Minutes – WSASAS Business Meeting – Riverside Hotel, Boise, ID Thursday, June 13, 2019

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. (MDT) by Kim Vonnahme.

<u> Approval of the Agenda – Kim Vonnahme</u>

- It was moved and seconded (Bryan Neville, Boone Carter) to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Approval of 2018 Business Meeting Minutes – Benton Glaze

- Meeting attendees were given the opportunity to review the minutes from the 2018 business meeting. It was moved and seconded (Chris Schauer, John Hall) to approve the minutes from the 2018 WSASAS business meeting as presented. Motion passed.

2018 WSASAS Financial Report – Benton Glaze

- A written financial report was provided to the meeting attendees for review. Income for 2018 was \$69,945 and 2018 expenses were \$63,517.52 for a difference of \$6,427.48. It was moved and seconded (Lauren Hanna, Kasey DeAtley) to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed.

<u>National Update – Glenn Duff</u>

- ASAS is in a strong and opportunistic position
- Membership is stable
 - $-\sim 5,100$ members

- Creative plans to retain, revive, grow membership; Recruiting campaign still underway where person with most recruits wins a laptop

- Journals (JAS, TAS, AF) are profitable and positive
 - New EICs (Sally Johnson, Jim Oltjen, Deb Hammernick
 - OUP changes
 - +\$200,000 revenue in 2018
 - Billing issues sincere apologies to JAS; plan underway to correct issues
 - JAS
- Decreased time to first submission
- Path to increase impact factor >2 over next two years
- TAS
 - increase submissions and publication
- AF
- Impact factor in June
- 2019 topics set
- 2020 = 10-year anniversary
- Meetings are strong
 - Southern: 301 attendees
 - Midwest: 486 abstracts and 16 symposia
 - Western: June in Boise with around 156 registered including 86 for beef symposium
 - Annual
 - Vancouver: 1,758 attendees

- Austin: awesome program and great science

- Financials are healthy

- 2018: breakeven (+\$700,000 expenses); Foundation down as contribution did not cover stock market

- 2019: +\$250,000 budget; committee established to reinvigorate giving and development; Bill Weldon is leading the charge to increase giving and development

Publication of Proceedings – Kristen Govoni

- Kristen Govoni addressed the group to try and help with concerns/issues regarding the submission and publication of proceedings papers, etc. The following slides were presented to the group.





- Some of the issues that have caused proceedings papers delays and getting papers ready for various committee reviews revolve around copyright and author approvals. Protocols (i.e. no copyright, no publication) were discussed. Efforts will be made to streamline the process and make sure authors are notified according to needs.

- To help authors and meeting contributors, Reinaldo Cooke is planning to put together a video of the submission process.

- Concern over publishing proceeding papers and not having success publishing full papers later was raised. Reinaldo Cooke will work on a statement/how-to document on publishing following a proceedings paper.

Potential Meeting Changes – Reinaldo Cooke

- The WSASAS has been discussing possible meeting changes over the last year to help increase attendance, meeting quality. Reinaldo Cooke presented the following slides to give meeting attendees an idea/overview of the meeting changes that have been discussed.

- A few questions and possible considerations were raised and discussed. The WSASAS board is planning to survey the membership with regards to potential meeting changes.

