

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

June 18, 2004
Oregon State University
Corvallis, Oregon

President Jack Whittier called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Acceptance of the minutes of the 2003 business and awards meeting.

The minutes of the 2003 business meeting were approved as printed in the 2004 Proceedings of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science.

Advisory and Coordinating Committee Report

Clay Mathis, Chair

Issues Addressed:

WSASAS Strategic Plan

The committee evaluated the need to organize a revision of the Strategic Plan.

Consensus

The Strategic Plan is sufficient with well-stated goals. The A&C Committee recommends that the Western Section evaluate the section's efforts to achieve the goals stated in the Strategic Plan.

Web Site

The committee evaluated the need to make the Western Section meeting schedule available on the web site further in advance of the meeting, and discussed the need for an editorial proof reading of the Western Section Constitution posted on the web site.

Consensus

The A&C Committee recommends that the Executive committee request a proof reading of the Western Section Constitution and work with the host institution to post a general (skeleton) schedule when meeting registration information becomes available.

Graduate Student Competition

The committee discussed several issues surrounding the graduate student competition.

Consensus

The A&C Committee recognizes that scheduling challenges exist when the number of competitors is high, but is opposed to setting any limits on the number of oral presentations in the Graduate Student Competition because all facets of the competition

greatly help the Western Section achieve goals listed in the Strategic Plan under increasing membership and participation.

The A&C Committee recommends that in the event that the Executive Committee or Graduate Student Competition Committee entertains the need for limiting the number of oral presentations in the future, the historical number of graduate students competing each year is considered to evaluate how frequently a significant scheduling issue occurs.

Academic Quadrathlon Report

Lisa Surber, Chair

The 2004 Regional Academic Quadrathlon contest was hosted by New Mexico State University on March 26 & 27, 2004. Six teams participated in this year's contest and they were as follows; Brigham Young University – Idaho, Colorado State University, Montana State University, New Mexico State University, University of Idaho, and Utah State University. Dr. Carl Hunt and was responsible for the written examination. Dr. Randy Weidmeier was in charge of the oral presentation. Dan Rule was responsible for the quiz bowl portion of the contest. Dr. Patrick French secured over \$2,000 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 st Place	Utah State University
2 nd Place	Colorado State University
3 rd Place	Montana State University

Written Examination

1 st Place	University of Idaho
2 nd Place	Utah State University
3 rd Place	Brigham Young University – Idaho

Discussion

1 st Place	Montana State University
2 nd Place	New Mexico State University
3 rd Place	Utah State University

Practicum

1 st Place	Utah State University
2 nd Place	New Mexico State University
3 rd Place	University of Idaho

Overall Placing

1 st Place	Utah State University
2 nd Place	New Mexico State University
3 rd Place	University of Idaho

The AQ Advisor Recognition Award was given to Dr. Carl Hunt of UI for his support and commitment to the AQ program. Dr. Hunt has served as UI advisor for many years and organized the written exam portion of the Regional AQ contest.

Last year's first place team was from Colorado State University and they competed in the National Collegiate Quiz Bowl during the National Cattlemen's Beef Association convention in Phoenix, Arizona and placed 1st. The 2004 overall winner will represent the Western Section at next years NCBA meeting, which will be held in February 2005 in San Antonio, Texas.

The 2005 Regional Academic Quadrathlon contest will be hosted by Utah State University and will be held on March 25 & 26, 2005.

Graduate Student Competition

Paul Ludden, Chair

Twelve manuscripts and oral presentations by graduate students from 7 institutions were evaluated by the 8-member committee. Committee members included:

Dr. Jim Berardinelli, Montana State University
Dr. Denny Crews, AAFC-LRC
Dr. Mark Enns, Colorado State University.
Dr. Clint Loest, New Mexico State University
Dr. Paul Ludden, University of Wyoming (2004 Committee Chair)
Dr. Derek McLean, Washington State University
Dr. Roy Silcox, Brigham Young University
Dr. Mark Wise, New Mexico State University

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Dr. Roy Silcox was unable to attend the meetings in Corvallis, but did submit scores for the written manuscripts. Dr. Dale ZoBell (Utah State University) served as a substitute for Dr. Silcox in evaluating the oral presentations. Dr. Clint Loest was unable to attend the meetings, and did not participate in the written or oral evaluation of the 2004 competition.

Winners of the 2004 Graduate Competition were announced at the Awards Barbeque. Individual award winners for the 2004 competition were:

1st place (\$500): Scott L. Lake, University of Wyoming
2nd place (\$300): John S. Nelson, New Mexico State University
3rd place (\$200): Craig A. Gifford, New Mexico State University

The 2004 Graduate Student Institutional Award was also presented at the Awards Barbeque. A check for \$2000 was presented by Connie Larson of Zinpro Corporation to the graduate students from New Mexico State University as winners of the 2004 Award. The students from NMSU had the highest average score among institutions with at least two competitors, which included Montana State University (3), New Mexico State University (3), and the University of Wyoming (2).

A proposed amendment to the WSASAS Bylaws/Constitution modifying the eligibility requirements for participation in the Graduate Competition was prepared and introduced to the Executive Committee for consideration at the Annual Business meeting. A system for notification of authors that a paper has been submitted for presentation in the Graduate Competition was also discussed. This notification system may also serve as a means of verifying eligibility, and may be developed on the advice of and/or action by the Executive Committee.

