

**Minutes of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science Business  
Meeting  
June 26, 2008  
University of Wyoming  
Laramie, WY**

President Ken Olson called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

**Acceptance of the minutes of the 2007 business meeting.**

The minutes of the 2007 business meeting were approved as printed in the 2008 Proceedings of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science.

**Advisory and Coordinating Committee Report.**

C.A. Loest (New Mexico State University), chair

Committee Members:

- D. Drake (University of California, Davis)
- R. Wiedmeier (Utah State University)
- T. Bodine (Western Feed Supplements)
- J. Stellflug (USDA-ARS, Dubois, ID)
- D. Crews (AAFC, Edmonton)
- M. Salisbury (Angelo State University)
- S. Ivey (New Mexico State University)
- G. Duff (University of Arizona)
- P. Ludden (University of Wyoming)
- J. Bowman (Montana State University)
- C. Mueller (Oregon State University)
- M. Enns (Colorado State University)
- J. Carpenter (University of Hawaii)
- A. Roberts (USDA-ARS Miles City)

On June 24, 2008, the WSASAS Executive committee requested input from the A&C committee regarding the following:

1. Graduate Student Paper Competition scoring.  
The proceedings paper and oral presentation for the Graduate Student Paper Competition are scored with equal weight, and the A&C committee evaluated a proposed scoring system that allows for the oral presentations to carry more weight than the proceedings paper. The A&C Committee meeting was held on June 25, 2008, and the committee drafted the recommendation to not change the current scoring system (the proceedings paper and oral presentation are scored with equal weight) for the graduate student paper competition. Additionally, the recommendation was made that the chair of the graduate student paper competition should provide a brief description of the scoring process prior to announcing the competition winners.
2. Criteria for sectional awards.  
The A&C committee was asked to develop criteria for the eligibility of nominees for awards. In particular, the committee was asked to evaluate the proposal that awardees

should have demonstrated participation in western section activities or will be required to participate in western section activities/committees after the award. During the A&C Committee meeting on June 25, 2008, the committee drafted the recommendation that the eligibility for nominees for an award should include demonstrated participation in western section activities prior to the award, and it would be the responsibility of the awards committee to evaluate that participation. Additionally, the A&C committee recommended that participation in western section activities/committees after the award should not be required. However, the awardees should be invited to participate in western section activities.

3. Policy for publishing symposium papers.

The A&C Committee will be working on recommendations for a draft policy statement that allows invited symposium speakers to publish symposium papers. Items to be considered include publication format (proceedings papers vs. peer-reviewed electronic JAS papers) and page charges. The final recommendations will be sent via e-mail to the WSASAS President.

4. Strategic Plan.

The A&C committee will review the national ASAS strategic plan and will provide recommendations how the WSASAS fits the strategic plan. The recommendations will be sent via e-mail to the WSASAS President.

**Academic Quadrathlon Report.**

Dan C. Rule (University of Wyoming), chair

Committee Members:

- J. Lamb (BYU-Idaho)
- S. Soto-Navarro (New Mexico State University)
- R. Wiedmeier (Utah State University)
- H. Han (Colorado State University)

1. Location and date. The 2008 WSASAS Academic Quadrathlon was held in Laramie, Wyoming on the campus of the University of Wyoming on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

2. Participating universities and teams. Four universities participated in the 2008 AQ: New Mexico State University, Utah State University, BYU-Idaho, and the University of Wyoming. The teams and outcomes of the event were as follows:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Event won by particular school</u>
<u>New Mexico State University</u> Advisor: Dr. Sergico Soto-Navarro	Tied for 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Oral Presentation 4 <sup>th</sup> in Written Exam 4 <sup>th</sup> in Quiz Bowl 4 <sup>th</sup> in Laboratory Practicum 4 <sup>th</sup> Overall
<u>BYU-Idaho</u> Advisor: Dr. Jim Lamb	Tied for 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Oral Presentation 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Written Exam

