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Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science
Annual Business Meeting
February 7, 2005
Little Rock, AR

Copies of the agenda, minutes of the 2004 Tulsa meeting, and the 2004 pre-audit financial report were made available to attendees upon arrival at the meeting room.

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Esbenshade at 5:05 p.m.

Ken welcomed everyone to the meeting, complimented everyone on the success of the meeting thus far, and introduced the other executive officers (Ron Randel, President-Elect; Dale Coleman, Secretary/Treasurer; Chad Chase, Secretary/Treasurer-Elect; Debra Aaron, Past-President). Dr. Keith Lusby was introduced and welcomed the attendees on behalf of the University of Arkansas. Ken recognized several past Southern Section Presidents (Debra Aaron '03-04; Tom Troxel '02-03; Bob Whettemann '99-00; Don Ely '97-98; Dave Buchanan '94-95; Don Franke '90-91; Joe Fontenot '72-73). He also introduced Joe Fontenot as Past ASAS President and Dave Buchannon as current ASAS President-Elect.

Ken introduced Jim Males, ASAS President. Jim offered greetings from National ASAS, recognized Paula Schultz from National Headquarters, and thanked the Southern Section for accommodating Jerry Baker's move from the Southern Section to National Headquarters. Highlights of recent national ASAS business included: 1) ASAS is on sound financial footing with nearly 50% of the yearly operating budget in reserve, 2) FASS is re-organizing budgetary matters with the three member societies, is in the process of hiring a new CEO, and will be doing a complete review of their printing hardware and software needs in light of the increase in on-line activities, 3) the Journal is healthy and will be welcoming Larry Reynolds as new Editor in Chief in early Fall, and 4) the annual meeting will be in Cincinnati July 24-28.

Ken introduced Jerry Baker, ASAS Executive Director. Jerry discussed the following: 1) the upcoming joint meeting with ADSA and the Canadian Society of Animal Science in Cincinnati including numbers of abstracts submitted and symposia approved, and he encouraged additional awards nominations, 2) the list of upcoming meeting sites including special plans being made for the 2008 Centennial meeting in Indianapolis, 3) results of the 2004 meeting satisfaction survey, 4) current national and international membership numbers and trends, and 5) recent news out of Washington D.C. regarding funding for research in the President's budget.

Dale Coleman gave the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Dale thanked the University of Arkansas for hosting the regional Academic Quadrathlon in Fayetteville (lab practical and written exam) and Little Rock (oral presentation and quiz bowl) and all the Committee/Session chairs for their hard work preparing for and conducting the sessions. During the two days of oral presentations, 132 abstracts were being presented in the following 12 sessions: Undergraduate Student Competition (8 abstracts), Graduate Student Competition (7 abstracts), Breeding & Genetics (8 abstracts), Pastures & Forages (11 abstracts), Physiology (13 abstracts), Small Ruminant Production (26 abstracts, two sessions), Extension (15 abstracts), Meat Science (7 abstracts), and

Ruminant Animal Production (12 abstracts). The Southern Section also hosted a symposium this year entitled, "Tropically Adapted Breeds - Regional Project S1013-S277" (25 abstracts, two sessions) and welcomed the following groups that convened during our annual meeting: IEG-72 Enhancing Reproductive Efficiency, IEG-75 Strategies for Utilizing Southern Forages, IEG Small Ruminant Production, Southern Regional Extension-Specialists, and Small Ruminant Subcommittee of the NAGP. As of meeting time, registrations included 132 faculty and staff, 41 graduate students, and 38 undergraduate students. (Note: Final registration numbers were 142, 42 and 38, respectively.) Dale moved approval of the minutes from the 2004 Tulsa meeting. Following a second, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously. Dale moved acceptance of the 2004 Financial Report (pre-audit). Following a second, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dale also presented the Academic Quadrathlon report for Chair Jodi Sterle. The University of Arkansas, under the able guidance of Charlie Rosenkrans, hosted this year's Academic Quadrathlon at the Fayetteville campus (lab practical and written exam) and Little Rock (oral presentation and quiz bowl). The final championship round of the Quiz Bowl and the Awards Presentation Ceremony were moved to Sunday afternoon this year which was met with approval by the advisors. The following eight teams competed: Kentucky, Mississippi State, North Carolina State, Oklahoma State, Tennessee, Texas A&M, Texas A&M at Kingsville, and Virginia Tech. Winners were: Lab Practical 1st=NCSU, 2nd=OSU, 3rd=VaTech; Written Exam 1st=UT, 2nd=VaTech, 3rd=NCSU; Oral Presentation 1st=NCSU, 2nd=TAM-K, 3rd=TAMU; Quiz Bowl 1st=TAMU, 2nd=UK, 3rd=OSU; Overall 1st=NCSU, 2nd=OSU, 3rd=VaTech, 4th=TAMU, 5th=UK, 6th/7th=tie UT/TAM-K, 8th=MSU. The overall winning team from North Carolina State University will represent the Southern Section at the next National Quiz Bowl competition.

