

2009

Northeast ADSA/ASAS Annual Business Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2009, 12:30-2:00 pm
Room 525b, Convention Center
2009 National ADSA/ASAS Annual Meeting
Montreal, QC

At 1:08 pm the **NE-ADSA/ASAS President Dr. Mike Van Amburgh** called the meeting to order. **Dr. Van Amburgh (Cornell, NY)** made introductions of the current executive committee, **Dr. Erin Connor (USDA-ARS, MD)**, Vice President, and **Dr. Douglas Waterman (Nutreco, NY)**, Secretary/Treasure.

Dr. Erin Conner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2008 Meeting in Indianapolis, IN, distributed at the 2009 meeting. ??? made the motion to accept and ??? seconded the motion. Motion was carried

Dr. Doug Waterman gave the Treasure's Report. The NE-ADSA/ASAS treasury had a balance of \$5,386.19 on December 31, 2007 and \$3,305.64 on December 31, 2008. This reflects a net decrease of \$2,080.55. The majority of expenses are attributed to NE-sponsored awards and plaques. The only source of revenue is ADSA/ASAS dues. **Dr. Van Amburgh** explained the financial issues the Ne-Division was facing and asked for ideas to address the situation (to be discussed later in the meeting). ??? made a motion to approve the report and ??? seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

1. Looking NE director nominations. It is a 3 year term that will be elected prior to the Denver meeting. As an incoming director this individual would participate at the Denver meeting in a "training" capacity to familiarize themselves in the process and to provide a smoother transition. This individual would then serve the following 3 years.
2. How the director will be selected is being discussed nationally.
3. Graduate Student involvement with the board
 - a. Other regions are considering getting Graduate Students actively involved with the board to increase the student exposure.
 - b. Should the NE consider this as well?
- Awards
 - c. Very few people from the NE are nominated, so very low recognition
 - d. May need to review the people in the NE that are eligible for specific awards...a point for further discussion.

Dr. Bob Wettman (ASAS-President) provided the following updates:

1. Membership is constant, but plan is to increase membership by increasing animal diversity, consider collaboration and increasing International membership

2. New website that is more “user friendly”
3. Early career people
 - a. How to get them more involved, participate on program committees and boards
 - b. Received 15 nominations for 2009 and will be working hard for the 2010 meetings
4. Strategic Plan...how can we be the voice for animal agriculture
 - a. Science Policy Committee-provide advice to the government
 - b. Full time voice in Washington-to participate in agriculture meetings
 - c. Form a Science Policy Director
 - i. FASS, Poultry, Animal and Dairy Sciences will contribute dollars to fund this position
 - ii. Lowell Randall and Walt Smith both have experience with USDA and Washington

Dr. Van Amburgh (NE-ADSA/ASAS President) discussed briefly the ADSA 3-5 yr plan:

1. Needs to be sustainable
2. Need to grow membership

Goal A: Journal of Dairy Science will be the premier dairy science journal worldwide. The number of journal articles submitted by the USA is flat, but International articles are increasing. May need to consider changing the name to Dairy Science Association from American Dairy Science Association

Goal B: Will have a world class annual meeting for disseminating dairy science information. Are we and how can we improve communication? Create other forms of communication besides the Journal.

Goal C: Retain current members and attract new members in creative and innovative ways.

Goal D: Provide value to scientific organizations, government agencies and animal industries through scientific liaisons and key relationships.

Goal E: ADSA will have a strong impact on International scientific community.

Goal F: ADSA will have leadership that represents membership and seeks new opportunities to strengthen and enhance the mission and vision of ADSA.

Possible New Goal G: ADSA Foundation will undertake development activities to grow JDS Superfund-Foundation (\$6.5 million goal).

Dr. Mike Vanburgh- no old business

Dr. Kristen E. Govoni (CT) presented the Graduate Student paper Competition awards. Seven students participated. All students received travel support with the top 3 receiving additional funding. The three judges and the alternate judge were recognized: **Dr. Vanamburg (Cornell)**, **Tonya Gressley (U of Delaware)**, **Wendy Cohick (Rutgers)**, and **Mark Mirando (USDA)**

The 7 presenters were **Vivianne Bielmann (University of Guelph)** , **Kimberely M. Morrill (University of New Hampshire)**, **Alejandro Ceballos (University of Prince Edward Island)**, **Jocelyn Dubuc (University of Guelph)**, **Gatha R. Clevenger (West Virginia University)**, **Elizabeth K. Crook (Delaware State University)**, and **Lisa R. Tager (West Virginia University)**. Each presenter received a check in the amount of \$150 to help cover travel expenses. The award winners were **Elizabeth Crook (3rd place)** **Joselyn Dubuc (2nd place)** and **Kimberly Morrill (1st place)**.

Dr. Doug Waterman presented the 2009 Young Scientist Award for Research to **Dr. Heather M. Dann (Miner Institute)**. **Dr. Erin Conner** presented the 2009 Distinguished Service Award to **Dr. Robert H. Miller**, which was accepted by **Dr, Duane Norman (USDA-ARS)** on Dr. Miller's behalf.

Dr. Mik Van Amburgh discussed new business

- We as a region are productive, but stretched on resources
- May need to meet more often or increase the number of communications
 - a. Web conferences or other mechanisms to improve communication
- 2 to 3 times per year or every 2 months pick a topic and discuss via Webinars
 - a. Share research ideas, let fellow NE members know what research is being done
- Key is to improve communication
- Ideas
 - a. Set up twitter
 - b. Webinar
 - c. Meetings (most expensive)
- All members in support and feel this may improve industry support as well
- Budget
 - a. Need to get creative
 - b. Charge a fee to participate on the Webinar program
 - c. Control expenses
 - i. Decrease travel expenses and awards being sponsored
 - d. In there a need for a NE section?
- Dr. Limin Kung made a motion to move forward on the Webinar concept and Dr. Rich Erdman seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

Dr. Erin Conner commented that nominations for the NE-ADSA/ASAS awards had declined and encouraged for more participation. Erin introduced Dr. Heather M. Dann as the incoming Secretary/Treasure who is research scientist at the Miner Agricultural Research Institute. Welcome Heather. Dr. Conner presented Dr. Mike Van Amburgh the Outgoing President Award. In addition, Erin congratulated all the award winners and encouraged more students to

participate in the Student paper competition. The incoming President encouraged people to act as reviewers of journal articles when asked. This is a very important part of journal process and all help is appreciated. Since Dr, Conner is part of USDA, she can not accept the reviewer stipend, she will donate the stipend to the NE-ADSA/ASASA if allowed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas F. Waterman Ph.D.
Outgoing Secretary/Treasurer
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