

# WSASAS Business Meeting

Date: 7/24/24 Meeting started at 5:32 pm

The board meeting was called to order by President, Shawn Archibeque. Kacey DeAtley moved to approve the agenda. Evin Sharman seconded. Motioned passed. ASAS staff, Justin Bartlett, shared the minutes of the 2023 Business meeting. Chris Schauer moved to approve the minutes, motion was seconded and passed.

## Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes for meeting dates 6.13.24

Chris Schauer moved to approve June 13,2024 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mark Branine. No discussion. Motion passes, minutes approved unanimously.

## Honoring Milton Thomas

A moment of silence was followed by a video presentation celebrating the memories in photos shared by WSASAS members. Dr. Thomas was current president of WSASAS at the time of his passing on Feb. 15, 2024.

## ASAS National Update (Joel Caton)

2024 ASAS-CSAS-WSASAS meeting report: ASAS President, Joel Caton gave an update on ASAS activities. Joel is confident that ASAS serves its membership and lots of member participation occurs. Total in-person attendance since 2021 – 8364. Webinars since 2021 involved 84 speakers/panelist with over 4300 registrants. Journals are strong. 65 submission = increase from previous year. Rejections were slightly higher as well. Writing workshops were well attended with 2 workshops occurring to date. An additional workshop is scheduled in 2025 in Ft. Collins, CO. USDA has agreed to provide a grant writing workshop course free of charge at the 2025 ASAS meeting in Hollywood, FL.

Animal Frontiers added to Directory of Open Access Journal. Animal Frontiers has added an open call for 2 issues/yr. Invited special topics in JAS. ASAS-public policy interns returned to DC; Snack and facts restarted in June 2023. Sponsorships and Grants are increasing. Professional meeting attendance 2023 ASAS-CSAS-WSASAS in Albuquerque = 1182; 2024 ASAS-CSAS-WSASAS in Calgary =1323. Future meetings

## 2024 Meeting Update (Jennifer Hernandez Gifford)

- Total Registrations: 1,323
- Presentations: 948 – up 78 from 2023
  - Oral Presentations: 506
  - Poster Presentations: 442
  - Symposia: 27
  - WS Young Scholar: 1
  - WS Undergraduate Poster Participants: 2
  - WS Graduate Paper Competition Participants: 6
  - WS Applied Animal Science Award Participants: 16
  - WS 3-Minute Video Competition Participants: 7
  - WS Beef Symposium: 14 presentations

Total presentations for 2024 annual meeting are 948 – up 78 from 2023. There are 506 oral presentations, and 442 poster presentations, symposia 27. Registration is up from 2023 with a total of 1311 registrants.

#### Membership numbers

December 2022 -4035 members

December 2023 – 4133 members

2023 Presidential Plan: Hire, onboard and transition to new ASAS CEO. Now positioned to update ASAS strategic plan targeting 5-10 yr outlook.

#### 2025 Meeting updates (Rodrigo Marques)

ASAS Southern Section/Western Section Joint 2025 Meeting is scheduled for April 5-8 at Sheraton Arlington in Arlington, TX.

#### 2026 Meeting Planning (Shawn Archibeque)

Shawn reported that the timing of the WSASAS meeting will return to June in 2026. Currently several locations are being investigated as possible meeting locations including: Spokane, WA; Ogden, UT; Las Cruces, NM; Estes Park, CO; Denver, CO and Tucson, AZ. Additional details to come.

#### Committee Reports

1. AQ update was provided by Kasey DeAtley noting that 2024 WSASAS AQ was held in Logan, UT April 19-20 with pre-covid team numbers. Competing teams included Utah State University, Colorado State University; Montana State University, California State University – Chico; New Mexico State University; Oregon State University; and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner; Cal Poly; 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner Oregon State; 1<sup>st</sup> place Utah State. Colorado State will be hosting 2025 AQ
2. Nominating Committee - Shawn Archibeque reported that incoming A&C Chair is:
  - o Zach McFarlane, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis ObispoIncoming Graduate Student Director is:
  - o Katy Jo Richardson, New Mexico State University
3. Necrology – Shawn Archibeque reported Berry Thompson (Texas A&M Experiment Station) Milton G. Thomas (Texas A&M Agrilife) and Carl S. Menzies (Texas A&M Agrilife) passed in 2024. A moment of silence was observed.
4. Graduate Student Representative Report (Jennifer Hurlbert) – Student breakfast and learn had 61 attendees; Student Mixer: 118 attendees; Lunch and Learn : 75 attendees; Networking Mixer 148 attendees.

President, Shawn Archibeque opened the floor for additional old business, with none reported Archibeque then recognized those retiring from WSASAS board: Mackenzie Smithyman – Western Graduate Director. The gavel was then transferred to incoming President, David Bohnert, as Shawn Archibeque transitioned to Past President. Dave Bohnert expressed gratitude to Shawn’s service in light of the unfortunate passing of Milton Thomas.

President David Bohnert opened the floor to any additional new business. In response to questions regarding abstract due dates for the 2025 SSASAS/WSASAS meeting, Justin Bartlett noted that calendars are currently being worked on and a timeline will be coming soon. Jim Sartin addressed questions related to financials for the combined meeting and the effort for more transparency in financial status of each section. It was also noted that paper competitions for the combined meeting will be distinct for the two sections as to allow WSASAS to maintain its identity with competitions.

Meeting was adjourned followed by the presentation of the 2024 WSASAS awards.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Hernandez Gifford, 2023-2024 WSASAS Secretary