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Spring Newsletter Northeast ASAS/ADSA Spring 2012

The NEASAS/ADSA is trying something new at the JAM in Phoenix. We will have a symposium and reception instead of our traditional luncheon. Our symposium “The Future of Animal Agriculture Programs in the NE in the Face of Reducing Animal Holding on Campus” is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17 at 2 pm. After the symposium, we will host a reception for NE members and have our business meeting and awards program. We will continue to have the graduate student paper competition in which each participant will receive a \$150 travel award. Additional cash prizes will also be awarded to first, second and third place winners. The competition is being coordinated by Kristen Govoni (CT) and is scheduled for Monday, July 16. We are seeking nominations for the NE officer position of secretary-treasurer. This is a 3-year term. The elected officer will serve as the NE Vice-president and President in subsequent years of their term. In addition, the call for nominations for the NEASAS/ADSA Distinguished Service and Young Scientist Awards will be sent to members soon. These awards offer you the chance to recognize those colleagues who are at the pinnacle of their careers or within their first 10 years.

Remember that there are 2 awards for Outstanding Young Scientist: one for Educator and the other for Research. Please be thinking of whom you would like to nominate! If you have comments or questions contact me or members of the board: Matt Wilson (vice president; mwilso25@wvu.edu) and Lisa Holden (secretary-treasurer; lah7@psu.edu).

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Minutes of the Northeast ASAS/ADSA meeting

July 17, 2012 in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Heather Dann called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm. She began by introducing the current executive committee: President – Dr. Heather Dann from Miner Institute, NY; Vice President – Dr. Matt Wilson from West Virginia University, WV; and Secretary/treasurer – Dr. Lisa Holden from the Pennsylvania State University, PA. The minutes from last year were circulated and Sheila Andrew (CT) made a motion to approve the minutes, with Pete Erickson (NH) seconding. The minutes were approved as presented.

Lisa Holden presented the treasurer’s report from the national office, noting that \$3,000 was provided for the symposium that was held at JAM. Kristen Govoni made a motion to approve the treasurers report and Tom Hoagland seconded. The treasurer’s report was approved as presented.

Dr. Margaret Benson, ASAS President, presented the report from the national ASAS. She indicated that membership was at an all-time high at 5300+, up from 4680 last year across all categories. They have joined with European partners to boost memberships. Communication is the primary focus right now and "Taking Stock" is now sent twice weekly with over 8,000 hits per month. Social media (facebook and twitter) continues to be an important avenue for communications as well as webinars, web chats, and podcasts. There are currently 700 followers on Facebook and growing. The Educator's Toolbox was successfully launched in July 2011 and submissions are encouraged in this peer-reviewed venue. Launching today is Animalsmart.org – a website to broaden contact with society in general and provide for "junior animal scientist" members. Innovations for 2012 included a series of issue-based conferences, sponsorship of three Pacific Rim Conference Symposia with 3,100 attendees. Animal Frontiers is an open access publication send to Land Grant Universities, Legislators and a variety of other audiences. The first issue had 5,000 hits and the last two issues have garnered 25,000 hits. The Journal of Animal Science continues to be the number one journal for impact with 4500 pages and has been moved to Access.

Dr. Tom Hoagland, Northeast section ASAS Director, complimented the hardworking staff members in the national society and thanked them for their support for the sections. He encouraged others to become active members of our organization and to include more undergraduates. This was the first year for the Quadrathlon and communication with NESA is helping to increase student participation. There is an added addendum in the ASAS strategic plan for 2015 related to sections and discussion with other sections about taking part in the future strategic planning.

Dr. Bob Roberts, ADSA President was unable to attend, but sent along that ADSA was identifying its initiatives and moving forward. The Journal of Dairy Science is ranked #2 in impact and has had a record number of pages this year. The awards ceremony for ADSA is this evening.

Dr. Kristen Govoni, NE Graduate Student Competition Chair, thanked this year's judges – Dr. Wendie Cohick, Rutgers University; Dr. Mark Morando, USDA, and Dr. Mike van Amburgh, Cornell University. The winners of the competition were: 1st place -Chanhee Lee from the Pennsylvania State University, 2nd place to Melissa Rokosa from the University of Connecticut, and 3rd place to Sarita Neupane from the University of Connecticut.

President Heather Dann announced the NE ASAS/ADSA Young Scientist Award winner as Dr. Burt Staniar from the Pennsylvania State University.

Currently there is only one nomination for secretary/treasurer. The ballot will be completed and held electronically.

NOTE: AS of August 22, 2012 – Dr. Ken Griswold from Kemin Animal Nutrition and Health is the new Secretary/Treasurer.

New Business: After a successful symposium this year (Title: *The Future of Animal Agriculture Programs in the Northeast in the Face of Reducing Animal Holdings on Campuses*) it was suggested that we

continue with the symposium rather than the past luncheon format. Ideas for topics can be sent to the new officers for 2013. There was no other new business.

New President Comments: Matt Wilson thanked Heather Dann for her service. He also suggested that we look broadly for seminar topics for next year, including ideas from our colleagues in the industry. Matt noted that there will be a reception following the meeting to honor the award winners.

David Edwards made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Tom Hoagland. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Holden
Secretary/Treasurer NE ASAS/ADSA