Registrations						Goal - 200 Registrations
Item	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	Attractive to members and non-members
Beef Symposium	86	78	110	***	83	 Annual high-profile symposium/sessions Rotate disciplines every 4 years Nutrition, physiology, genetics, meat science
Total WSASAS	151	144	178	145*	211	 4 keynote academia speakers – Extension/outreach speakers
Professionals	79	90	97		102	– Stakeholder input (panel)
Students	72	54	81		109	– Industry input (panel) – Social hour
Goal - 200 Registrations					6	Goal - 200 Registrations
Attractive to members and non-members						Attractive to members and non-members
Improve "applied" aspect of the meeting						Rotate WSASAS meeting 3-4 fixed locations
- Professional development lunch & learn						Positive aspects
 P&T discussion to new faculty All other timely discussions 						 Facilitate travel plans and reduce meeting costs
- "Implications" added to all presentations/posters					ters	Negative aspects
- Graduate competition						 Opportunity to visit different places
Highlight relevance of the topic/findings					-	- Remove the "campus" aspect of the meeting
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Goal - 2	200 Re	egis	trat	ions	6	
Attractive to members and non-members						
Meeting time move to Fall						Think about these and more
 Positive aspects No competition with larger meetings ASAS, ADSA, RMC, BIF, SSR, etc 						
 Deadline for abstracts/proceedings during summer AQ back during the meeting 					her	Survey soon
Negative aspect Tradition_topolog					_	
- Tradition, teaching conflicts						

- Questions/comments from the group:

- Seasonal production cycle (cattle, sheep, range)

- How much could be saved by going to 3-4 central locations?

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- Cutting costs by 10% at a location could lead to a need to raise registration by 25% (i.e. there could be competing goals).

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- Are the proposed changes being considered to create a more inclusive program?
- Travel around the western section is difficult due to the spread of schools/locations.
- Try to find locations that may be a one-day's drive for most. Also, consider locations that are easy and cheap to fly to.

2019 WSASAS Meeting/Beef Symposium Update – Benton Glaze

- Benton Glaze thanked the sponsors and all that helped to prepare for the meeting and reported the following:

- 156 registered for the 2019 meeting
- 86 registered for the beef symposium
- 36 abstracts for posters (15 were undergrad posters)
- 42 proceedings papers
- -78 total presentations

- John Hall (Beef Symposium Chair) thanked the beef symposium committee and reported that 83 individuals participated in the symposium. Tour stops were Performix Nutrition, Simplot Land & Livestock, and Colyer Hereford & Angus.

2020 Meeting Update – Kasey DeAtley

- The 2020 WSASAS meeting will be held at Chico.

- Closest (85 miles) major airport is Sacramento.

- Dates for the meeting are June 16-18, 2020, which is our more traditional meeting time.

- Kasey provided several potential details of the meeting and asked that if there were specific meeting needs to contact her.

- John Unruh (Dean, College of Agriculture) will offer an invitation during the banquet.

AC Committee Report – Kasey DeAtley

- No report was given.

AQ Committee Report – Kasey DeAtley

- It was reported that the 2019 AQ was hosted by the University of Idaho in Moscow. Seven teams competed in the competition.

Nominating Committee Report – Kim Vonnahme

- Nominations were sought for the AC Chair, Graduate Student Representative, WSASAS Representative to the ASAS Board.

- Shawn Archibeque was elected AC Chair.
- Joslyn Beard was elected Graduate Student Representative.
- Glenn Duff was elected to represent WSASAS on the ASAS board.

Graduate Student Representative Report – Kathryn Smith

- No report was given.

<u>Necrology Report – Connie Larson</u>

- Meeting attendees were asked to provide names of individuals within the section that passed away in the previous year. No names were provided.

Young Scholar Report - Clint Loest

- The committee members were recognized and thanked.

- It was noted that the committee only had about 4 or 5 days to review the applications and identify the winners.

- The Ph.D. recipient was Caitlin Cadaret from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

- The two M.S. recipients were Dillan Henslee from the University of Idaho and Robert Posont from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Awards Reports

- Since the business meeting is being held prior to the awards banquet, no other award winners will be announced at this time.

Recognition of Retiring Board Members – Kim Vonnahme

- Connie Larson and Kathryn Smith were recognized as retiring board members.

Transfer of the Gavel – Kim Vonnahme

- Reinaldo Cooke was introduced as the new WSASAS president and asked if there were any items to be discussed in new business. None were brought forward.

Adjournment

- At 6:15 p.m. (MDT), it was moved and seconded (John Hall, David Bohnert) that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.