

**Minutes of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science
Business Meeting
June 24, 2005
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, NM**

President Elaine Grings called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Acceptance of the minutes of the 2005 business meeting.

The minutes of the 2005 business meeting were approved as printed in the Proceedings of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science.

Advisory and Coordinating Committee Report

Ken Olson, Chair

Issues Addressed: Only one issue was presented to the A&C Committee for consideration this year.

WSASAS Beef Symposium Policy

The committee was asked to draft a policy statement to be incorporated into the WSASAS Handbook for conduct of the annual Beef Symposium. Particular concerns to be addressed were to develop a consistent standard for reimbursement of speaker travel costs and to separate the budget for the Beef Symposium from the general WSASAS budget to allow tracking of the financial status of the symposium.

Action:

The A&C committee is working with a draft policy statement and intends to finalize it at their meeting during the WSASAS meeting in Las Cruces. This policy statement recommendation will be presented to the Executive Committee during their meeting on Friday, June 24.

Extension Committee Report

Extension Committee:

1. H. H. Patterson (05, South Dakota State Univ.)*
2. J. A. Scanga (05, Colorado State Univ.)
3. W. F. Gipp (05, Montana State Univ.)
4. D. Zobell (06, Utah Sate Univ.)
5. R. Zinn (06, Univ. California, Davis)
6. M. Encinias (07, New Mexico State Univ.)
7. R. Hathaway (07, Oregon State Univ.)

The Extension Committee met via telephone and email correspondence in February to plan the 2005 Extension Symposium. The committee decided to focus on a theme of “Livestock Identification, Traceability, and Meat Safety/Quality.” We designed a symposium to address 1) effects of disease and border issues on meat markets; 2) a description of the various livestock identification programs/pilot studies taking place in the western United States, 3) Extension programs that enhance quality and safety of meat products.

We invited speakers from industry and academia from throughout the western United States to present on these topics. A list of Extension Symposium presentations follows:

1. Effects of BSE and border/trade issues on cattle and meat markets. J. G. Robb*, Livestock Marketing Information Center, Lakewood, CO.
2. Estimates of the effectiveness of current beef cattle tracking systems. K. Ringwall*, Dickinson Research Extension Center, Dickinson, ND.
3. Tracking cattle from the ranch to the packer: The Montana Beef Network and National ID Pilot Project. J. Paterson*¹, L. Duffey¹, J. Peterson¹, S. Pilcher², and M. Bridges³, ¹Montana State University, Bozeman, ²Montana Stockgrowers Association, Helena, ³Montana Department of Livestock, Helena.
4. Tri-National National Animal Identification System (NAIS) Project Synopsis. J. C. Whittier*¹, J. Scanga¹, W. Umberger¹, W. Cunningham², C. Heckendorf², and J. Heller³, ¹Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, ²Colorado Department of Agriculture, Lakewood, CO, ³Research Management Systems Inc., Ft. Collins, CO.
5. The Northwest Pilot Project: Finding real world solutions to animal identification. J. A. Morrison¹, R. R. Stott², J. B. Glaze Jr.*³, and J. K. Ahola⁴, ¹Idaho Cattle Association, Boise, ID, ²Agri Beef Company, Boise, ID, ³University of Idaho, Twin Falls, ⁴University of Idaho, Caldwell.
6. Colorado Sheep ID Project: Using RFID for tracking sheep. J. Parsons*^{1,2}, C. Kimberling², G. Parsons², and S. LeValley², ¹Optimal Ag Consulting Inc., Ft. Collins, CO, ²Colorado State University, Fort Collins.
7. Extension programs monitoring market animal quality. W. F. Gipp*, Montana State University, Bozeman.
8. Developing beef quality assurance materials for youth. L. Holmgren*, D. R. ZoBell, and C. Kim Chapman, Utah State University.

