

MINUTES
Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science
Annual Business Meeting
Mobile, Alabama
February 5, 2007

Copies of the minutes of the 2006 Orlando, Florida meeting, the 2006 pre-audit financial report, and biographies of 2007 award winners were made available to attendees upon arrival to the meeting room.

The annual business meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science was held on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. with Dr. Dale Coleman, President, presiding.

The following items of business were transacted:

1. **Call to Order.** President Dale Coleman called the 2007 Southern Section ASAS Business Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. President Coleman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then recognized the other current officers.
2. **Welcome to the State of Alabama.** Dr. Wayne Greene, Head, Animal Sciences, Auburn University welcomed the Southern Section ASAS to Alabama on behalf of his Auburn University, Tuskegee, and Alabama A&M University colleagues. Auburn hosted the Academic Quadrathlon over the weekend and enjoyed interacting with the participating undergraduate students from across the region. Alabama is a natural forestland with 70% of the state covered in trees. There are over 43,500 farms in the state, with 25,000 of them having poultry and/or beef cattle. Eighty percent of the state's economy is from agriculture (coming from: 1st Forestry, 2nd Poultry, 3rd Beef). Alabama produces 600,000 calves each year from 700,000 cows; these are from forage-based enterprises. Cattle numbers have decreased in recent years, but he anticipates these numbers may increase as land comes out of CRP. Catfish is also a major industry; the state is 2nd in catfish production in the nation. The swine industry is holding constant with about 19,000 breeding animals. There are now less than 70 dairy herds in the state, but the goat industry is growing. Colleagues at Tuskegee and Alabama A&M Universities provide good support for this industry. Again welcome, if we at Auburn can do anything don't hesitate to ask.
3. **Introduction of Past Presidents.** President Coleman recognized Dr. Joe Fontenot as a Past President of ASAS, and Drs. Joe Fontenot, Don Franke, Ron Randel, and Tom Troxel as Past Presidents of the Southern Section ASAS.
4. **Comments from ASAS President.** Dr. Dale Coleman informed the group that Dr. Maynard Hogberg the President of the National ASAS was unable to attend the meeting this year.
5. **Comments from the Associate Executive Director, ASAS.**

- Paula Schultz recognized the importance of the work done by the FASS staff at Savoy for the sectional and national ASAS meetings. Louise Audrieth and others do things from keeping the computer programs up and running, to uploading the program to the website. Judy McClughen addresses membership needs. Paula introduced Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe as the new Executive Director.
- Membership in the Society is declining. A strategic planning committee has been formed with Dr. James Males, Oregon State University, as chair. There were focus sessions at the national meeting in 2006 and will be at regional meetings in 2007 including 4 held here in Mobile, plus all the membership was invited to fill out a survey. Reports on these activities will be presented in San Antonio this summer. There will also be a “town hall” meeting in San Antonio and members are encouraged to attend and give their opinions. Finally there will be a Board retreat in the fall followed by the new 2008 Strategic Plan for the Society.
- Paula also announced a new award from the Society; the Extended Service Volunteer Award was recently established for those who serve after retirement.
- There is already recognition that the Society needs to attract more students and needs to communicate more effectively with them about what the Society does. There will be two sessions in San Antonio geared towards students 1) Enhancing the Undergraduate Learning Experience in Animal Agriculture, and 2) Choosing a Graduate Program. There will also be a new electronic newsletter that’s published quarterly, expect the first issue in March 2007.
- The Society’s finances are stable; the goal of 50% of annual budget in reserves has been met.
- There is a need for more graduate students to apply for the travel scholarships that are available.
- Finally, be looking for the new Early Career Awards for the Society, the deadline for these will be each fall. There were 21 nominations this year and 2 awards will be given; check the website for details. Remember that February 21st deadline this year for the other 2007 ASAS national awards and the October 2007 deadline for the Southern Section awards.

6. Comments from the Executive Director, ASAS. Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe reported that she’s happy to be back at the Southern Section meetings, she had participated in these meeting while a graduate student.

