

WSASAS Annual Business Meeting

Date: 7/19/23

Participants:

WSASAS Board: Shawn Archibeque Milt Thomas Kasey DeAtley David Bohnert

Evin Sharman Jennifer Hernandez Gifford Chris Schauer Victor Flores Rachel Gibbs

Mackenzie Smithyman

ASAS Staff: James Sartin Justin Bartlett Amy Brainard Melissa Burnett Debbie Zagorski

Joel Caton; Teresa Davis

Additional Participants:

Shawn Archibeque called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Agenda: John Hall moved to approve the agenda and Rachel Gibbs seconded. The motion passed.

2022 Annual Business Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the Annual Business Meeting in Park City, UT were reviewed. There were some small edits, spelling corrections, noted by members that Justin Bartlett made during the meeting. Chris Schauer moved to approve the minutes as amended and Rachel Gibbs seconded. The motion passed.

Financials: The 2021-2022 financials were reviewed. The section lost \$7,965 last year (reduction in reserves) but we should be back in a strong position after this meeting. The current WSASAS ending reserve balance (12/31/22) was \$18,555.

ASAS National Update: Teresa Davis provided an update for ASAS (pdf of slides attached; Top 10 list).
Top 10 list:

- 10) Successful transition through pandemic
- 9) Recovered in-person meetings
- 8) Expanded Membership Committee, Enhanced Available Membership Demographics
- 7) Improved infographics & ASAS Blog
- 6) Set to take applications following meeting for first round of accreditations
- 5) Reinvigorated ASAS Foundation
- 4) Enhanced Social Media Presence
- 3) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Activities
- 2) Revamping Member Communications
- 1) Journal Success

JAS submissions are over 550 already which should be a massive increase as we only had 880 last year total; The JAS Impact Factor is 3.3; TAS has its first Impact Factor of 1.3 and is more applied and more flexible; Animal Frontiers - next year will have 2 calls for papers (Impact Factor = 3.6). They are working on tying the journals back into our webinars – editors describing options, planning, expectations, etc.

2023 WSASAS Meeting Update:

Meeting update: Justin Bartlett noted that there are 1,183 registrants. 858 presentations, 440 oral, 418 posters, 3 Western Section young scholars, 6 Western Section grad competition participants, 1 Western Section applied animal Science Award participant, five Western Section 3-min video participants, and there were 8 talks in the Western Section Beef Symposium.

2024 WSASAS Meeting Update: Jennifer Hernandez Gifford invited everyone to the 2024 WSASAS meeting in Calgary, Alberta July 21-25. She noted that they are working on generating a funding raising activity to generate funds and build our identity. More details will be released as specifics are worked out.

2025 WSASAS Meeting Update: Shawn Archibeque noted that the current risk for ASAS is about \$150k per sectional meeting. There has been NO discussion about joining sections; however, the board is looking at ways to be strategic in our risk taking while providing good service to our membership. One thing we are looking at is to provide opportunities for graduate student training. We have a writing workshop that will be held in the Western Section (Fort Collins). We are also exploring joining with other sections when it seems to be appropriate. The Southern Section is a section that is attractive as a potential partner for a joint meeting. We are going to have a Town Hall meeting, in early August, to discuss options for future meetings. One option being considered is in late-January or April of 2025 meeting with Southern Section in Fort Worth, TX or Oklahoma City, OK. We also might be able to join with the Grazing Lands Nutrition Conference. This will be discussed and a sub-committee (Archibeque, Bohnert, Schauer, Thomas) will work to evaluate options.

AQ Report: Shawn Archibeque noted that April 21-22, 2023 there was a competition of 7 teams in Laramie, WY. Special thanks to Hannah Cunningham, Shelby Rosasco and the rest of the UW faculty, staff and students! The teams were Colorado State University, Montana State University, BYU-Idaho, Utah State University, New Mexico State University, Oregon State University, and University of Wyoming. BYU Idaho was 3rd place; University of Wyoming was 2nd place; and Utah State University was 1st place. Shawn encouraged school representatives to try and compete in the future.

Incoming Board Members: Shawn Archibeque recognized that Rodrigo Marques is the incoming Advising & Coordinating Chair and Jennifer Hurlbert is the incoming Graduate Student Director.

Necrology Report: Shawn Archibeque read the necrology report and membership present took a moment of silence in remembrance of the following:

Robert Roberson, New Mexico State University; April 28, 2022

Herman E. Kiesling, New Mexico State University; July 25, 2022

Jack L. Ruttle, New Mexico State University; August 1, 2022

Bobby J. Rankin, New Mexico State University; October 13, 2022

Claudio Arzola Alvarez, University of Chihuahua; November 2022

Lon N. Burcham, New Mexico State University; December 7, 2022

Raymond P. Ansotegui, Montana State University; March 2, 2023

Ray A. Field, University of Wyoming; June 9, 2023

Graduate Student Representative Report: Mackenzie Smithyman provided the following statistics for the meeting:

Student Breakfast and Learn: 49 participants

Student Mixer: 149 participants

Lunch and Learn: 101 participants

Networking Mixer: 154 participants

Additional Old Business: none

Recognition of Retiring Board: Kasey DeAtley (Western Past President), Victor Flores (Western Graduate Student Director), and Rachel Gibbs (Western Graduate Director) have left the WSASAS Board and were recognized by Shawn for their service to the WSASAS.

Transfer of the Gavel: Shawn Archibeque transferred the gavel to Milt Thomas. Milt became WSASAS President and Shawn the WSASAS Past President. Milt recognized Shawn's 5 years of service and thanked him for all the time and commitment he gave to the WSASAS.

New Business:

Shawn Archibeque moved to Adjourn and Rachel Gibbs seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM