

MINUTES
Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science
Annual Business Meeting
Dallas, TX
February 4, 2008

Copies of the minutes of the 2007 Mobile, Alabama meeting, the 2007 pre-audit financial report, and biographies of 2008 award winners were made available to attendees upon arrival to the meeting room.

The annual business meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science was held on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. with Dr. Chad Chase, President, presiding.

The following items of business were transacted:

1. **Call to Order.** President Chad Chase called the 2008 Southern Section ASAS Business Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and then recognized the SS-ASAS current officers and thanked the program chairs.
2. **Welcome to the State of Texas.** Dr. Gary Acuff, Head of the Animal Science Department, welcomed the Southern Section ASAS to Texas on behalf of Texas A&M as host for the meeting. He acknowledged all ag-related institutions in Texas and gave statistics on the state's livestock industry and the recent changes, a \$17 billion industry in Texas. He also announced that Texas 4-H would be celebrating its 100 anniversary in 2008.
3. **Introduction of Past Presidents.** Dr. Chase recognized Past Presidents of SS-ASAS and ASAS who were in attendance at the Mobile meeting. These included Joe Fontenot, Tom Troxel, Bob Wettemann, Dale Coleman, Debra Aaron, Don Ely, and Don Franke.
4. **Comments from ASAS President.** Mike Galyean made the following comments:
 - 4,000 total members; 2,800 professional members currently in ASAS
 - Bundling and other membership services are being emphasized
 - E-career tool – is a new initiative for Graduate Students from the Graduate Student Directors on the ASAS Board
 - Nominations for Graduate Student Directors on ASAS Board are needed
 - Scientific Liaison Office emphasis in Washington is increasing with Jerry Baker now spending 80% time there
 - New ASAS Strategic Plan has just recently been completed – a very aggressive plan; it will be presented at the Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) in Indianapolis and implemented thereafter
 - One strategic plan goal – 10% increase in professional members in 7 years
 - JAS impact factor – in a category of broad-based journals, JAS ranks 5th
 - Open access option has been made available for extra fee

- JAS letters – will allow info posted on web related to latest science & technology
5. **Comments from the Executive Director, ASAS.** Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe made the following comments.
- Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) – will be Centennial Meeting held July 7-11
 - Triennial Symposium will be held on Friday; after meeting instead of before
 - Plenary session on Monday afternoon will emphasize late-breaking issues – only 8 papers accepted
 - Bellamy Brothers to be featured at Centennial Party (Opening Session)
 - Will also include a retrospective look at ASAS history
 - First ever cell symposium to be held
 - In an effort to encourage more attendees, Equine Science Society (ESS) being highlighted in off-years of their meeting – 2008 first year for this
 - Meat Science Symposia also to be very strong
 - 2008 program is very member driven – lots of suggestions accepted
 - Foundation – Next Century Fund; 40% of contributions to Centennial Meeting, 60% to Foundation
 - ASAS in good financial position – full reserve in place
6. **Comments from the Associate Executive Director, ASAS.** Paula Schultz made the following comments.
- Re-emphasized ESS working together with ASAS
 - Retiree Award new for this year
 - JAM abstracts and award nominations due this week
 - Emphasized travel funds – Fontenot and Tucker
 - Registration booklet online early – mid-February (\$25 early discount)
 - Graduate Student Mixer occurs early at JAM
 - Open Forum titled “Racing to Indy” – will be a discussion on Strategic Plan
 - Louise Audrieth – great asset on FASS staff; handles abstract online submissions among other things
 - New FASS staff – Events Manager, Amanda Yates
7. **Program Secretary/Treasurer’s Report.**
- Having a great meeting from a numbers standpoint; more on that later
 - This seems to be a great venue for the meeting; appreciation expressed to Mark Legendre, overall SAAS Secretary, who was introduced
 - Thanks were extended to the following: Jodi Sterle and all who helped with the Academic Quadrathlon; Texas A&M for hosting the lab practicum and written exam; Paula Schultz and staff in Savoy Office including Louise Audrieth; the Section chairs and their respective committees for their good work in reviewing and approving abstracts – Scott Willard, Andy Herring, Brian Rude, John Arthington, Bob Godfrey, Michelle Garcia, Jason Rowntree, Chance Brooks, and David Lalman were asked to stand and be recognized