Academic Quadrathlon Report

The 2005 Regional Academic Quadrathlon contest was graciously hosted by Utah State University on March 18 and 19, 2005. Eight teams participated in this year’s contest, and they

were as follows: 1) Brigham Young University—Idaho advised by Dr. Kerry Powell; 2) Colorado State University advised by Dr. Nancy Irlbeck and Mr. Eddie Behrends; 3) Montana State University advised by Dr. Lisa Suber; 4) New Mexico State University advised by Dr. Rachel Endicott; 5) Oregon State University advised by Dr. Patrick French; 6) University of Idaho advised by Ms. Tiffany Skow; 7) Utah State University advised by Dr. Randy Wiedmeier and Ms. Tami Spackman; and 8) University of Wyoming advised by Dr. Dan Rule. Dr. Carl Hunt (University of Idaho) was responsible for the written examination. Dr. Randy Weidmeier and Dr. Nancy Irlbeck created the oral presentation topic, and Dr. Rachel Endicott was responsible for the quiz bowl portion of the contest—and has taken on the task of rebuilding the database of quiz bowl questions for 2006. Dr. Patrick French secured over \$2,500 in book awards. Dr. Jim Lamb was in charge of awards, and unfortunately, the \$5,000 scholarship donation from Monsanto Company was not renewed this year. Dr. Dan Rule did find funding for Montana Silver Belt Buckles for the Overall Winning Team. All winning teams were awarded a plaque engraved with their names, advisor, and university. Securing another source of scholarship dollars is the primary focus of the committee in the coming year. Dr. Lisa Suber served as proxy advisor to all advisors as past chairman. Mr. Brett Bowman from the Utah State University played a major role in development of the Lab Practicum, and Ms. Tami Spackman was essential to the organization of the meeting. Thanks to all for the time and effort required to make this contest a success and serve as a valuable education tool for our students.

The contest results were as follows:

Quiz Bowl

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| 1 st Place | New Mexico State University |
| 2 nd Place | Oregon State University |
| 3 rd Place | BYU-Idaho University |

Written Examination

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

Oral Presentation

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| 1 st Place | Oregon State University |
| 2 nd Place | University of Wyoming |
| 3 rd Place | Colorado State University |

Lab Practicum

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| 1 st Place | Utah State University |
| 2 nd Place | Oregon State University |
| 3 rd Place | Montana State University |

Overall Placing

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

The AQ Advisor Recognition Award was given to Dr. Lisa Suber of Montana State for her support and commitment to the AQ program and for always having an answer for the rest of us advisors when we needed it. Dr. Suber has been an invaluable resource for the Western Section Academic Quadrathlon, providing the “institutional memory” needed to provide a successful and consistent contest. She has served as advisor for the Montana State University quadrathlon teams for many years.

Last year’s first place quadrathlon team was from Utah State University, and they represented the Western Section in the National Collegiate Quiz Bowl during the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association convention in San Antonio, TX. The 2005 overall winners from Oregon State University will represent the Western Section at next years NCBA meeting, which will be held in February 1-4, 2006 in Denver, CO.

The 2006 Regional Academic Quadrathlon contest will be hosted by the University of Wyoming and will be held on April 7-8, 2006.

WSASAS Awards Committee Report

Committee Members:

Dr. Raymond Ansotegui, Montana State University
Dr. Dean Hawkins, New Mexico State University
Dr. Mark Petersen, New Mexico State University
Dr. Tim DelCurto, Oregon State University
Dr. James M. Thompson, Oregon State University

Distinguished Service Award (1 nomination):

Recipient:

Dr. Mark Petersen
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Co-Nominators: Dr. Dean Hawkins
Dr. Mark Wise

Sponsor:

DSM Nutritional Products
c/o Dr. Scot Williams
45 Waterview Boulevard
Parsippany, NJ 07054-1298
Scot-N.Williams@DSM.com

Distinguished Teacher Award (1 nomination):

Recipient:

Dr. C. Christopher Calvert
Univ. of California – Davis
Davis, CA

Nominator: Dr. Gary Anderson

Sponsor:

Elanco Animal Health
c/o Dr. Scott Laudert
209 S. Boundary
Woodland Park, CO 80863
sbl@lilly.com

Extension Award (2 nominations):

Recipient:

Dr. Clay Mathis
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Sponsor:

Fort Dodge Animal Health
c/o Dr. Frank Prouty
9401 Indian Creek Parkway

Co-Nominators: Dr. Dean Hawkins
Dr. Mark Wise

P.O. Box 25945
Overland Park, KS 66225-5945
FPROUTY@fdah.com

Young Scientist Award (3 nominations):

Recipient:

Dr. David Bohnert
Oregon State University
Eastern Oregon Ag Research Ctr.
Burns, OR

Co-Nominators: Dr. Tim DelCurto
Dr. James Males

Sponsor:

Ridley Block Operations
c/o Dr. Dan Dhuyvetter
424 N. Riverfront Drive
P.O. Box 8500
Mankato, MN 56002
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2005 Western Section ASAS Graduate Student Competition Committee Report

Submitted by D. H. "Denny" Crews Jr. (Chair)

The 2005 Western Section ASAS Graduate Student Competition was held on Thursday, June 23, as part of the annual meetings in Las Cruces, NM on the campus of New Mexico State University. Out of 14 abstracts originally submitted, 13 accompanying manuscripts were received and distributed to the committee for evaluation. Abstract number 97 (Cheatham et al., University of Arizona, Tucson) was withdrawn from the competition, and complete scores were tabulated for the remaining 12 competitors.

Committee members who provided both written and oral scores for the 12 competition papers were: Dr. Denny Crews (AAFC – Lethbridge, Chair), Dr. Jim Berardinelli (Montana State University), Dr. Paul Ludden (University of Wyoming), Dr. Clint Loest (New Mexico State University), Dr. Dave Bohnert (Oregon State University), Dr. Tim Bodine (Western Feed), and Dr. Mark Enns (Colorado State University). The oral presentation session was moderated by Dr. Milton Thomas, New Mexico State University, and the Committee extends thanks to Dr. Thomas for his efforts.

Following the oral session, the committee convened to compute scores and final rankings and conduct the annual meeting. The final individual ranks were as follows:

| Rank | Abstract | Competitor | Institution |
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| 1 | 98 | T. M. Thelen | New Mexico State University |
| 2 | 94 | C. M. Murrieta | University of Wyoming |
| 3 | 92 | R. L. Atkinson | University of Wyoming |

The institution with the highest average score among those with at least 2 competitors was the University of Wyoming. Acceptance of the individual and institutional final results was properly moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote of the Committee. Individual and institutional awards were presented at the Western Section ASAS awards program on the evening of Thursday, June 23. At the request of the Committee, special thanks are extended to Dr. Elaine Grings, Paula Schultz, and Marilyn Hallford for their work in distributing electronic copies of competition manuscripts to the Committee and for preparation of the award certificates.

Dr. Clint Loest informed the Committee that his term expires in 2005, and the recommendation was made that a replacement from New Mexico State University be appointed to serve on the Committee. Dr. Mark Enns from Colorado State University was unanimously voted to be chair of the committee for 2005-06.

The committee also discussed changes to the manuscript formatting requirements. Although *Journal Of Animal Science* Style and Form guidelines indicate that the Implications section for full manuscripts should be considered optional where appropriate, the committee voted to retain the requirement for this section in Western Section Graduate Competition manuscripts. The committee noted the need for graduate students to understand and appreciate the implications of their work and that this section of the manuscript was important to graduate student training. The committee recommends that Western Section guidelines for submission of manuscripts to the Graduate Competition emphasize that Implications be included as a separate section. The 4 page total manuscript length limit was adopted for the competition in 2005 in accordance with the standards for all Western Section manuscripts, and this criterion was included in the score sheet that was made available to all competitors.

The Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM on Thursday, June 23.

Nominating Committee Report

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| President | James Thompson |
| President-elect | Tim Ross |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Ken Olson |

Western Section Symposium Report

- WSASAS Svrnposium Committee Members:

- P. D. Bums (05)
- T. E. Engle (06)
- T. W. Geary (05)
- M. D. MacNeil (06)
- J. E. Sawyer (05)
- M. A. Wise (06)

- 2005 WSASAS Symposium Agenda:

Your Beef Cattle Industry in 2025

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| 7:00-8:00 | Registration |
| 8:00-8:15 | Introductions & Welcome Elaine Grings - WSASAS president Tom Geary - Symposium Chair Mark Wise, New Mexico State University - Animal & Range Sci. Dept. Chair |
| 8:15-9:00 | Implementation of Best Management Practices: Feedlot to Retail Product Wayne Smith, Manager Hergert Cattle Feeding, CAB Feeder of the Year 2003 |

