

**Minutes of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science**  
**Business Meeting**  
June 23, 2006  
**Utah State University**  
**Logan, UT**

President Jim Thompson 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 2006 Proceedings of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science.

**Advisory and Coordinating Committee Report**

Benton Glaze, chair

2005–2006 A&C Committee Members:

- J. B. Glaze Jr. (University of Idaho)
- J. M. Rumph (Montana State University)
- S. J. Filley (Oregon State University)
- J. B. Lamb (BYU-Idaho)
- J. Sprinkle (University of Arizona)
- S. I. Paisley (University of Wyoming)
- L. B. Bruce (University of Nevada)
- J. Busboom (Washington State University)
- D. Garrick (Colorado State University)
- C. A. Loest (New Mexico State University)
- D. Drake (University of California, Davis)
- R. Wiedmeier (Utah State University)
- T. Bodine (Western Feed Supplements)
- S. Daugherty (Cal Poly)

Committee report: On November 17, 2005, the WSASAS Executive committee requested input from the A&C committee regarding proposed guidelines for the Graduate Student Paper Competition. The proposed guidelines as presented by the Graduate Student Paper Competition Committee are:

- Competition papers should include an implications statement,
- Competition papers should be limited to four (4) pages,
- Students should be limited in the number of times they can enter the competition,

The A&C committee communicated via e-mail and phone to draft recommendations related to each of the proposed guidelines. The final recommendations were sent via e-mail to James M. Thompson, WSASAS President, and are presented below:

- ‘Implications’ statements should be a part of all competition papers.
- Graduate Student Competition papers should be limited to four (4) pages. Tables and figures may go beyond the four (4) page limit.
- Students should be able to enter as many times as they desire during their MS and PhD programs. If a student places first in the competition, they should not be allowed to enter again. Exception: If a student wins the competition during an MS program, he/she should be able to enter again during their PhD program.

Action: A motion was presented to accept all three recommendations. It was amended to consider each separately. The implications requirement and limitations for four pages were accepted. The limitation on competing after winning failed. It was amended to not allow first-place winners to compete again, regardless of degree program. It passed after amending it to read “Students should be able to enter as many times as they desire during their MS and PhD programs. If a student places first in the competition, they *will not be allowed* to enter again.

### **Academic Quadrathlon Report**

A report was not available. The low level of participation (only 4 teams) at the 2006 Quadrathlon was discussed. The membership recommended that WSASAS communicate with department heads to garner support for faculty and student involvement. This will be addressed by the Executive committee as a first step to improve participation. Other suggestions that will be considered later were to change the Quadrathlon to reflect the interests of the current student profile and to hold the Quadrathlon during the annual meeting. These were tabled for later consideration.

### **Awards Committee Report**

Tim Ross, chair

#### Committee Members:

Tim Delcurto (Oregon State University)  
 Mark Petersen (New Mexico State University)  
 Tom Geary (USDA-ARS, Miles City)  
 Bret Hess (University of Wyoming)  
 Jan Bowman (Montana State University)  
 Tim Ross (New Mexico State University)

#### Distinguished Teacher (2 nominations):

Recipient: Dr. Anita Oberbauer  
 University of California, Davis  
 Sponsor: Elanco Animal Health  
 Nominator: Dr. Gary Anderson

#### Young Scientist (3 nominations):

Recipient: Dr. Terry Engle

Sponsor: Colorado State University  
Ridley Block Operations  
c/o Dr. Dan Dhuyvetter  
424 N. Riverfront Drive  
Mankato, MN 56002  
[ddhuyvetter@ridleyinc.com](mailto:ddhuyvetter@ridleyinc.com)

Co-nominators: Dr. David Anderson  
Dr. David Ames

Extension Award (1 nomination):

Recipient: Dr. Jim Sprinkle  
University of Arizona

Sponsor: Fort Dodge Animal Health  
c/o Dr. Frank Prouty  
9401 Indian Creed Parkway  
Overland Park, KS 66225-5945  
[FPROUTY@fdah.com](mailto:FPROUTY@fdah.com)

Co-nominators: Dr. Glenn Duff  
Dr. Bill Schurg

No nominations were received for the Service Award.

**Applied Animal Science Award Report**

Bret Christensen, chair

This year, the Applied Animal Science Award committee had to go back to each industry judge sponsoring \$50 due to loss of sponsorship from Alltech. This year we are going to be splitting the money we collect among the top three papers. There are nine papers submitted for judging this year. Next year, I would like to change submission rules to not require a paper copy. This would ease the submission process and the paper copy is not needed because they are sent to the judges via e-mail.