- The following statistics were provided on the current meeting:
 1. During the 2 days of oral presentations, 142 abstracts will be presented plus 4 non-abstracted papers in a symposium on Pre-Conditioning Beef Calves kicked off by invited speaker.
 2. The 142 abstracts are an increase of 13 over last year and the greatest number of abstracts presented at Southern Section in at least 5 years.
 3. A breakdown of abstracts by section was provided as follows: 14 Graduate Student; 11 Undergraduate; 9 Breeding and Genetics; 26 Physiology; 16 Pastures and Forages; 16 Extension; 24 Ruminant Animal Production; 24 Small Ruminant Production; 2 Meats.
 4. Regarding registrations, a significant increase was reported as of Business Meeting – total registrations numbered 276, a 30% increase over 2007; registrations up in all 3 categories:
 - 155 Professional members; 61 Graduate students and 60 Undergraduate students.
 - Professional member registrations up 40%.
 - Greatest number of registrations in at least 5 years.
 - The 2007 Business Meeting Minutes were considered. A motion was made and seconded that they be approved as submitted; Motion passed and 2007 Minutes were approved.
 - Financial Statement was also approved.
8. **Academic Quadrathlon Report.** Jodi Sterle made the following comments:
- Named the 11 teams competing
 - Encouraged institutions without teams to participate
 - Reported that the AQ committee discussed having entire event at a university rather than both on a university campus and at a hotel; decided to keep it as in past (campus and hotel)
 - Lab practicum placing: 1st – Texas A&M University; 2nd – University of Kentucky; 3rd – University of Georgia
 - Written exam placing: 1st – University of Tennessee; 2nd – University of Kentucky; 3rd – Auburn University
 - Oral competition placing: 1st – Virginia Tech University; 2nd – University of Kentucky; 3rd – Texas A&M University
 - Quiz Bowl: 1st – Kentucky; 2nd – North Carolina State University
 - Final placing of top three teams: 1st – University of Kentucky; 2nd – North Carolina State University; 3rd – Texas A&M University
9. **Extension Report.** David Lalman made the following comments:
- Reported that 16 abstracts would be presented in Extension section
 - Reported that Certified Angus Beef (through Dr. Larry Corah) was hosting the Extension luncheon; there is room for 60 and 52 seats currently taken
 - Expressed appreciation to CAB and Dr. Corah for their support

10. **Necrology Report.** Bob Wettemann made the report and indicated that he had received the following names of members that had passed away during 2007: T. Staley; E. Hatfield; McDaniels; H. Morris; E.J. Turman; H. Miller; no other names were mentioned
11. **Resolutions Committee Report.** Dr. James Neel presented four resolutions for consideration

Resolution No. 1. Recognition of the host for the 2008 Southern Section ASAS annual meeting and Academic Quadrathlon:

Whereas, the 2008 Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science, meeting in Dallas, TX, was hosted by Texas A&M University in an outstanding manner, and

Whereas, the Animal Science Department faculty, staff, and students contributed to the success of the meetings and the Southern Regional Academic Quadrathlon so that both were conducted in an effective and enjoyable manner:

Therefore be it resolved that the secretary of the Southern Section extend an expression of the Society's appreciation to the Texas A&M Animal Science Department's faculty, staff, and students for the support and professionalism in which they hosted this meeting.

Resolution No. 2. Recognition of Chairs of Committees

Whereas, the primary purpose of the Southern Section of ASAS is to exchange scientific information on the latest concepts of animal production related to teaching, research and extension, and

Whereas, the chairs of the various committees have played significant and professional roles contributing to the success of this meeting:

Therefore be it resolved that the Southern Section of ASAS membership expresses appreciation to the committee chairs for making the meeting a success by a round of applause.