By unanimous vote, the committee makes the following recommendations. Dr. Denny Crews, AAFC-LRC, will serve as chair of the Graduate Competition Committee for the 2005 meetings in Las Cruces, NM. The terms of Dr. Mark Wise and Dr. Roy Silcox on the committee have been fulfilled and are in need of replacement to maintain an 8-member committee. The committee would further welcome the appointment of more than two new members pending willing participation. All other members of the committee listed above will remain on the committee for the 2005 meetings.

Proposed by-law amendment regarding membership in the Western Section and eligibility for elective office, awards and graduate student paper competition.

Motion: Change ARTICLE II: Membership Section 2 to read as follows:

Eligibility for Elective Office, Awards, and Graduate Student Paper Competition: Any qualified member who is located in the geographical region designated by the Bylaws of ASAS as part of the Western Section will be automatically eligible for election to office in the Western Section, nomination for Western Section awards, and participation in the Graduate Student Paper Competition, unless that individual has chosen to be considered a member of another geographical section of ASAS in accordance with ASAS Bylaws regarding sectional membership. Any qualified member who is not in the geographical region outlined as part of the Western Section by the ASAS Bylaws regarding membership, but who has chosen to be a member of the Western Section according to ASAS bylaws regarding sectional membership, will be eligible for election to office and nomination for awards in the Western Section after a period of four years of membership in the Western Section. Graduate students outside the geographical region outlined as part of the Western Section by the ASAS Bylaws regarding membership will be eligible to participate in the Graduate Student Paper Competition provided that individual has chosen to be considered a member of the Western Section in accordance with ASAS Bylaws regarding sectional membership at the time of abstract submission.

This motion was voted upon and passed.

Awards

Elaine Grings, Chair

This was the first year that WSASAS award nominations were submitted and reviewed on the ASAS web site.

Committee Members:

Dr. Raymond Ansotegui, Montana State University

Dr. Dean Hawkins, New Mexico State University

Dr. Mark Peterson, New Mexico State University

Dr. Tim DelCurto, Oregon State University

Dr. Elaine Grings, USDA-ARS, Committee Chair

Distinguished Service Award:

Recipient: Dr. Martin Vavra
US Forest Service
La Grande, OR
Sponsor: DSM Nutritional Products

Distinguished Teacher Award:

Recipient: Dr. Janice Bowman
Montana State University
Bozeman, MT
Sponsor: Elanco Animal Health

Extension Award:

Recipient: Dr. Wayne Gipp
Montana State University
Bozeman, MT
Sponsor: Fort Dodge Animal Health

Young Scientist Award:

Recipient: Dr. D.H. 'Denny' Crews
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Lethbridge Alberta
Sponsor: Western Section ASAS

Applied Animal Science Award

Bret Christensen, Chair

Winners of the Applied Animal Science Award sponsored by Alltech.

First Place:(\$500) Ward, E.H. and H.H. Patterson, SDSU - Effects of Thiamin Supplementation on performance and health of growing steers consuming high sulfate water.

Second Place: (\$300) Merrill, M.L., R.P. Ansotegui, J.A. Paterson, and T.W. Geary - MSU Effect of Flunixin Meglumine on early embryonic mortality in stressed beef females.

Third Place: (\$200) Rainey, B.M., J.A. Paterson, M.C. King, and W.T. Choat - MSU Effect of light test weight barley vs. wheat middlings on ADG and carcass characteristics of early-weaned calves.

Nominating

Pat Hatfield, Chair

Nominations for the 2004 WSASAS elections were:

President-elect
Secretary-Treasurer

James Thompson, Oregon State University
Tim Ross, New Mexico State University

ASAS Western Section Director Dennis Hallford, New Mexico State University
Ken Olson, Utah State University

Results of the 2004 WSASAS election were:

President-elect James Thompson
Secretary-Treasurer Tim Ross
ASAS Western Section Director Dennis Hallford

Necrology

Jim Oltjen, Chair

2004 WSASAS Financial Report

Jim Thompson Sec-treasurer

Cash on Hand at December

31,2002

36,016.26

Revenue and Support

Donations - General	3,561.82
Donations - Awards	3,600.00
Meeting Registrations	31,999.93
Ticketed Events	12,514.99
Proceedings	15,930.00
ASAS-Symposium	
Support	1,500.00
ASAS-Dues	1,140.00
Interest Income	1,979.31
Miscellaneous Income	5,146.70

Total Revenue and Support

77,372.75

Expense

Call for	
Papers/Abstracts	222.00
Awards/Plaques	4,977.07
Quadrathalon	6,904.70
Convention Fees	48,740.36
Proceedings	4,548.81
Postage/Supplies	64.58
Telephone	28.05
Staff Support	1,498.31

Total Expenses

66,983.88

**Net Revenue over
Expense**

10,388.87

Cash on Hand as of December
31, 2003

46,405.13

None

Old Business:

None

New Business

Jack Whittier turned the gavel over to President –Elect Elaine Grings. Elaine Grings then presented President Whittier a plaque in appreciation of his service. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.