I want to ask all people on the Executive committee who are aware of the people conducting applied research to be pushed to submit their paper for this award. This allows recognition for their work, as well as exposing industry judges to the work that is being conducted at the land-grant universities.

**Graduate Student Paper Competition Committee Report**

R. Mark Enns, chair

Committee Members:

Amin Ahmadzadeh (University of Idaho)  
Tim Bodine (Western Feed Supplements, Washington)  
Dave Bohnert (Oregon State University)  
Denny Crews (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)  
R. Mark Enns (Colorado State University)

Paul A. Ludden (University of Wyoming)  
Janice Rumph (Montana State University)  
Sergio A. Soto-Navarro (New Mexico State University)

The current committee would like to thank Jim Berardinelli and Clint Loëst for their service to the committee through the 2005 competition. We would also like to thank Ken Olson and Paula Schultz for their efforts in helping to conduct a successful competition.

The 2006 Graduate Student Paper Competition was a great success with 13 papers representing faculty and students from 11 universities and 3 USDA facilities. After an extremely competitive morning, the overall placings were as follows:

1. Waggoner, Justin W., New Mexico State University
2. Murrieta, Charles M., University of Wyoming
3. Atkinson, Rebecca L., University of Wyoming

The institutional award went to the University of Wyoming.

Denny Crews and Paul Ludden will be ending their terms on the committee. Mark Enns has volunteered for a second term if deemed appropriate.

The committee appreciates the efforts of those mentors who encourage their students to participate in this competition.

### **Extension Committee Report**

Dale ZoBell, chair

#### Committee Members:

- D. ZoBell (06, Utah State University)
- R. Zinn (06, University of California, Davis)
- M. Encinias (07, New Mexico State University)
- R. Hathaway (07, Oregon State University)
- S. Paisley (08, University of Wyoming)
- J. Ahola (08, University of Idaho)
- J. Paterson (08, Montana State University)

The Extension committee was solicited for ideas for the 2006 Extension Symposium via e-mail and telephone. There were many ideas and it was decided that the theme or central idea for 2006 would be for speakers to address the topic of collaboration among agencies in applied research studies or extension activities.

WSASAS membership was invited to present on this topic. The list of presenters was as follows:

1. Working together to achieve natural resource sustainability in central Oregon. C. T. Parsons, G. Hudspeth, and J. Dedrick, Oregon State University, Baker City, OR; Crook County Soil and

Water Conservation District, Prineville, OR; and Crooked River Watershed Council, Prineville, OR.

2. Dutchman Butte revisited: Examining paradigms for livestock grazing exclusion. J. Sprinkle, M. Holder, C. Erickson, A. Medina, D. Robinett, G. Ruyle, J. Maynard, S. Tuttle, J. Hays, Jr., W. Meyer, S. Stratton, A. Rogstad, K. Eldredge, J. Harris, L. Howery, and W. Sprinkle. University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ; Gila County Cattle Growers, Tonto Basin, AZ; Rocky Mountain Research Station, Flagstaff, AZ; NRCS, Tucson and Chandler, AZ; Southwest Resource Consultants, LLC, Las Cruces, NM; Arizona State Land Department, Pinetop, AZ.

3. Digital imagery and landscape-scale rangeland monitoring. J. B. Taylor, D. T. Booth, and C. M. Moffet. USDA-ARS US Sheep Experiment Station, Dubois, ID; USDA-ARS, High Plains Grasslands Research Station, Cheyenne, WY.

4. Vegetative management using controlled sheep grazing—The Montana Sheep Institute. L. M. M. Surber, R. W. Kott, J. D. Moore, B. L. Roeder, G. Hewitt, J. Smith, and K. Williams. Montana State University, Bozeman, MT; Powell County Weed Supervisor, Deer Lodge, MT; Custer County Extension, Miles City, MT.

5. Using pre-weaning and post-weaning variables to predict carcass quality. J. S. Davy, J. W. Oltjen, D. J. Drake, and A. L. Van Eenennaam. Department of Animal Science, University of California, Davis, CA.

6. Survey provides information on cow-calf handbook use and value. J. B. Glaze Jr., J. W. Oltjen, and D. J. Drake. University of Idaho, Twin Falls, ID; University of California, Davis, CA.

## **Nominating Committee Report**

### Committee Members:

Elaine Grings, chair  
Bret Christensen  
Jack Whittier

Nominations for the 2006 WSASAS elections were:

President-Elect: Ken Olson, Utah State University  
Secretary-Treasurer: Richard Battaglia, University of Idaho  
Industry Director: Gary Tibbetts, Zinpro Corp.

All nominees were elected to office.

