

**Minutes of the Western Section of the
American Society of Animal Science
Business Meeting**

June 22, 2001
Montana State University
Bozeman, Montana

President Noelle Cockett called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Acceptance of the minutes of the 2000 business and awards meeting

The minutes of the 2000 business and awards meeting were approved as printed in the 2001 Proceedings of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science.

Committee Reports

Advisory and Coordinating Committee Report

Jim Thompson, Chair

Registration Fee for Graduate Students

Continue to waive or provide a reduced registration rate for graduate students. Some consideration might be given to charging a minimal registration fee so the graduate students are made to feel they have a vested interest in attendance of the sectional meetings. Similarly, consideration should be given to waive registration fees for retired faculty that attend the WSASAS sectional meetings. Financial status of the section will be the driving factor as to how these policies can be carried out.

Number of Competition Papers for Graduate Students

The general recommendation is to not limit the number of competition papers. If at all possible, the graduate student competition paper presentations should occur without other activities being scheduled. When this does not appear feasible, the other activities will need to be scheduled at the same time as the competition papers.

Also, graduate students from outside the Western Section area that choose to affiliate with the section should be allowed to participate in graduate student presentation competition. It is recommended that the major professor or one of the authors be a member of the Western Section.

Academic Quadrathlon

WSASAS should continue to support this activity at the level the board deems possible. A reason for supporting this event was to generate interest in membership in the society. The academic quadrathlon committee should review what has happened to participants in previous

Academic Quadrathlon activities with regards to becoming members of ASAS and graduate training.

Support of the NW Livestock Evaluation Contest

Level of participation of Western Sectional schools should be investigated and, if it is not high, support of this activity should be terminated.

Submission of Abstracts and Proceedings, and No-Shows at Sectional Meetings

Policy should be clearly stated in the call for abstracts. If they do not show up at the meetings a letter should be sent to the offending parties indicating displeasure with this activity. If possible the abstract should be pulled from publication in the JAS supplement section.

Academic Quadrathlon Committee Report

Lisa Surber, Chair

The 2001 Regional Academic Quadrathlon contest was hosted by Colorado State University on March 30 & 31st, 2001. Nine teams participated in this year's contest and they were as follows; Brigham Young University, Cal Poly Pomona, Colorado State University, Montana State University, New Mexico State University, Oregon State University, University of Idaho, University of Wyoming, and Utah State University. The AQ Advisor Recognition Award was given to Dr. Nancy Irlbeck of CSU for her continued support, enthusiasm, and commitment to the AQ program. Dr. Irlbeck and the faculty at CSU did an outstanding job hosting this year's AQ. She served as the overall coordinator and was also responsible for the lab practicum. Dr. Carl Hunt was responsible for the written examination. Dr. Randy Weidmeier and Brett Bowman were in charge of the discussion group. Lisa Surber was responsible for the quiz bowl portion of the contest. Dr. Patrick French secured over \$1,900 in book awards. Monsanto Company provided \$5,000 in scholarships for this year's contest; first place team members received \$600, second place team members received \$400 and third place team members received \$250. The contest results were as follows:

Quiz Bowl

1st Place	Colorado State University
2nd Place	Cal Poly Pomona
3rd Place	Brigham Young University

Written Examination

1st Place	Brigham Young University
2nd Place	Colorado State University
3rd Place	Cal Poly Pomona

Discussion

1st Place	Oregon State University
2nd Place	Cal Poly Pomona
3rd Place	Utah State University

Practicum

1st Place	Colorado State University
2nd Place	Oregon State University
3rd Place	Brigham Young University

Team Placing

1st Place	Colorado State University
2nd Place	Oregon State University
3rd Place	Brigham Young University

Last year's first place team was from Brigham Young University and they competed in the National Collegiate Quiz Bowl during the National Cattlemen's Beef Association convention in San Antonio, TX and placed 3rd. This year's first place team will represent the Western Section at next years NCBA meeting February 2002 in Denver, CO.