- In 2006, The *Journal of Animal Science* had a record number of submissions (> 500). In 2006, the journal launched "publish ahead of print" this makes articles available online about 60 days earlier than in the past, and enables “Google” search for these articles. The archival project is proceeding, articles going back to 1908 will be available; when this project is completed access will be a member service. Open Access option is coming; authors will be allowed, for a fee, to request that an article have open access.
- In 2006 in Minneapolis at the National meeting over 1500 abstracts were presented and almost 3,000 attended.
- The 2007 annual meeting will be July 8 to 12 in San Antonio. It is a joint meeting with ADSA, PSA, and AMPA. Currently there will be over 45 Symposia, a record number.

Abstracts are due February 14, and this is the same deadline for graduate student travel scholarships.

- In 2008, the annual meeting will be in Indianapolis from July 7 to 11, and the Society will be celebrating its centennial. The Opening Ceremony will be on Monday evening with the Triennial Symposia on Friday. The Opening Ceremony will include a performance by the Bellamy Brothers with a true birthday party atmosphere; a coffee table book is also being prepared for distribution to attendees.
- The Foundation is strong and a new appreciation club for Jim Lauderdale has been established.

7. Program Secretary/Treasurer's Report. Dr. Beth Kegley thanked Auburn University for hosting the regional Academic Quadrathlon in Auburn (lab practical and written exam) and Mobile (oral presentation and quiz bowl), and all the Committee/Session chairs for their hard work preparing for and conducting the sessions.

- During the 2 days of oral presentations, 129 abstracts were presented, with 4 of these being invited talks. Presentations were in the following 10 categories: Undergraduate Student Competition (10 abstracts), Graduate Student Competition (13 abstracts), Teaching (2 abstracts), Breeding and Genetics (12 abstracts), Physiology (20 abstracts), Ruminant Animal Production (21 abstracts), Pastures and Forages (12 abstracts), Meats (2 abstracts), Small Ruminant Production (23 abstracts), and Extension (14 abstracts). For comparison, there were 132 presentations in '06 – Orlando and in '05 – Little Rock; 126 presentations in '04 – Tulsa; and 129 presentations in '03 – Mobile.
- The Southern Section welcomed the following groups that convened during our annual meeting: IEG-72 Enhancing Reproduction in Cattle, IEG Small Ruminant Production, Southern Regional Extension Specialists, the Small Ruminant Subcommittee of the NAGP, and a new southern extension research activity – Beef Cattle Production Utilizing Forages in the Southeast. There was also a meeting of the S1023 Multi-state project – Enhancing production and reproductive performance of heat stressed dairy cattle on Saturday.
- As of the Business Meeting time, registrations included 107 faculty and staff, 46 graduate students, and 55 undergraduate students. (Note: final registration numbers were 111, 47, and 55, respectively, total 213). For comparison, total member registrations were 208 for '06 – Orlando, 222 for '05 – Little Rock; 216 for '04 – Tulsa; and 247 for '03 – Mobile.
- Dr. Kegley referred to the minutes from the 2006 Business Meeting that had been handed out at the start of this meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Dr. Kegley referred to the 2006 Financial Report (pre-audit) and mentioned that the balance at the end of 2006 was \$14,323.71 and at the end of 2005 was \$12,507.55. A motion was made to accept the 2006 Financial Report (pre-audit), seconded, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Academic Quadrathlon Report. Dr. Lisa Kriese-Anderson presented the results of the 2007 Academic Quadrathlon. The Auburn University, Department of Animal Sciences hosted the Academic Quadrathlon in Auburn (lab practicum and written

