Supply Co., Inc.
3. **Graduate Student Travel Scholarships.** Dr. Joe Fontenot presented the scholarships to Sharon Freeman, North Carolina State University; Bryan Horsley, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and Laura Jonovich, Texas A&M University.
4. **Extension Award.** Dr. Matt Poore presented the Extension Award to Dr. Roger McCraw, North Carolina State University. The award was sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.
5. **Young Animal Scientist Award – Education.** Dr. Glenn Selk presented the award to Dr. Todd See, North Carolina State University. The award was sponsored by the Southern Section ASAS Board.
6. **Young Animal Scientist Award – Research.** Dr. Chad Chase presented the award to Dr. Theo VanKempen, North Carolina State University. Elanco Animal Health sponsored the award.
7. **National Pork Board Award for Innovation.** Dr. Jerry Baker presented the award on behalf of the National Pork Board to Dr. Jason Apple, University of Arkansas, for the abstract entitled “*Effect of iron supplementation level on performance and carcass characteristics of growing-finishing swine*”.
8. **Distinguished Service Award to the Southern Section ASAS.** Dr. David Morrison presented the award to Dr. Don Ely, University of

Kentucky. The sponsor for this award was the Southern Section ASAS Board.

9. **Special Award to Dr. Jerry Baker.** Dr. Ken Esbenshade presented an award in recognition of service to the Southern Section ASAS to Dr. Jerry Baker who served in all offices but President and as the Southern Section ASAS representative on the ASAS Board of Directors. The award was sponsored by the Southern Section ASAS Board.

Jerry Baker thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the award program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald D. Randel
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Section ASAS