3<sup>rd</sup> in Quiz Bowl  
2<sup>nd</sup> in Laboratory Practicum  
3<sup>rd</sup> Overall

Utah State University  
Advisor: Dr. Randy Wiedmeier

1<sup>st</sup> in Written Exam  
1<sup>st</sup> in Quiz Bowl  
4<sup>th</sup> in Oral Presentation  
3<sup>rd</sup> in Laboratory Practicum  
2<sup>nd</sup> Overall

University of Wyoming  
Advisor: Dr. Dan Rule

1<sup>st</sup> in Oral Presentation  
1<sup>st</sup> in Laboratory Practicum  
2<sup>nd</sup> in Written Exam  
2<sup>nd</sup> in Quiz Bowl  
Overall AQ Champion for 2008

Awards: The overall winning team (UW) was awarded belt buckles for each team member. The cost of the award was shared by each of the four participating universities.

No books were available to award this year.

Advisor meeting(s): Participating advisors met briefly to discuss issues of future venue and strategies to increase interest in the Academic Quadrathlon. At present, Randy Wiedmeier will contact the campus in Cedar City, Utah about holding the Western Section AQ there. This will provide a more centralized location for all teams currently participating.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Rule

#### **Awards Committee Report.**

R. Battaglia (University of Idaho), chair

#### Committee Members:

T. Engle (Colorado State University)  
C. Mathis (New Mexico State University)  
D. Bohnert (Oregon State University)  
D. Zobell (Utah State University)  
M. Tess (Montana State University)

#### Distinguished Teacher Award

Recipient: Dr. Paul A. Ludden  
University of Wyoming  
Sponsor: Elanco Animal Health  
Nominator: Dr. Douglas L. Hixon

#### Young Scientist Award

Recipient: Dr. Min Du  
University of Wyoming  
Sponsor: Ridley Block Operations  
Nominator: Dr. Douglas L. Hixon

#### Extension Award

Recipient: Dr. J. Benton Glaze  
University of Idaho  
Sponsor: Fort Dodge Animal Health  
Nominators: Dr. Carl W. Hunt and Dr. Richard A. Battaglia

#### Distinguished Service Award

Recipient: Dr. David Ames  
Colorado State University  
Sponsor: DSM Nutritional Products, Inc.  
Nominators: Dr. Dr. Jack Whittier and Dr. William R. Wailes

Awards Chair, Battaglia acknowledged successful efforts to garner nominations in all categories, and encouraged early effort for 2009 nominations.

#### **Applied Animal Science Award Report.**

#### **Graduate Student Paper Competition Committee Report.**

A. Ahmadzadeh (University of Idaho), chair

#### Committee Members:

J. Rumph (Montana State University)  
S. Soto-Navarro (New Mexico State University)  
M. Shipka (University of Alaska)  
B. Taylor (USDA-ARS, Dubois, ID)  
L. Baumgard (University of Arizona)  
K. Walburger (University of Saskatchewan)  
K. Cammack (University of Wyoming)

For the 2008 WSASAS meeting 11 abstracts were originally submitted for the graduate student competition. Nine abstracts were considered for the competition and full papers were submitted prior to the dead line in April 2008. Nine graduate students representing six universities, including New Mexico State Univ., Univ. of Wyoming, Oklahoma State Univ., Univ. of Idaho, Colorado State Univ., and Univ. of California, Davis are participating in the event.

The 2008 GSP committee consisted of eight judges, Bret Taylor, Janice Rumph, Ken Walburger; Kristi Marie Cammack, Lance Baumgard, Sergioa Soto-Navarro, Milan Shipka, and Amin Ahmadzadeh. All abstracts and papers were evaluated by all the committee members; however, due to the time conflict and prior obligations two members (Janice Rumph and Lance Baumgard) are unable to attend the 2008 WSASAS meeting and evaluate the oral presentations. We felt that six judges are sufficient to evaluate the oral presentation and thus no substitute was selected.