exam; Saturday) and in Mobile (oral presentations and quiz bowl; Sunday). There were eleven participating teams including the Auburn University, Louisiana State University, Mississippi State University, North Carolina State University, Oklahoma State University, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University at Kingsville, University of Florida, University of Kentucky, University of Tennessee, and Virginia Tech. The Quadrathlon Committee consisted of Dr. Lisa Kriese-Anderson, Chair, (Auburn University), Dr. Charlie Rosenkrans, 2008 Chair (University of Arkansas), Dr. Jodi Sterle (Texas A&M University), Dr. Scott Whisnant (North Carolina State University), and Dr. Michelle Garcia (Texas A&M University at Kingsville). In addition, Dr. Tom Troxel, Dr. Brett Barham, and John Richeson (University of Arkansas), Dr. Joel Yelich (University of Florida), Dr. Brian Rude (Mississippi State University), Boyd Brady (Auburn University), Dr. Cathy Williams (Louisiana State University), and Dr. Mike Looper (USDA, Arkansas) assisted with the oral presentations and quiz bowl. The top three teams for the lab practicum were: Texas A&M University – 1st place; Auburn University – 2nd place; Mississippi State University – 3rd place. The top three teams for the written exam were: University of Tennessee – 1st place; Oklahoma State University – 2nd place; Texas A&M University – 3rd place. The top three teams for the oral presentation were: Texas A&M University – 1st place; Auburn University – 2nd place; University of Tennessee – 3rd place. The top three teams for the quiz bowl were: Texas A&M University, - 1st place; University of Kentucky – 2nd place; University of Florida – 3rd place. The final standings of the top three teams were: Texas A&M University – 1st place; University of Tennessee – 2nd place; University of Kentucky – 3rd place. The winning team members included Amy Lide, Colin Chopelas, Katie Leigh, and Stephanie Bradley; and their advisor was Dr. Jodi Sterle.

9. **Extension Report.** Dr. John Arthington reported that this committee includes Drs. Dave Lalman and Les Anderson. The extension presentations will start tomorrow and 14 papers will be presented including two special sessions – reports on the Arkansas Beef Audit and Extension Responsiveness. There will be an extension luncheon sponsored by Novus International and a presentation by Novus on methionine, followed by abstract presentations in the afternoon.
10. **Necrology Report.** Dr. Dale Coleman indicated he had not been provided with a Necrology Report and called on attendees to provide information; John Arthington announced that Dr. Findlay Pate had died in 2006; no others were mentioned.
11. **Resolutions Committee Report.** Dr. James Neel presented five resolutions for consideration. This committee consists of Dr. Robert Wettemann, Dr. Neel, and Dr. Debra Aaron.

Resolution No. 1. Recognition of the Host of the 2007 Southern Section of American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting and Academic Quadrathlon
Whereas, the 2007 Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting was hosted by Auburn University in an outstanding manner, and **Whereas**, the Animal Science Department Faculty, staff and students contributed to the success of the meetings as well as The Southern Regional Academic Quadrathlon

and contributed to both the success and the enjoyment of the event: **Be it resolved:** that the Secretary of the Southern Section extend an expression of the Society's appreciation to Auburn University Animal Science Department faculty, staff, and students for their support and professionalism in which they hosted the meeting.

Resolution No. 2. Recognition of Chairs of the Various Section Committees

Whereas, the primary purpose of the gathering of the Southern Section of American Society of Animal Science is the exchange of research, education and concepts in animal production: **Whereas**, the chairs of the various committees have played significant and professional roles in the success of the meeting: **Be it resolved:** that the membership express appreciation to the committee chairs for their role in making the meeting a success by a round of applause.

Resolution No. 3. Recognition of Sponsors and Supporters of Southern Section of American Society of Animal Science Professional Awards

Whereas, recognition of colleagues that have excelled in research, education and extension is an important function of the Society and sponsorship of awards requires cooperation and financial support from numerous businesses and organizations: **Be it resolved:** that the Secretary of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science as well as the recipients of the awards and the general membership extend appreciation to these sponsors for their gracious support.

Resolution No. 4. Commendation of the officers of the Southern Section of American Society of Animal Science

Whereas, the officers of the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science have worked to ensure the continued success of the Southern Section through their leadership and positive attitudes: **Be it resolved:** that the membership of the Southern Section of the Society extend a sincere thank you and express our appreciation to our colleagues by a resounding round of applause.