## **Western Section Symposium Report**

Terry Engle, chair

- I. 2006 Symposium Committee Members:  
Terry Engle (Chair; Colorado State University)  
Mark Wise (New Mexico State University)  
Mike MacNeil (USDA-ARS, Miles City, MT)

II. Program

**"What to do with all the omics - genomics, proteomics, etc.?"**

Western Section, American Society of Animal Science  
Utah State University, Logan, Utah  
Wednesday, June 21, 2006

- 7:00–10:00 Registration
- 9:00–10:00 MIXER
- 10:00–10:15 Introductions & Welcome  
James Thompson, Oregon State University, Dept. of Animal Sciences;  
WSASAS President  
Mark Healey, Utah State University, Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary  
Sciences Department Chair  
Terry Engle, Dept. of Animal Sciences, Colorado State University, CO;  
Symposium Chair  
Dorian Garrick, Dept. of Animal Sciences, Colorado State University,  
CO; Moderator.
- 10:15–11:00 *Visioning the future of animal sciences in the world of ...omics*  
Keynote speaker: Noelle Cockett, Utah State University
- “Statistical” genomics**
- 11:00–11:45 *Experimental approaches for discovery and refinement of quantitative  
trait loci*  
Speaker: Mike MacNeil, ARS Miles City, MT
- 11:45–12:00 Introduction of sponsors
- 12:00–1:30 LUNCH
- Use of functional genomics tools to tackle problems in animal  
production**
- 1:30–2:15 *An introduction to microarrays and their use in evaluating gene  
expression*  
Speaker: Andy Roberts, ARS Miles City, MT

2:15–3:00 *Use of gene expression arrays in identifying new research targets in animal science*  
Speaker: Bob Collier, University of Arizona

3:00–3:30 BREAK

**Use of omics tools by industry and summary of symposium**

3:30–4:15 *Exploiting “omics” for animal improvement*  
Speaker: Dorian Garrick, Colorado State University

4:15 Panel of speakers – Questions

III. List of challenges/questions

- a. Symposium topics are becoming more difficult to develop.
- b. Budgeting guidelines need to be clearly outlined.
- c. Should at least one person on the committee be from the hosting institution to aid with the preparation of the symposium?
- d. Should at least one industry representative serve on the committee to assist with topic development?

IV. Budget

- a. Income
  - i. Registration
    1. Approximately 100 people @ \$40.00/person (early registration) = \$4,000.00
  - ii. National Office
    1. \$1,500.00
  - iii. Total projected income = \$5,500.00
- b. Expenses
  - i. Conference room
    1. \$1,000?
  - ii. Symposium breaks
    1. Two breaks @ \$800.00/break = \$1,600.00
  - iii. Hotel for speakers
    1. \$800 total
  - iv. Travel for one speaker
    1. \$1,000?
  - v. Total projected expenses = \$4,200.00
- c. Total revenue = \$1,100.00

**Necrology Report**

A necrology report was not available. Names of lost members over the last year were requested from the membership in attendance.

## **2006 Meeting Report**

Ken Olson

Attendance was 160 registered participants; 98 abstracts were presented. Faculty and staff at Utah State University were thanked for their help in organizing the meeting.

## **Financial Report**

Ken Olson

**American Society of Animal Science  
Western Section  
Financial Report as of December 31, 2005**

<b>Balance as of December 31, 2004</b>		<b>44,692.37</b>
<b>Revenue and Support</b>		
Donations - General	3,000.00	
Donations - Awards	500.00	
Meeting Registrations	32,980.00	
Ticketed Events		
Proceedings	9,850.00	
ASAS-Symposium Support	1,500.00	
ASAS-Dues	1,142.50	
Interest Income	2,242.57	
Miscellaneous Income		
<b>Total Revenue and Support</b>		<b>51,215.07</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Program	358.48	
Call for Papers/Abstracts	228.38	
Awards/Plaques	5,051.22	
Quadrathlon	5,850.10	
Convention Fees	13,767.82	
Proceedings	4,877.17	
Postage/Supplies	188.34	
Symposium Expense	3,611.87	
Travel-Speaker	874.72	
Travel	988.84	
Telephone	3.44	
Miscellaneous	927.00	
Staff Support	3,870.98	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>40,598.36</b>
<b>Net Revenue over Expense</b>		<b>10,616.71</b>



**Balance as of December 31, 2005**

**55,309.08**

### **ASAS Reports**

Dr. Dave Buchanan, President ASAS, and Dr. Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe, Executive Director ASAS, reported on the state of ASAS and FASS.

### **New Business**

Jim Thompson passed the gavel to Tim Ross and Tim thanked Jim for serving as president and presented him with the past president's plaque.

Doug Hixon suggested that department heads be asked to contact the leadership of local Block and Bridle Clubs to find better times to hold the Academic Quadrathlon.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 am.