The Northeast Region of the American Society of Animal Science is alive and well. At the annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas we held our annual luncheon and graduate student competition. First place presentation was made by Rachel Quinn of the University of Maryland, College Park who presented a paper on the effect of weight gain and diet on insulin sensitivity in Thoroughbred geldings. Second place went to R. Schmidt of the University of Delaware and third place went to A.K.G. Kadegowda of the University of Maryland, College Park. As in the past, recipients received a cash award and all participants were provided with some travel support to the meeting.

Three regional awards were presented at the annual luncheon including two young scientist awards. In the Educator category, Carrie Williams from Rutgers University was recognized for her work in the area of Equine Management and in the Research category, Erin Connor was recognized for her work in the area of Bovine Genomics at the USDA Genomics Lab in Beltsville. In addition, Lewis Smith of USDA Beltsville was recognized for his Distinguished Service as a Program Leader in the area of Animal Nutrition.

This year, Tad Songestard retired as the outgoing President for the Northeast Region and was recognized for his outstanding service to the region. The new incoming President is Rich Erdman. Vice President is Mike Van Ambraugh and the Secretary/Treasure is Erin Conner. Tom Hartsock from the University of Maryland completed his three year term of office, representing the region on the National Board. We want to thank all these individuals for their service to the association and its members throughout the region. If there is anything I can do for any member in the region or if you have some suggestions, feel free to contact me at rbarczew@desu.edu