At the end of 2008 WSASSA meeting two members, Amin Ahmadzadeh and Janice Rumph, will be completing their three-year term and thus two new members should be identified to serve in this committee. Janice Rumph has nominated Dr. Darrin Boss as her replacement. Dr. Boss is a ruminant nutrition at the Northern Ag. Research Center for Montana State and has shown interest to serve in this committee. If you have any individual who is interested to serve in this committee, please submit their names.

As a new item, the GSP Competition Committee would like the WSASAS Executive Committee to consider the following item. Based on the committee's observations of students' scores and ranking during the last two years, the GSP committee recommends that the weighting scores of the written and oral presentations to be changed so that more points should be considered for the oral presentation. The rationale and justification for such recommendation will be presented by the chair of this committee to the ASASAS Executive Committee on Tuesday 6/24/08.

### **Extension Committee Report.**

J. Ahola (University of Idaho), chair

#### Committee Members:

- S. Paisely (University of Wyoming)
- J. Paterson (Montana State University)
- B. Bruce (University of Nevada – Reno)
- J. Sprinkle (University of Arizona)
- R. Kott (Montana State University)
- C. Parsons (Oregon State University)

The Extension Committee for met via a conference call and generated a theme, topics, and speakers for a symposium to provide WSASAS meeting attendees with information about development of successful integrated research and extension programs. Topics included the availability of federal funds to support integrated research-extension programs, an overview of a model integrated program, and new and unique outreach methods to include in integrated programs.

#### 2008 Extension Symposium Program

Wednesday June 25, 2008, 1:00 PM

Essential components for development, implementation, and evaluation of integrated research and extension proposals submitted to the USDA National Research Initiative (NRI) Competitive Grants Program.

Paper presented by: Mark A. Mirando, Competitive Programs, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Washington, DC

1:40 PM

New Mexico Range Improvement Task Force: An integrated team.

Paper presented by: Terrell "Red" Baker, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

2:20 PM

Successful extension programming examples in Wyoming.

Paper presented by: Dallas Mount, University of Wyoming, Wheatland

3:00 PM

Panel discussion: What factors are critical for an integrated research and extension program to be successful? An interactive panel with discussion with USDA-NRI, extension, and research perspectives.

**Beef Symposium Report.**

J.B. Glaze (University of Idaho), chair

Committee Members:

- B. Christensen (Virtus Nutrition)
- R. Waterman (USDA-ARS Miles City)
- T. Delcurto (Oregon State University)
- T. Field (Colorado State University)
- R. Endecott (Montana State University)

WSASAS Symposium Program:

*Addressing High Input Costs in the Beef Cattle Industry: Striving for Greater Efficiency*  
WSASAS Beef Symposium  
University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY  
Tuesday, June 24, 2008  
ARPAS: 4 CEUs

8:30 - 9:30 AM    *Registration*

9:30 – 9:45 AM    *Welcome and Introductions*

Kenneth C. Olson, Department of Animal & Range Sciences, South Dakota State University, WSASAS President

Douglas Hixon, Department Head, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Wyoming

J. Benton Glaze, Jr., Department of Animal & Veterinary Sciences, University of Idaho, WSASAS Symposium Chair.

9:45 – 10:30 AM    *The Beef Industry in Transition*

Tom Field, Department of Animal Sciences, Colorado State University

10:30 – 11:15 AM    *Matching Genetics with Feedstuffs in an Era of Increasing Feed Costs*

Michael D. MacNeill, USDA-ARS, Miles City, Montana

11:15 – 12:00 PM    *Fitting Feed Efficiency into the Beef Profit Equation*

Gordon Carstens, Department of Animal Sciences, Texas A&M University

12:00 - 1:30 PM    Lunch

1:30 – 2:15 PM    *The Effect of High Input Costs on the Cattle Feeding Industry*

