

2008

Northeast ADSA/ASAS Annual Business Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2008, 12:30 – 2:00 pm
Room 116 Indiana Convention Center
2008 National ADSA/ASAS Annual Meeting
Indianapolis, IN

At 1:07 p.m. the NE-ADSA/ASAS President **Dr. Richard Erdman** (MD) called the meeting to order. **Dr. Erdman** made introductions of the current executive committee, **Dr. Mike Van Amburgh** (NY), Vice President and **Dr. Erin Connor** (USDA-ARS, MD), Secretary/Treasurer.

Reports were provided from the ASAS and ADSA National Societies. **Dr. Mary Anne Drake** (Outgoing ADSA President) thanked the organizers of the meeting and mentioned the outstanding quality of the meeting and its organization. She also thanked **Paula Schultz** for all of her hard work. National ADSA activities include:

- 1) ADSA Board has created a JDS Superfund to enable publishing without page charges by 2018. It requires creation of a \$25M endowment fund.
- 2) S-PAC is doing well and expanding with new members and affiliate memberships.
- 3) The first leadership development workshop was offered in January 2008 for Division and Board members.
- 4) The Presidential Reception has been re-instituted.
- 5) A new web page has been launched.

Dr. Mike Galyean (ASAS President) provided the following updates:

- 1) Membership without institutes is at about 4000 members. The numbers are up from last years'.
- 2) "Taking Stock" has been initiated to increase communication with members via email.
- 3) The new E-career tool on the website has been very successful for linking students and employers.
- 4) This is the largest Joint Meeting with over 41 symposia. The Southern Section in Dallas had its largest meeting; the Midwestern Section had >1000 attendees and the Western Section had >200 attendees and held the first webinar (about 100 physically attended and about 30 via the web). More webinars will be held in the future.
- 5) Members are encouraged to look at the strategic plan on line which includes increasing involvement of other species besides livestock.

6) FASS has made a big financial turn around and is doing well. They are working on finding a replacement for **Dr. Jerry Baker**.

7) The impact factor for JAS is 2.1 for the first time and it has a new Editor in Chief, **Dr. Steve Zinn** (CT).

Dr. Rich Barczewski (NE ASAS Board of Directors) gave the following updates:

- 1) Encouraging students to become members of the National Association. Undergraduates are reminded that membership is free.
- 2) Encouraged members to nominate worthy candidates for awards.

Dr. Mike Van Amburgh asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2007 Meeting in San Antonio distributed prior to the 2008 meeting. **Dr. Rich Barczewski** (NE ASAS Board of Directors) made the motion and **Dr. Emmett Inskip** (WV) seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Erin Connor gave the Treasurer's Report. The NE-ADSA/ASAS treasury had a balance of \$6633.56 on Dec. 31, 2006 and a balance of \$5386.21 on Dec. 31, 2007. This reflects a net decrease of \$1247.35. The majority of expenses are attributed to NE-sponsored awards and plaques. **Dr. Mike Van Amburgh** provided an update on approaching Agway for \$10K. He got an initial negative response but will re-approach with different wording that does not emphasize "scholarships." The status of the treasury is solid but will need to increase dollars in the near future. **Dr. Rich Barczewski** made a motion to approve the report and **Dr. Michael Westendorf** (NJ) seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Steven Zinn presented the Graduate Student Paper Competition awards. There were 3 judges and an alternate judge that were recognized: **Dr. Mike Van Amburgh**, **Dr. Mark Mirando** (USDA-CSREES, Washington, DC), **Dr. Tanya Gressley** (DE) and **Dr. Rich Barczewski** (alternate). There were 6 presenters including **J.A. Elizondo-Salazar** (Penn State), **A.K.G. Kadegowda** (Univ. of MD), **L.E. Ford** (Univ. of VT), **J.M. Scudder** (Univ. of VT), **J.D. Starkey** (Univ. of CT) and **J.G. Titus** (Univ. of VT) (photo below). Each presenter received a check in the amount of \$150 towards travel expenses. The award winners were **Jennifer Skutter** (3rd place), **Lindsay Lord** (2nd place) and **Jessica Starkey** (1st place).





Dr. Steve Zinn presented the 3rd Place Award to **Jennifer Skutter** (left), the 2nd Place Award to **Lindsay Lord** (middle), and the 1st Place Award to **Jessica Starkey** (right) for the 2008 Graduate Student Paper Competition.

Dr. Zinn indicated that this would be his last year coordinating the Graduate Student Paper Competition, which would be taken over by **Dr. Kristen Govoni** (CT).



Dr. Erin Connor (left photo, right) presented the 2008 Young Scientist Award for Research to **Dr. Adam Lock** (Department of Animal Science, University of Vermont), which was accepted by **Dr. Dale Bauman** (NY) (left photo, left) on Dr. Lock's behalf. **Dr. Mike Van Amburgh** (right photo, right) presented the 2008 Distinguished Service Award to **Dr. Steve Zinn** (right photo, left).

Dr. Richard Erdman indicated there was no new business to discuss.

Dr. Mike Van Amburgh introduced the incoming Secretary/Treasurer, **Dr. Doug Waterman** who is the Director for Dairy Technology Application at Nutreco Canada Agresearch.

Dr. Mike Van Amburgh, as new president, initiated a discussion of means to increase undergraduate involvement in scientific meetings and suggested a one-day conference by the society to increase exposure of undergraduates to science and industry. **Dr. Peter Erickson** (NH) indicated that the Northeast Student Affiliate (NESA) competitions held at Penn State and University of Connecticut were successful and suggested joining with them. **Jennifer Skutter** and **Lindsay Lord** indicated that they had participated in NESA competitions and found the experience to be a good introduction to scientific meetings at the national level. Faculty members were encouraged to make undergraduates more aware of the ADSA/ASAS societies and it was

suggested that regional nutrition conferences could add an undergraduate competition. **Dr. Dale Bauman** also suggested adding networking opportunities for students to meet with faculty members.



Incoming president, **Dr. Mike Van Amburgh** (left) presented the honorary gavel to outgoing president **Dr. Richard Erdman** (right).

Dr. Tony Capuco (USDA-ARS, MD) made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by **Dr. Richard Erdman**. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin E. Connor

Outgoing Secretary/Treasurer
NE ADSA/ASAS

North East Section Report

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