

2010

Northeast ASAS/ADSA Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon Minutes
July 13, 2010, 12:30 – 2:00 pm
Colorado Convention Center, Room 711
Denver, Colorado

1. NE ASAS/ADSA Luncheon
 - a. Prior to the Business Meeting, Heather White (Purdue University, IN), ASAS graduate director, provided an update of graduate activities in ASAS. The association is promoting opportunities for graduate students involved in animal sciences.
 - i. At the 2010 Joint Annual Meeting, there was a ASAS GS Lunch and Learn, a Graduate Student Mixer at Blake Street Vault, and a Graduate Student Symposium focused on “Transitions: Preparing for Your Future”.
 - ii. The 3 other branches/sections have graduate students involvement
 1. Western section has 1 graduate student who is on the "advisory and coordinating committee."
 2. Midwest section has 3 graduate students who are on the planning committee.
 3. Southern section has 2 graduate students that will rotate on a 2-year basis like the national board graduate directors.
 4. None of these graduate students are voting members of the respective sectional boards. This is the first year for sectional graduate directors; the project was initiated last year and in all 3 cases, these graduate representatives were voted in during this past spring. There is a lot of flexibility in how these graduate representatives are "titled" but their roles are primarily the same: to provide graduate student input to the board and/or planning committee, to improve graduate student-specific events at sectional meetings, and to increase communication between the national society and the graduate students of their section.
 5. Does the NE ASAS/ADSA want to have graduate student involvement?
 - iii. Graduate directors are working on a communications blog (<http://blog.asas.org/GraduateBulletin/>) and use of Facebook.
2. NE ASAS/ADSA Business Meeting Call to Order and Introductions
 - a. The business meeting was called to order at 1:12 pm by NE ASAS/ADSA President Dr. Erin Connor (USDA-ARS, MD). Dr. Erin Connor made introductions of the current executive committee: President – Dr. Erin Connor, Vice-president – Dr. Doug Waterman (Nutreco, NY), and Secretary/Treasurer – Dr. Heather Dann (Miner Institute, NY).
3. Approval of 2009 Minutes
 - a. Minutes from the 2009 NE ASAS/ADSA Business Meeting were provided to attendees of the meeting and luncheon. Dr. Doug Waterman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Rich Barczewski (Delaware State University, DE) made

a motion and Dr. Charlie Sniffen (Fencrest, NH) seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the 2009 Business Meeting as written. The motion was approved.

4. Treasurer's Report and Approval

- a. The financial report for the 12 months ending December 31, 2009 was provided to attendees of the meeting and luncheon and discussed by Dr. Heather Dann. The balance as of January 1, 2009 was \$3,305.63 and as of December 31, 2009 was \$1,494.18. The majority of expenses were attributed to NE ASAS/ADSA sponsorship of awards and plaques. Dr. Heather Dann asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Tony Capuco (USDA-ARS, MD) made a motion and Dr. Mike Van Amburgh (Cornell University, NY) seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

5. Reports from ASAS and ADSA National Societies

- a. Dr. Phil Tong (Cal Poly State University, CA), ADSA President, reported:
 - i. Journal of Dairy Science had a high ranking (2009 impact factor of 2.463). The editor in chief is Dr. Roger Shanks (University of Illinois, IL). ADSA signed a contract with Elsevier in January 2010 to expand to the global market. Elsevier assumed co-publication of the Journal of Dairy Science with the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS). There is a 5-year income guarantee.
 - ii. Membership surveys were conducted.
 - iii. ADSA plans to expand communications in the areas of trade, science, and the general public.
- b. Dr. Jim Oltjen (University of California, CA), ASAS President, reported:
 - i. Introduction and recognition of Dr. Dr. Rich Barczewski, outgoing Northeastern Section ASAS Director; Dr. Steve Zinn (University of Connecticut, CT), Editor in Chief; and Dr. Tom Hoagland (University of Connecticut, CT), incoming Northeastern Section ASAS Director. Appreciation was expressed for Paula Schultz (ASAS, IL), Associate Executive Director.
 - ii. Membership is strong - increased growth from students and international membership.
 - iii. Communications committee has new initiatives: interpretive summaries, joint sponsorship of speakers/meeting with China, and bundled membership with EAAP (European Federation of Animal Production). Dr. Mike Van Amburgh asked about the opportunity for bundled/discounted membership for ASAS and ADSA.
 - iv. Journal of Animal Science has high impact factor (2009 impact factor of 2.466). Over 1000 manuscripts submitted in 2009. The time from submission to publication has decreased by 30 days over the last 2 years. There is a wider range of species represented in published articles. All species are "managed animals."
- c. Dr. Rich Barczewski reported:
 - i. ASAS is in good shape. There is an increase in member services so check website for details. There is an open forum in room 405 today. More people are needed to serve on award committees to recognize our

members. There is a computer system set up near the registration desk to volunteer for the committees.

- ii. Welcomed Dr. Tom Hoagland as the incoming Northeastern Section ASAS Director, to the board.