Tom Brink, Five Rivers Ranch Cattle Feeding, LLC, Loveland, Colorado

2:15 – 2:30 PM    Break

2:30 – 3:15 PM *The Effect of High Input Costs on Cow-Calf Producers*  
Chip Ramsay, Rex Ranch, Ashby, Nebraska

3:15 – 4:00 PM *Questions, Answers, and Discussion*  
Speaker Panel

WSASAS Beef Symposium – Webinar: The ASAS utilized the 2008 WSASAS Symposium as a test case for presenting symposia as webinars. Webinar participants were required to pay the same registration fee (\$85) as individuals registering the day of the symposium. Approximately 18 registrations were submitted for the webinar, one of which was a group of approximately 12. Number of individuals participating via the webinar was approximately 30.

WSASAS Symposium Budget: (based on figures available 07/11/08)

Income

Registration (64 @ \$65, 38 @ \$85)	\$ 7390.00
National ASAS Office (2 @ \$1,500)	\$ 3000.00
Webinar Revenue	223.08
Total	\$10,613.08

Estimated Expenses

Speaker Costs (Hotel, Mileage, Meals, etc.)	\$ 2,253.50
Symposium Breaks (100 @ \$8.50, 125 @ \$8.50)	\$ 1,912.50
Conference Room	\$ 1,000.00
AV Equipment/Services	\$ 500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 5,666.00

**Nominating Committee Report.**

T.T. Ross, chair

Committee Members:

J. Thompson (Oregon State University)

P. Hatfield (Montana State University)

**Necrology Report.**

T.T. Ross, chair, Past-President

The following members passed away since our last meeting in June 2007.

Dr. Tim Stanton, Colorado State University

Dr. Lee Baldwin, University of California, Davis

Dr. Eric Bradford, University of California, Davis

Dr. Ward William Repp, New Mexico State University

Dr. Borden Els, New Mexico State University

Dr. Bob Raleigh, Oregon State University

Let us always remember the friendships and contributions of our passed colleagues.

Dr. Mark Healy, Utah State University, and Roy Wallace, Select Sires, were not members but certainly contributed to the Western Section in other meaningful ways.

## **2008 Meeting Report**

G. Moss

Attendance at the Beef Symposium plus the annual meeting totaled 200 registered participants. Abstracts for the annual meeting totaled 56 oral and 46 poster presentations.

## **Financial Report**

G. Moss

### **American Society of Animal Science Western Section Financial Report Audited December 31, 2007**

<b>Balance as of December 31, 2007</b>		<b>63,813.37</b>
<b>Revenue and support</b>		
Donations – General	1,100.00	
Donations – Awards	3,400.00	
Donations – Symposium	6,280.00	
Meeting Registrations	22,900.00	
Ticketed Events		
Proceedings	6,271.00	
ASAS-Symposium Support	1,500.00	
ASAS-Dues	1,130.00	
Interest Income	2,479.77	
Miscellaneous Income		
<b>Total Revenue and Support</b>		<b>45,060.77</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Program	337.92	
Call for Papers/Abstracts	-	
Awards/Plaques	5,117.51	
Quadrathalon	2,600.00	
Convention Fees	25,196.75	
Proceedings	4,692.09	
Postage/Supplies	77.12	
Symposium Expense	2,541.28	
Travel-Speaker	-	
Travel	493.86	
Telephone	-	
Miscellaneous	1,510.00	
Staff Support	3,652.24	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>46,219.20</b>
<b>Net Revenue over Expense</b>		<b>(1,158.43)</b>



**Balance as of December 31, 2007**

**62,654.94**

**Resolutions**

1. Procedure for reviewing graduate student competition abstracts.
2. Altering the scoring system for the Graduate Student Competition

**ASAS Reports**

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

**New Business**

Ken Olson passed the gavel to Dick Battaglia. Dick thanked Ken for his service to the section and presented him with the past president's plaque.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am by President Battaglia.