

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

June 25, 2003  
Wyndam Hotel Ballroom  
Phoenix, Arizona

President Pat Hatfield called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m.

**Acceptance of the minutes of the 2002 business and awards meeting**

The minutes of the 2002 business meeting were approved as printed in the 2003 Proceedings of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science.

**Committee Reports**

**Necrology**

John Paterson

James Meyers  
Wade Rollins  
Clifton Blincoe

**Nominating**

Jim Oltjen, Chair

Nominations for the 2003 WSASAS elections were as follows:

President-Elect: Elaine Grings, USDA/ARS,  
Miles City, Montana

Secretary-Treasurer: James Thompson, Oregon  
State University

Industry Representative:  
Bret Christensen, Alltech

All three candidates were elected.

**Symposium Committees**

Neither the Beef nor Extension Symposia were held in 2003 while WSASAS meeting was held in conjunction with ASAS and ADSA. Both symposia will be held in 2004.

**Advisory and Coordinating Committee Report**

Tim Ross, Chair

***Proposed Constitutional Amendments***

Motion: Change the term of office for the chair of the Advisory and Coordinating Committee from 3 years to 1 year (Article III, Section 2).

Rationale: Spread the responsibility of this position to more members and eliminate the potential for committee service to exceed the time of an appointed committee member. The normal term on committee membership is 3 years. If a committee member is appointed chair, then the time of service will exceed the original 3 year term.

Motion: Include wording for electronic balloting in Article IV and Article VII.

Rationale: Electronic media is an efficient and fast method of communication. This could reduce costs associated with mailing and speed up the balloting process.

***This motion was voted upon and passed. The other motions will be put to a vote of the membership by electronic ballot.***

Motion: Include in Article II, Section 2 the following:

The Western Section Applied Animal Science Award will be open to those papers published in the Western Section Proceedings.

Rationale; The industry groups supporting and funding this award intended to award research with applicability to production systems, economic return, and introducing new and innovative techniques supporting production systems without other restrictions.

Other Recommendations:

The Western Section should establish a committee membership structure for the Western Section Applied Animal Science Award that would approximate a 70% industry and 30% academic representation. In addition, the Advisory and Coordinating Committee suggests that the award should not exceed the dollar value of the Graduate Competition Paper award with 50% of the prize money going to first place, 30% to second place and 20% to third.

### **Academic Quadrathlon**

Lisa Surber, Chair

The 2003 Regional Academic Quadrathlon contest was hosted by Oregon State University on March 28 & 29, 2003. Ten teams participated in this year's contest and they were as follows; Brigham Young University - Provo, Brigham Young University – Idaho, 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. Dr. Carl Hunt and was responsible for the written examination. Dr. Randy Weidmeier was in charge of the discussion group. Randy Townsend was responsible for the quiz bowl portion of the contest. Dr. Patrick French secured over \$2,132 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*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Colorado State University
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oregon State University
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place University of Idaho

#### *Written Examination*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place University of Idaho
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Cal Poly Pomona
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Brigham Young University – Idaho

#### *Discussion*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Brigham Young University – Provo
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Colorado State University
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place University of Wyoming

#### *Practicum*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Oregon State University
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Colorado State University
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Brigham Young University – Idaho

#### *Overall Placing*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Colorado State University
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place University of Idaho
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Oregon State University

The AQ Advisor Recognition Award was given to Dr. Richard Kellems of BYU – Provo for his support and commitment to the AQ program. Dr. Kellems served as BYU advisor for many years. At the regional level, from 1999-2001 served as the Western Section AQ committee chairman.

Last year's first place team was from University of Wyoming and they competed in the National Collegiate Quiz Bowl during the

National Cattlemen's Beef Association convention in Nashville, Tennessee and placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. The NCBA has discontinued the National Collegiate Quiz Bowl so there is now no national contest for winners in 2004.

The 2004 Regional Academic Quadrathlon contest will be hosted by New Mexico State University and will be held on March 26 & 27, 2004.

### **Awards**

Jack Whittier, Chair

Listed below are the award categories, awardees, and sponsors.

Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Temple Grandin, Colorado State University. Award sponsored by Roche Vitamins Inc.