John Hall provided the following points in his Extension Report: 1) the Extension group was pleased to hold their triennial meeting in conjunction with the Southern Section this year and hope to do so again in Texas in 2008, 2) approximately 20 attended the Extension symposium, and 3) there were 15 abstracts presented by speakers representing 9 states.

Hayden Brown remembered the following in the Necrology Report: Monty Chappel (UK), Marshall C. Heck (U of Ark), John McNeil (TAMU), and Robert C. McDaniel (U of Ark). The name Milton Wise (Clemson) was added from the floor.

Jim Neel entered the following four resolutions from the floor: 1) recognition of the Academic Quadrathlon host, 2) recognition of the Committee and Session Chairs, 3) recognition of sponsors and supporters, and 4) commendation of the Southern Section officers.

Will Getz reported the election of Elizabeth B. "Beth" Kegley, University of Arkansas, as the new Secretary/Treasurer-Elect.

In old business, Ken reported that the Southern Section is enjoying a resurgence in meeting attendance due in large part to the growing participation in Small Ruminant Production. He further noted that despite the recent withdrawal of the Agronomy Society from SAAS, the new Pastures and Forages session has been very successful.

Under new business, Jim Neel expressed concern that the Southern Section was not represented in the National Academic Quiz Bowl at the recent NCBA meeting. Discussion included: 1) the difficulty of keeping a team of college students together for an extended period of time, 2) ways to declare an alternate team to represent the region should the winning team not be able to compete, and 3) the cost of sponsoring a team's travel. Jerry Baker gave a brief history of the contest and background on the current situation with NCBA and shared that it costs approximately \$2,500 to sponsor a team (travel, lodging, meals, etc.). There was a general sentiment that the Southern Section should be represented at the National Quiz Bowl if at all possible. Interested and/or concerned individuals should submit suggestions to the Academic Quadrathlon Committee Chair. There was no further new business.

Ken introduced Ron Randel as the new President and passed him the President's gavel.

Ron thanked Ken and proceeded with presentation of the annual awards listed below:

1. Undergraduate Research Abstract Competition (presented by Chad Chase)
1st Place = Nicole Burdick, Texas A&M - Kingsville
2nd Place = Chad O'Gorman, Texas A&M - Kingsville
3rd Place = Jaclyn Dominguez, Texas A&M - Kingsville
2. Graduate Student Awards Competition (presented by Chance Brooks)
1st Place = Margaret Bowman, University of Arkansas
2nd Place = Liza Soliz, Texas A&M - Kingsville
3rd Place = Mark Anderson, Texas Tech
3. Joe Fontenot Graduate Student Travel Scholarship (presented by Joe Fontenot)
Sponsored by the Joe Fontenot Appreciation Club
Winner = Susan Malunga-Chikagwa
4. Extension Award (presented by Clyde Lane)
Sponsor by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.
Winner = Glenn Selk, Oklahoma State University
5. Young Animal Scientist Award - Research (presented by Jason Apple)
Sponsored by Elanco Animal Health
Winner = Clint Krehbiel, Oklahoma State University
6. National Pork Board Award for Innovation (presented by David Meisenger)
Sponsored by the National Pork Board
Winner = Zelpha B. Johnson, University of Arkansas
7. Distinguished Service Award (presented by Joe Fontenot)
Winner = Sam Coleman, USDA-ARS Brooksville
8. Recognition of Service to the Southern Section (presented by Ron Randel)
President's service plaque awarded to Ken Esbenshade for his unprecedented two consecutive years of service as President of the Southern Section

The meeting and awards ceremony were adjourned at 6:30 p.m.