

**Minutes – WSASAS Conference Business Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 20, 2021**  
**Submitted by: Shawn Archibeque**

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. (MT) by Benton Glaze. (Kacie McCarthy, Joslyn Beard).

**Roll Call:**

Board Members: Benton Glaze, David Bohnert, Milt Thomas, Meredith Harrison, Eric Scholljegerdes, Shawn Archibeque, Joslyn Beard, Rachel Gibbs, Victor Flores, Reinaldo Cooke, Glenn Duff

ASAS Staff: Melissa Burnett, Justin Bartlett

**Approval of Agenda:**

It was moved and seconded (John Hall, Meredith Harrison) to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

**Review of 2020 Business Meeting minutes:**

Shawn Archibeque presented the minutes. Corrections were made to David Bohnert's name, UNL score was 174, Undergraduate Poster Session. It was moved and seconded (John Hall, Meredith Harrison) to accept the minutes as amended from the 2020 Business meeting. Motion passed.

**2020 Financials:**

Shawn Archibeque presented the 2020 audited financials. Net assets were \$27, 949. Reinaldo Cooke moved and Milt Thomas seconded to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

**ASAS National Update:**

Glenn Duff presented his top 10 moments of the past year. He recognized that John Parrish is the new EiC for the image gallery. The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Ag guide was released. There is some talk of beginning the next edition. ASAS provided more live virtual programming following flips than any other animal science organization. AnimalSmart.org was updated. Infographics has continued to expand. There were more than 25 webinars with more than 50 speakers over 18 months. There was an enhanced social media presence. The animal science accreditation was selected and empowered with the goal of first accredited programs in 2022. The new DEI committee was created and empowered. There was improvement of journal impact factors. We successfully navigated a constantly changing environment throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

**2021 Western Section meeting update:**

Shawn Archibeque gave an update about the 2021 WSASAS Meeting. There were 45 proceedings, 27 abstract only, 5 Undergraduate Posters, ....

**2022 Meeting update:**

Milt Thomas provided an update for the 2022 meeting in Park City on September 20-22, 2022.

### **Committee Reports:**

AQ reports-Kasey DeAtley indicated that we were the only section to not send a group to the national competition. We are hoping to go to Cal Poly this year. Fresno State may send a team this year.

Nominating Committee- Connie Larson updated that David Bohnert will be the new advising and coordinating chair. We had a tie for the Graduate Student Director, so both were selected to serve. These are Rachel Gibbs and Victor Flores.

Necrology- Reinaldo Cooke submitted that Donald Holton, Constance Shirley, Carl Hunt and George Seidel passed this year. A moment of silence was observed.

Graduate Student Representative Report- Meredith Harrison indicated that there were 53 participants in the lunch and learn and 58 in the graduate student mixer.

### **Old Business:**

Benton Glaze asked if there was any old business. None was presented.

### **Recognition of Retiring Board:**

Benton Glaze recognized that Reinaldo Cooke is moving off the board. Joslyn Beard is also moving off the board. A plaque was given.

### **Transfer of Gavel:**

Benton Glaze transferred the gavel to Kasey DeAtley. Benton then was recognized for his service.

### **WSASAS Bylaws Updates:**

Kasey DeAtley presented the bylaws updates required to be made. These regard the official changing of the board. There are also changes suggested to be made to bring our bylaws more in line with the other sections of ASAS. There was a motion to approve the suggested changes and allow electronic voting (David Bohnert, Reinaldo Cooke). The motion passed

### **Proceedings Updates**

Kasey DeAtley presented the updates regarding the western section proceedings. Eric Scholljegerdes, Reinaldo Cooke, and Glenn Duff further expanded on the history regarding the western section proceedings. It was acknowledged that these have been useful teaching tools for graduate students. The concerns regarding self-plagiarism issues were discussed. It was noted that the membership needs to consider: 1) Discontinue publication of proceedings and only have abstracts. 2) Proceedings for graduate competition only. 3) Continue publishing proceedings in an alternative location and/or format. It was noted that the publications committee voted to discontinue publishing WSASAS proceedings in TAS and the negative of the proceedings on the impact factor. It was asked if there are metrics of anyone actually reading the proceedings papers. It was noted that once TAS receives the impact factor, this may change. There was a thorough discussion of the plagiarism issues. It was presented that there are two main options to

consider if we continue to publish. 1) Publish with no journal affiliation as stand alone- will still have to have a DOI Subsequently still searchable, publishable with prior publication issues. 2) Publish in new "Animal Proceedings". The WSASAS Executive Board plan was presented. It was presented that we provide a questionnaire with a choice to continue proceedings, yes or no. If yes, then there will be a publication committee to pursue options for publishing proceedings. Those findings will be presented via a virtual town hall to develop 3 or 4 options. A ballot would then be sent out to the membership. It was also discussed whether a paper publication could be used. The issues with it still being a publication were discussed. It was highlighted that there was a need to give a thorough background as the questionnaire is sent out as a vote. It was requested that there be full transparency for the results of the vote to be presented to the membership. It was recognized that there should be another virtual meeting prior to the vote to provide context and background. There was a motion to put together a publication committee to provide background meeting, then provide a questionnaire to determine the desires of the membership regarding the continuation of the proceedings and then we will proceed with a follow up informational meeting to present the findings of the vote. (John Hall, Jack Whittier). There was an amendment that there would not need to be a committee formation unless there is a yes vote to continue. The motion did not pass. There was a motion to provide a background meeting, then provide a questionnaire to determine the desires of the membership regarding the continuation of the proceedings and then we will proceed with a follow up informational meeting to present the findings of the vote. If there is a yes vote, then a committee will be formed to address the issue. (Benton Glaze, David Bohnert). There was an amendment to complete these activities by December 15 by Shanna Ivey, seconded by Travis Mulliniks. The motion passed. The amended main motion reads "The board will provide a background meeting, then provide a questionnaire to determine the desires of the membership regarding the continuation of the proceedings and then we will proceed with a follow up informational meeting to present the findings of the vote with a completion date of December 15."

### **New Business**

It was recommended that Western Section should create a LinkedIn.

### **Call to Adjourn:**

At 6:20 p.m. (MT), it was moved and seconded (Eric Scholljegerdes, Zach McFarlane) that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.