Resolution No. 3. Recognition of Sponsors and Supporters of Southern Section of ASAS Awards

Whereas, recognition of colleagues that have excelled in teaching, research and extension is an important function of the society and sponsorship of awards requires cooperation and financial support from animal agricultural related businesses:

Therefore be it resolved that the secretary of the Southern Section of ASAS as well as the recipients of the awards and the general membership extend sincere appreciation to the sponsors for their gracious support.

Resolution No. 4. Recognition of the Southern Section of ASAS officers

Whereas, the officers of the Southern Section of ASAS have worked to ensure the continued success of the Southern Section through their leadership, service, and positive attitudes:

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the Southern Section of ASAS extend their sincere thanks and express appreciation to our colleagues by a resounding round of applause.

Therefore, the Resolution Committee of the 2008 Southern Section of ASAS moves the adoption of these resolutions. Resolutions were approved by applause.

12. **Nomination Committee and Election Report.** Dr. Terry Kiser announced the results of the annual election. Dr. Tom Welsh, Texas A&M University, was elected Secretary/Treasurer-Elect.
13. **Old Business.** None.
14. **New Business.** President Chad Chase presented the following:
 - SAAS has announced that registration fees for the 2009 meeting in Atlanta are going up from \$40 to \$60, but only for professional members
 - The Executive Committee has authorized that a survey of the SS-ASAS members be conducted to obtain input as to whether or not to have poster sessions at these meetings in the future
 - A new Emerging Scholars Program was explained to those in attendance and feedback on this concept was asked to be provided to the Executive Committee
 - The Executive Committee made a recommendation to increase Graduate Student and Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Awards from \$50 to \$100 for 3rd place; \$100 to \$150 for 2nd place; \$150 to \$200 for 1st place. This recommendation was approved.
15. Updates from SCC-81, the small ruminant research coordinating committee; SCC-72, the research coordinating committee on improving reproductive efficiency in beef cattle, SERA-36, the beef/forage extension/research coordinating committee, and the small ruminant committee related to the national animal germplasm preservation program were given. The Southern Section Executive Committee is pleased these multistate groups choose to have their annual meetings in conjunction with Southern Section ASAS.
16. **Installation of New President:** Dr. Beth Kegley, University of Arkansas was installed as the new Southern Section ASAS President for 2008-09. President Kegley then adjourned the Business Meeting and moved directly into the Awards Program.

Awards Program – Beth Kegley presiding

1. **Undergraduate Student Competition**
1st Place – C. Boldt, Texas A&M University
2nd Place – C.P. McAdams, North Carolina State University
3rd Place – Kate McMurphy, University of Arkansas

2. **Graduate Student Competition**
1st Place – S. Hansen, North Carolina State University
2nd Place – S. Winterholler, Oklahoma State University
3rd Place – P.Y. Aad, Oklahoma State University

3. **2008 Joe Fontenot Graduate Student Travel Scholarship**
Sponsored by: The Joe Fontenot Appreciation Club
Winner: Renaildo Cooke – University of Florida

4. **2008 National Pork Board Innovative Research Award**
Sponsored by: National Pork Board, Des Moines, IA
Winner: Dr. Sung Woo Kim (for Abstract #10)

5. **2008 Extension Award**
Sponsored by: Boehringer Ingelheim, Vetmedica Division, St. Joseph, MO
Winner: Dr. Ted McCollum, Texas A&M University

6. **2008 Young Animal Scientist – Research Award**
Winner: Dr. Jeffrey Escobar, Virginia Tech University

7. **2008 Young Animal Scientist – Education Award**
Winner: Dr. Jodi Sterle, Texas A&M University

8. **2008 Distinguished Service Award**
Dr. Ron Randel, Texas A&M University

9. **Recognition of Service to the Southern Section**
Dr. Chad Chase was awarded the President's service plaque for recognition of his service as President of the Southern Section ASAS.

The awards program adjourned at about 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Morrison
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Section ASAS