6. Old Business

- a. Old business was discussed by Dr. Erin Connor.
- b. Need to improve communication with use of twitter, meetings, and webinars. Some of the communication activities may generate revenue to benefit the budget. Dr. Tom Hoagland volunteered to lead the webinar effort.
- c. Concern of a future budget deficit was addressed. Need ideas for generation of additional revenue.
 - i. Webinar development will be explored.
 - ii. Dr. Erin Connor has been and will continue to donate her stipend payment for manuscript review for the Journal of Animal Science.
- d. A request for volunteers to participate in the strategic plan for ADSA was made.

7. Graduate Student Paper Competition Results

- a. Dr. Kristen Govoni (University of Connecticut, CT), NE Graduate Student Competition Chair, presented the Graduate Student Paper Competition awards. The judges were Dr. Tom Hoagland, Dr. Mark Mirando (USDA-NIFA-AFRI, DC), and Dr. Sheila Andrew (University of Connecticut, CT).
- b. Seven students participated. The students were Jessica Tekippe (Pennsylvania State University, PA), Nicole Fiorellino (University of Maryland, MD), Emiliano Raffrenato (Cornell University, NY), Melanie Soberson (Cornell University, NY), Laura Nemec (University of Delaware, DE), Michelle Der Bedrosian (University of Delaware, DE), and Francisco Suarez-Mena (Pennsylvania State University, PA).
- c. All students received travel support (\$150).
- d. The award winners were: Laura Nemec (1st; \$300), Michelle Der Bedrosian (2nd; \$200), and Melanie Soberson (3rd; \$100).

8. NE ASAS/ADSA Distinguished Service Award

- a. Dr. Jim Wohlt (Rutgers University, NJ) was the recipient of the 2010 NE ASAS/ADSA Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Erin Connor presented the award to Dr. Mike Westendorf on Dr. Jim Wohlt's behalf.

9. New Business

- a. The new business discussion was led by Dr. Erin Connor.
- b. The financial situation of NE ASAS/ADSA is a major concern. There is a strong possibility of a negative budget within this year or next year if additional revenue is not generated. What is the future of NE ASAS/ADSA? Need to review the current mission and vision. There should be continued focus on the student competition.
- c. General discussion.
 - i. Dr. Doug Waterman: Need to define the role and deliverables to get financial support, especially from industry. Need to promote value. There is limited industry support now. Is webinar a new niche?
 - ii. Dr. Rich Barczewski: Need right topics for webinar for industry buy in. A key is how we can help the industry. Some sections are very

wealthy...more faculty and/or meeting strength. The NE has no core groups...but has good graduate students.

- iii. Dr. Charlie Sniffen: Webinar is a business tool. Interactions between industry and academia were lost at some point for NE ASAS/ADSA.
- iv. Dr. Mike Van Amburgh: No new faculty in the section. Is the webinar approach competing with the current industry approach? Can we piggy back on the National Association and get some revenue? Maybe more species outreach...we have a heavy dairy focus.
- v. Dr. Duane Norman (USDA-ARS, MD): Need to review what other associations are doing.
- vi. Dr. Tony Capuco suggested a resolution be added to the minutes to acknowledge and thank Dr. Erin Connor for her donation of her stipend payment for manuscript review for the Journal of Animal Science to NE ASAS/ADSA. Dr. Tom Hoagland so moved and Dr. Rich Barczewski seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

10. Nominations and Elections Report

- a. No Early Career Awards were presented this year because there were no nominations. Dr. Doug Waterman introduced Dr. Matt Wilson (West Virginia University, WV) as the incoming Secretary/Treasurer.

11. New NE ASAS/ADSA President's Comments

- a. Dr. Doug Waterman thanked people for their service this past year. He encouraged attendees to make nominations for awards and the Secretary/Treasurer position.
- b. Dr. Doug Waterman presented Dr. Erin Connor the Outgoing President Plaque and thanked her for her service.

12. Meeting Adjourned

- a. Dr. Matt Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Tony Capuco seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Northeast Section Report
Richard Barczewski, NE Director

The North East Section of the American Society of Animal Science continues to operate in cooperation with the North East Branch of the American Dairy Science Association. Currently, the President of the Section is Erin Conner from USDA, Beltsville, Vice President is Doug Waterman and industry representative and the Secretary/Treasurer is Heather Dann from the Minor Institute. At the annual meeting this year in Denver, the new incoming Secretary/Treasurer will be Matt Wilson from West Virginia University. With this year being my final year of service to the board of directors, an election was held and Tom Hoagland from the University of Connecticut was selected as the new NE Regional Director. I wish Tom all the best as he takes on this responsibility.

One item that was discussed at last years annual meeting was how the section can continue to support its awards and graduate student competitions in the future. Some ideas that were considered included holding periodic webinars on selected topics that would be of interest to both academics and industry alike. One current officer had agreed to have their honorariums from serving on the editorial board being deferred back to the regional account. The region is going to have to find ways to generate additional dollars or they will have to cut back on the support given to the graduate student competition.

Currently the region supports graduate students who participate in the graduate student paper competition with a small travel stipend and presents the first, second and third place finishers in the competition with a cash award. At the Joint Annual Meeting in Denver there are 8 graduate student papers being presented in the competition.

Finally, there continues to be a need for the membership of ASAS in the Northeast to remember to nominate its members for the many awards that are offered by our association each year. Individuals are often reluctant to nominate some of our outstanding members for recognition. Nominations never come at a good time, however it is critical to take the time to recognize our members who are doing excellent work.

