

## **WSASAS Business Meeting**

**June 21, 2018**

**Minutes by R. F. Cooke**

### **Call to Order – Connie Larson at 04:31 pm PST**

#### **Approval of the Agenda – Connie Larson**

- Connie Larson requested few minor adjustments to agenda.
- John Hall moved to approve agenda. Jim Berardinelli seconded, and motion approved unanimously.

#### **Approval of the Minutes – Connie Larson**

- Minutes from WSASAS 2017 Business meeting were reviewed by the WSASAS membership.
  - o Correct San Diego to Sacramento.
- Boone Carter moved to approve minutes. Benton Glaze seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Financial Report – Reinaldo Cooke**

- Reinaldo Cooke shared 2017 finances. Net assets increased at \$676. John Hall asked about Miscellaneous, and Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe explained that included Graduate Directors travel expenses and other items. Mike Day moved to approve the 2017 finances, Jim Berardinelli seconded, and motion approved unanimously.

#### **ASAS National Update – Steve Zinn**

- Journal Animal Science transitioned from ACCESS to Oxford University Press, which immediately increased the journal's visibility, marketing, profit margin, and budgeting control.
- ASAS requested all sections to 1-year open reserve; all sections either met or are near meeting this goal.
- Jim Sartin is stepping down as Editor-in-Chief (EIC) for all three ASAS journals. Deb Hamernik is EIC for Animal Frontiers, Jim Oltjen is EIC for Translational Animal Science, and Sally Johnson is EIC for Journal of Animal Science. Under Jim Sartin's leadership, JAS decreased time from submission to decision substantially.

- ASAS working with The Randel Group, LLC and other contacts/visits to Washington DC.
- ASAS membership committee, under Glenn Duff's leadership, maintaining steady membership levels.
- New Ag Guide being updated and ASAS working with Dept. Animal Sciences across the nation for accreditation (Margaret Benson from Washington State University leading this effort).
- New ASAS meeting software being used to address staff needs. ASAS and ADSA co-locating their 2021 annual meeting Louisville, KY.
- Glenn Duff is overall program chair for 2019 ASAS annual meeting in Austin, TX.
- 2020 ASAS meeting in Madison, WI.

**2018 Western Section Update – Reinaldo Cooke**

- Reinaldo Cooke shared registration numbers and timeline from 2018 and previous four WSASAS meetings (below).

Registrations				
Item	2018	2017	2016	2015
Beef Symposium	78 (8)	110	---	83
Total WSASAS	142	173	145*	211
<i>Professionals</i>	88			
<i>Graduate Students</i>	41			
<i>Undergraduate Students</i>	13			

Timeline				
Item	2018	2017	2015	2014
House/Reg Open	Nov 11	Oct 25	Jan 16	Jan 12
Submission Open	Feb 9	Jan 30	Jan 16	Nov 1
Submission Closed	Mar 15	Mar 16*	Mar 11	Mar 5*
Program Released	May 22	May 26	June 2	May 23
Meeting Started	June 19	June 20	June 23	June 25

**2019 WSASAS Meeting – Benton Glaze**

- Hosted in Boise, ID at the Riverside.
- 2019 WSASAS meeting will include a Beef Symposium and perhaps a Genetic Symposium.
- Meeting dates are June 11 to 13, one week earlier than usual for WSASAS meetings.

**A&C Committee – Benton Glaze**

- The A&C Committee discussed about including a General Poster session, which will require abstract submission only. A survey will be sent to the WSASAS membership regarding this topic.

- Jack Whittier had comments about proceedings paper being printed. Connie Larson indicated that decision for online publication (including WSASAS program) was made in conjunction with the WSASAS membership in 2017. Additional discussion was held regarding meeting app and schedule.

#### **AQ Report – Matt Kennedy**

- No report

#### **Awards Committee – Shanna Ivey**

- The committee received multiple nominations for each award category. The members of the committee were:
  - o S. Ivey - New Mexico State University (2017-18) - Chair
  - o C. Loest - New Mexico State University (2015 - 18)
  - o S. Archibeque - Colorado State University (2015-18)
  - o M. Hubbert - New Mexico State University (2016-19)
  - o D. Tolleson - Texas Agrilife, Sonora TX (2016-19)
  - o J. Gifford - New Mexico State University (2017-20)
  - o J. Whittier - University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2017-20)
- The committee utilized the online evaluation system. All members declared conflicts of interest prior to review of nomination materials and only evaluated award categories where no conflict of interest existed. Dr. Ivey was recused from the role of chair of the committee due to multiple conflicts of interest with award nominees in all categories. Results of nominee review by committee members were reported to ASAS and results were tallied. Nominees and nominators were notified of the results. The award winners were: **Extension** - Dr. H. A. Bart Lardner, University of Saskatchewan; **Distinguished Teaching** - Dr. Clint Löest, New Mexico State University; **Young Scientist** - Dr. Dustin Yates, University of Nebraska; **Distinguished Service** - Dr. James Berardinelli, Montana State University.