- 9:00 - 9:45 Implementation of Best Management Practices: Cow/Calf Producer
R. W. (Butch) Whitman, Nutrition Tech Services
- 9:45-10:15 BREAK
- 10:15-11:00 Implementation of Best Management Practices: Purebred Producer
Mark Cowan, General Manager Camp Cooley Ranch, BIF 2004 Seedstock
Operation of the Year
- 11:00-11:45 What have we learned from efforts to develop coordinated supply chains?
Ronnie Green, USDA-ARS National Program Leader, Food Animal Production
- 11:45-12:00 Introduction of Sponsors
- 12:00-1:30 LUNCH
- 1:30-2:15 What challenges does the Beef Industry need to overcome?
Barry Dunn, TAMU Kingsville, King Ranch School of Ranch Management
- 2:15-2:45 BREAK
- 2:45-3:30 Bovine Genome: What tools will really be provided to the Beef Industry?
Eduardo Casas, USDA-ARS, Clay Center
- 3:30-4:00 Panel of Speakers - Questions

2005 WSASAS Symposium Challenges:

Current rules/exceptions for payment of travel of invited speakers are vague and need to be established. Amount of money available for expenses was unclear.

Rules for soliciting sponsors and which sponsors are to be excluded would be beneficial.

- Budget:

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| <u>Anticipated Income</u> | |
| ASAS Donation | \$1,500 |
| Registration Income | <u>\$4,500</u> |
| Total Income | \$6,000 |

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| <u>Anticipated Expenses</u> | |
| Room & Break Refreshments | \$ 685 |
| Travel Allowances (6 x \$700) | <u>\$4,200</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$4,885 |

- Suggestions:
 - Establish rules for travel expenses.
 - Consider hosted dinner for invited speakers the evening before the symposium.
 - Choose 3 new members (2 of which are from the 2006 & 2007 WSASAS host universities if possible)

2005 WSASAS NECROLOGY REPORT

Patrick G. Hatfield

Montana State University

Ross Christian, University of Idaho

Joe Urich, USDA-ARS, Miles City, MT

Joe V. Whiteman, Oklahoma State University and New Mexico Extension Service
James L. Van Horn, Montana State University
Glen Lofgren, New Mexico State University and University of California
Chris Dinkel, South Dakota State University

Financial Report

Tim Ross

**American Society of Animal Science
Western Section
Financial Report as of December 31,
2004**

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| <u>Balance as of December 31, 2003</u> | <u>46,405.13</u> |
| Revenue and Support | |
| Donations - General | 1,000.00 |
| Donations - Awards | 3,000.00 |
| Meeting Registrations | 24,670.00 |
| Ticketed Events | 5,780.50 |
| Proceedings | 9,765.00 |
| ASAS - Symposium | |
| Support | 1,500.00 |
| ASAS - Dues | 1,132.50 |
| Interest Income | 2,278.94 |
| Miscellaneous Income | |
| Total Revenue and Support | 49,126.94 |
| Expense | |
| Program | 342.03 |
| Call for Papers/Abstracts | 428.14 |
| Awards/Plaques | 6,209.12 |
| Quadrathlon | 5,126.60 |
| Convention Fees | 27,346.07 |
| Proceedings | 4,702.84 |
| Postage/Supplies | 78.74 |
| Travel-Speaker | 690.68 |
| Travel | 1,525.04 |
| Telephone | 15.07 |
| Miscellaneous | 220.00 |
| Staff Support | 4,155.37 |
| Total Expenses | 50,839.70 |
| Net Revenue over Expense | (1,712.76) |
| <u>Balance as of December 31, 2004</u> | <u><u>44,692.37</u></u> |

New Business

Dr. Jim Males, President ASAS, and Dr. Jerry Baker, Executive Director ASAS, reported on the state of ASAS and FASS.

Old Business

Constitutional Amendment

Section 2. Eligibility for Elective Office, Awards, and Graduate Student Paper

Competition: Any 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 and nomination for Western Section awards, 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 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 student members located in the geographical region designated as part of the Western Section are eligible for participation in the Graduate Student Paper Competition. 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. The Western Section Applied Animal Science Award will be open to those papers published in the Western Section Proceedings.

The amendment was **approved**.

Other Business

Tim Ross reported that the meetings were well attended with 215 registered participants. He thanked the local organizing committee (Dennis Hallford, Milton Thomas, Clint Loest, Sergio Soto, and Marilyn Hallford) for their time and effort. He also extended special thanks to Marilyn Hallford and Gail Silver for their hard work in making the meetings run smoothly. Finally, he thanked the many graduate and undergraduate students from NMSU for their assistance during the meetings.

Elaine Grings passed the gavel to Jim Thompson, and Jim thanked Elaine for serving as president and presented her with the past president's plaque.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 am.