Distinguished Teacher Award: Dr. Tim Ross, New Mexico State University. Award sponsored by Elanco Animal Health

Extension Award: Dr. John Paterson, Montana State University. Award sponsored by Fort Dodge Animal Health

Young Scientist Award: Dr. Bret Hess, University of Wyoming. Award sponsored by Cargill Animal Nutrition

### **Applied Animal Science Award**

Jim Killen, Chair

The Applied Animal Science Awards are selected from papers accepted for publication in the WSASAS proceedings based on the criteria of 1) Applicability to current production systems, 2) Potential for economic return on investment, 3) New and innovative approaches to existing production problems. Twelve papers were submitted to the committee (per instructions on the call for WSASAS papers). The papers were evaluated and selected by a committee of industry and academic animal agriculture consultants appointed and chaired by the WSASAS Industry Representative. After two selection rounds the following papers were chosen:

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Certificate and check for \$400:

H. H. Patterson, P. S. Johnson, and W. B. Epperson. South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, "EFFECT OF TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS AND SULFATES IN DRINKING WATER FOR GROWING STEERS"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Certificate and check for \$300:

T. L. Lawler, J. B. Talyor, J. W. Finley, and J. S. Caton. North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, USDA-ARS, Dubois, ID, USDA-ARS, Grand Forks, ND "EFFECT OF FEEDS NATURALLY HIGH IN SELENIUM OF PERFORMANCE AND SELENIUM CONCENTRATIONS IN VARIOUS TISSUES OF FINISHING BEEF STEERS"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Certificate and Check for \$200

R. C. Waterman, W. D. Bryant, C. A. Loest, and M.K. Petersen, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, "METHIONINE IMPROVES NITROGEN RETENTION OF YOUNG GESTATING BEEF COWS CONSUMING LOW QUALITY FORAGES"

### **Financial Report**

Elaine Grings, Secretary- Treasurer

## **American Society of Animal Science Western Section**

### **Financial Report as of December 31, 2002**

**Cash on Hand at December 31, 2001**

**36,706.48**

### **Revenue and Support**

Donations - General	1,500.00
Donations - Awards	550.00
Meeting Registrations	
Ticketed Events	

Proceedings	13,771.00
ASAS-Speaker Support	1,500.00
ASAS-Dues	1,205.00
Interest Income	1,771.75
Miscellaneous Income	3,300.00

**Total Revenue and Support** 23,597.75

**Expense**

Programs/ Registration	1,008.84
Call for Papers/Abstracts	1,029.18
Awards/Plaques	3,109.58
Quadrathalon	4,500.00
Convention Fees	350.00
Convention Liability Insurance	
Proceedings	6,574.27
Travel- Speaker	1,842.42
Travel- Board	1,271.36
Postage/Supplies	152.97
Miscellaneous	1,794.68
Shipping	
Telephone	30.51
General Printing	
Staff Support	2,624.16

**Total Expenses** 24,287.97

**Net Revenue over Expense** (690.22)

**Cash on Hand as of December 31, 2002** **36,016.26**

**Graduate Student Competition Committee Report**

**Denny Crews, 2003 Chair**

Eighteen manuscripts and oral presentations by graduate students from 7 institutions were evaluated by the 8-member committee. Committee members were: Dr. Denny Crews, AAFC-LRC; Dr. Paul Ludden, University of Wyoming; Dr. Roy Silcox, Brigham Young University; Dr. Clint Loest, New Mexico State University; Dr. Derek McLean, Washington State University; Dr. Jim Berardinelli, Montana State University; Dr. Mark Wise, New Mexico State University and Dr. Greg Lewis, USDA-ARS.

The individual placing awards were:

1<sup>st</sup> place: E. J. Scholljegerdes, University of Wyoming

2<sup>nd</sup> place: C. S. Schauer, Oregon State University

3<sup>rd</sup> place: S. L. Lake, University of Wyoming

Each of these were awarded certificates and \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place, and \$200 for third place.

2003 was the first year of the institutional award, sponsored by Zinpro. A check for \$2,000 was presented to the five graduate student competitors representing the University of Wyoming by Connie Swenson of Zinpro. The University of Wyoming had the highest average score among institutions with at least three competitors.

By unanimous vote, the committee makes the following recommendations. Dr. Paul Ludden, University of Wyoming, will serve as chair for the 2004 meetings in Corvallis, Oregon. Additionally, Drs. Ludden, Crews, and Lewis volunteered to serve for another three-year term on the committee. Dr. Roy Silcox volunteered to remain on the committee for one additional year. A vacancy left by Dr. Mark Wise, whose term on the committee expired in 2003, needs to be filled.

Thank yous were given to Zinpro for providing the monies for the new Institution Award.

A discussion was held about the pros and cons of limiting the number of competition papers to fit a scheduled time slot. No action was taken.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Pat Hatfield turned the gavel over to President-Elect Jack Whittier. Jack Whittier then presented President Hatfield a plaque in appreciation of his service. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.