At our annual advisors meeting, Dr. Richard Kelloms indicated that his term as chairman was ending. Dr. Kelloms has been instrumental in obtaining additional support for the AQ program from WSASAS and corporate sponsors such as Monsanto. His dedication to the Academic Quadrathlon is unequalled. The committee thanks you, Richard.

The 2002 Regional Academic Quadrathlon contest will be hosted by Cal Poly Pomona and will be held on March 22 & 23, 2002.

Awards Committee Report

James Oltjen, Chair

Seven nominations were submitted to the Awards Committee. Listed below are the award categories, awardees, and sponsors.

Distinguished Service: Dr. Peter R. Cheeke, Oregon State University. Award sponsored by Roche Vitamins, Inc.

Distinguished Teacher: Dr. Bok F. Sowell, Montana State University. Award sponsored by Elanco Animal Health

Extension Award: Dr. Dale R. ZoBell, Utah State University. Award sponsored by Fort Dodge Animal Health

Young Scientist: Dr. Dean E. Hawkins, New Mexico State University. Award sponsored by Cargill Animal Nutrition Division

Graduate Student Competition Committee Report

Jim Strickland, Chair

Seventeen papers were submitted and presented. First place D. J. Denniston New Mexico State University Second place M. R. Bolte University Of Wyoming, Third place L. Canales New Mexico State University. First, second, and third place winners received an award certificate and \$300, \$200, and \$100, respectively. The committee suggests that the evaluation form be placed on the WSASAS web site.

Extension Committee Report

Rick Funston, Chair

Eight presentations were given at the Extension Symposium on June 21, 2001. The format was successful and should be repeated.

Nominating/Election Committee Report

John Paterson, Chair

84 ballots were returned, Jim Oltjen (University of California, Davis) will move up to President, President-Elect is Pat Hatfield (Montana State University) and Secretary-Treasurer is Jack Whittier (Colorado State University). WSASAS Director for National Board is Jerry Reeves (Washington State University). Noelle Cockett will chair the nominating committee for 2002.

Symposium Committee Report

Jim Sprinkle, Chair

In the fall of 2000, the Western Section, ASAS, provided direction to the symposium committee that the annual symposium could move “beyond beef.” However, the symposia topics must continue to be on general topics of interest to the membership of the Western Section. A conference call meeting was held on Jan. 5, 2001 to plan the symposium. It was decided that due to the rapid changes occurring in agriculture and agribusiness that the symposium theme would be “Using Science and Marketing in Producing and Delivering Value-Added Products for the Consumer”. One substitution of a speaker was necessitated shortly before the symposium was held.

In keeping with ASAS policy, speakers at this year’s symposium who were members of ASAS were asked to pay their own travel expenses to the symposium. The committee is very grateful to all our ASAS speakers who agreed to do so and traveled long distances to speak at the symposium. Manuscripts from the following symposium speakers will be posted on-line at the Journal of Animal Science symposia web page: Dr. Harlan Hughes, Dr. Wayne Purcell, Dr. Harlan Ritchie, and Dr. Mike Tess. Manuscripts from Dr. Purcell and Dr. Tess will be peer reviewed and posted on a separate web page from the other two manuscripts.

Recognizing that several attendees in the audience at this year’s symposium were not members of ASAS and would not be able to access the JAS symposia home page, 125 proceedings were printed to accompany the symposium. These people and press media were very appreciative of this effort. Approximately 225 to 250 people attended the symposium. About 35 people who attended the symposium only registered for the beef symposium and did not attend the rest of the Western Section meetings.

A news release was prepared and sent to 11 beef related publications. Additionally, a news release was sent to all Animal Science Departments in the Western Section and to state livestock specialists and Cooperative Extension offices. Several state cattlemen's associations were notified. Finally, Dr. John Paterson assisted in publicizing the symposium with newspapers, county extension offices, and clientele in Montana.