#### **Necrology Report – Shanna Ivey**

- Drs. Allen Torrell, Arnold Nelson, Steve Ford, Lynne James, and Dean Hawkins passed away this past year. Members of WSASAS present at the business meeting were asked for any other names

to be added to the list. Benton Glaze informed that Dr. Ed Duren also passed away this past year. A moment of silence was held for our departed colleagues

#### **Nominating Committee Report – Shanna Ivey**

- Nominations were sought for Advising and Coordinating Chair and Graduate Student Director. Dr. Kasey Deatley, Chico State University and Dr. Darin Boss, Montana State were nominated. Dr. Deatley was elected as the Advising and Coordinating Chair. One graduate director was needed to replace outgoing director, Stacia Prosser. Kacie McCarthy, North Dakota State University and Sarah Klopatek, University of California - Davis were nominated. Kacie McCarthy was elected as the new WSASAS Graduate Director.

#### **Graduate Director Report – Katherine Smith and Stacia Prosser**

- Stacia Prosser provided a quick report on the student mixed, with good turnout including faculty and students. Appreciation was extended to Connie Larson and Jason Russell for providing games for entertainment.
- Student Symposium luncheon was well-attended and received, including presentations by Jason Russel, Travis Mulliniks, and Zach McFarlane.
- Katherine Smith provided details about the 3-min video competition, and how it helps preparing students to communicate with general/lay audience. In 2018, the competition had 9 participants and top 3 will be announced during the Awards Banquet.

#### **Young Scholar Report – Rodrigo Marques**

- A total of 5 students were nominated, being 3 Ph.D. and 2 M.Sc. students. Suggestions to increase nominations are warranted
- Chris Schauer requested more time to review applications packet. In 2018, time available to review was short due to several conflicts of interest within the original committee and subsequent need for replacements.

#### **Grad Student Competition – Adam Summers**

- Members present: A. Summers, T. Whitney, T. Mulliniks, D. Yates, J. Kincheloe, and M. Beckman. M. Ellison was not present but submitted scores for the written portion of the competition

- Twelve graduate students presented in the Graduate Competition held at the Western Section ASAS meeting in Bend, Oregon. Institutions represented included UC Davis (1 student), Oregon State University (2), University of Wyoming (1), Montana State University (1), New Mexico State University (3), and the University of Nebraska- Lincoln (4). Scores were based on a combination of written proceedings (50 points possible) and oral presentation (50 points possible) averaged across judges. The top five placings were 1) Caitlin Caderat (University of Nebraska, 87.43 points), 2) Kathryn Smith (New Mexico State University, 86.79 points), 3) Robert Posont (University of Nebraska, 85.93 points), 4) Emily Ferranti (New Mexico State University, 85.45 points) and 5) Bahaa Aloqaily (New Mexico State University, 83.73 points)
- There were 3 institutions that qualified for the institutional award; which requires at least 2 presenters from an institution: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Oregon State University, and New Mexico State University. The top two scores from an institution were used to determine the Institutional Award. The University of Nebraska was the top scoring institution with 173.37 points
- Members of the Graduate Competition Committee would suggest the following changes be made regarding the Competition. Changes have been highlighted on the attached score sheet
  - o A PDF version of the submitted document be submitted to the Graduate Competition Chair
  - o Specific character count, citation numbers and table/figure numbers be adopted
  - o Increase the value of the oral presentation by making it worth 60 points and the written paper 40 points.
  - o Update the format section of the score sheet to represent the submission should follow TAS formatting.

#### **Undergraduate Competition Report – Tom Murphy**

- A total of 8 undergraduates submitted abstracts for the poster session. Institutions represented included: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, New Mexico State University, University of Wyoming, Kansas State University, and Oregon State University. A total of 8 judges evaluated posters. Placing of the poster session were:
  - o 1st Place: Sierra Pillmore, New Mexico State University
  - o 2nd Place: J. M. Paine, Kansas State University
  - o 3rd Place: A. N. Brewster, Oregon State University

- Monetary awards included \$250 for 1st Place, \$150 for 2nd Place, and \$100 for 3rd place. Committee members are seeking additional sponsors for the 2019 contest and will be editing poster score sheet and procedures. Suggestions for future contest include having UG poster session during opening reception to facilitate greater judging efficiency, and allow students to interact with potential advisors earlier in the conference.

#### **Old Business – Connie Larson**

- Benton Glaze suggesting reaching out to smaller colleges with Ag programs to increase WSASAS membership and meeting attendance.
- Glenn Duff indicated that ASAS is developing presentations to recruit smaller institutions to ASAS, which can be used by WSASAS towards a similar effort.

#### **Retiring Board – Connie Larson**

- Shanna Ivey and Stacia Prosser were recognized as retiring board members.

#### **Transfer of the Gavel – Connie Larson**

- Kim Vonnahme was introduced as new President, and asked for new business to be addressed.
- Whit Stewart demonstrated concern about WSASAS proceedings hindering publication of data into peer-reviewed refereed journals. Discussion was held, and new guidelines being developed for WSASAS proceedings should mitigate this issue.

**Benton Glaze moved to adjourn the meeting, and Sergio Soto-Navarro seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 06:02 pm PST.**