Members of the committee were able to secure \$4500 in sponsorships to assist with the expenses of the symposium. Due to the assistance of the sponsors, the cost of the symposium to attendees was \$25. Sponsors of the symposium were:

- Western Section, American Society of Animal Science
- American Society of Animal Science
- Cattlesale.com
- Elanco Animal Health
- Fort Dodge Animal Health
- Intervet
- Westway Trading Company
- Zinpro Corporation

Necrology Report

John Paterson, Chair

David C. England, Oregon State University
Gerald Schelling, University of Idaho
Ian Garnett, University of California, Davis
C. O. Schoonover, University of Wyoming

American Society of Animal Science President Report

Jeff Armstrong, President

Dr Armstrong complimented Montana State University on hosting an excellent meeting. He stated that ASAS direction and finances are going well. The association is focused on increasing membership and teaming with other associations.

Report from National American Society of Animal Science Office

Ellen Bergfeld, Executive Director

Dr. Bergfeld stated it was great to be able to attend the Western Section meetings and thanked WSASAS and Montana State University for hosting an excellent meeting. The ASAS office is focused on the 2001 annual meetings in which swine, dairy, poultry, and ASAS would team to put on a meeting with 1900 presentations, 45 symposiums, great social events, and 4000 to 5000 people in attendance. She said ASAS membership is increasing. This includes institutions, professional, and graduate student memberships. She discussed the ASAS member get a member program.

Host Institution Report

Patrick Hatfield, Secretary-Treasure

Montana State University was excited to host the 2001 WSASAS meeting. Meetings were held on campus and the entire MSU Department of Animal and Range Sciences helped put on meetings and social events.

Four hundred copies of the 2001 WSASAS proceedings were printed. Approximately 75 are on hand at the national office that are for sale for \$20/copy. There were no extra copies of the 2001 proceedings left in Bozeman after the 2001 meetings. Pat Hatfield at MSU will store extra past copies of the WSASAS proceedings at MSU rather than incurring shipping costs for sending all these proceedings to the next host institution. At the 2001 WSASAS meeting, less than 5 previous proceedings were sold (older proceedings were priced at \$1 each)

Registration Information

Symposium and/or meetings	197
Symposium only	35
Graduate students	117
Total	349
Note: does not include invited speakers and invitations to individuals and companies that gave financial support.	

Financial Report

	Item	Expense	Income	
	Conference service fee	\$20,345		
	reg., shuttle, web, rental, signs, bags, act			
	Food and beverage	\$7,923		
	cont. breakfast, breaks, reception, grad			
	lunch			
	BBQ includes tables, chairs and band	\$5,400	\$3,600	
	Saturday tour	\$900	\$1,000	
	Business and publications	\$10,390		
	exec travel, plaques, shipping, printing			
	Page charges		\$11,200	
	Proceedings sales (to date)		\$940	
	Registration		\$19,375	
	Sponsors \$7,650		\$4,050	
	Total	\$44,958	\$40,165	-\$4,793
	Beef Symposium	\$8,884	\$10,125	\$1,241
	Estimated net change in assets 2001			-\$2,530

Cost to WSASAS for free graduate student registration

Cost per student based on a total attendance of 300 attendees	
Conference Services Fee	\$35.00
Registration cost including bag	\$20.00
Shuttle	\$1.50
Web page	\$2.00
Meeting room rental	\$6.00
Breaks	\$16.50
Reception	\$8.00
Graduate Lunch	\$8.00
Meeting costs	\$97.00
ASAS membership	\$20.00
Total cost to WSASAS/graduate student	\$117.00

Dr. Hatfield reported that in 1999 WSASAS paid ASAS membership for 24 graduate students. Of the 24, 12 are still members. Of the 12, WSASAS paid their membership again in 2000 and two of the original 24 are currently dues paying members.

Call for Old Business

None

Call for New Business

Dr. Mark Peterson, New Mexico State University, suggested that there are sufficient proceedings and presentations focused on supplementation, that the WSASAS should consider having a supplementation session. Dr. Noelle Cockett thought this would be possible. Jack Whittier announced that the 2002 meetings will be hosted by Colorado State University on campus at Fort Collins from June 19-21, 2002. Dr. Cockett then turned the gavel over to President elect Jim Oltjen. Jim Oltjen then presented President Cockett a plaque in appreciation of her service. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.