Therefore, the Resolution Committee of the 2007 Southern Section of American Society of Animal Science moves the adoption of the resolutions presented. Approval was shown by applause.

12. **Old Business.** Dr. Dale Coleman reported that the nametag printer had been purchased and was successfully used at the meeting this year. As approved at last year's meeting, the Constitution of the Southern Section has been revised to allow for electronic voting by the group. The constitution is posted on the section's web page.
13. **New Business.** Dr. Dale Coleman reported that he was not aware of any new business that needed to come before the group. He asked for responses from the floor regarding any new business. Hearing none, he then asked the leaders of the IEG that meet concurrently with this meeting to give a brief summary of their activities:
 - IEG-72 Enhancing Reproduction in Cattle, Dr. Peter Ryan reported they had 12 attendees and he is the Chair-elect.

- IEG Small Ruminant Production, Dr. Joan Burke reported that there were 18 attendees and Bob Godfrey (USVI) is the Chair-elect
- The new southern extension research activity – Beef Cattle Production Utilizing Forages in the Southeast, Dr. Jason Rowntree reported that there were approximately 25 attendees, they elected Dr. Rowntree as Chair, with Drs. Russ Muntifering, Chair-Elect, and Jane Parish, Secretary.

President Coleman also mentioned the availability of funds to sponsor invited speakers to the sectional meetings; and that David Morrison will begin serving on the National ASAS Board of Directors as Southern Section Director beginning this summer.

- 14. Nomination Committee and Election Report.** Dr. Ron Randel announced the results of the election. Dr. Matt Poore was elected Secretary/Treasurer-Elect.
- 15. Installation of New President.** Dr. Chad Chase was installed as the new President of Southern Section of American Society of Animal Science for 2007-2008.
- 16.** Dr. Chase indicated that next years meeting was scheduled for February 2-5, 2008 in Dallas. There was a motion to close the business meeting that was seconded and passed unanimously. Dr. Chase then opened the Southern Section ASAS Awards Program.

- 1. Undergraduate Student Competition** (presented by Dr. Jeannette Moore, the committee included Drs. Don Mulvaney and Michelle Garcia)
 - 1st Place – Lindsay Starkey, University of Arkansas (Abst. #125, *Identification of polymorphisms in the promoter region of the bovine heat shock protein gene and associations with bull calf weaning weight*).
 - 2nd Place – Jessica A. Pittman, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Abst. #120, *Pig performance in a split-weaning system using dry feed and limit-fed milk replacer*).
 - 3rd Place – Christina Pope, University of Arkansas (Abst. #126, *Relationship between polymorphisms in lactate dehydrogenase B gene and milk characteristics in beef cows*).
 - Honorable Mention – K. Anderson, Texas A&M University (Abst. #118, *Detection of paratuberculosis in dairy cattle via near infrared reflectance spectroscopy of feces*).
- 2. Graduate Student Competition** (presented by Dr. Steve Schmidt, the committee included Drs. Scott Willard, Jamie Laurentz, and Ken Coffey)
 - 1st Place – Paige Williams, Texas A&M University at Kingsville, (Abst. #33, *Temporal pattern of the stress hormone and cytokine response in pigs following a lipopolysaccharide (LPS) challenge*).
 - 2nd Place – Nicole Burdick, Texas A&M University at Kingsville, (Abst. #34, *Effect of temperament on passive immunity, cortisol concentrations, and early growth in the calf*).
 - 3rd Place – Rene Flores, University of Arkansas, (Abst. #29, *Effects of body condition, somatotropin, and prolactin promoter gene polymorphisms on*

concentrations of prolactin, follicle size, and calving rates of postpartum Brahman-influenced cows).

3. **2007 Joe Fontenot Graduate Student Travel Scholarship** (presented by Dr. Joe Fontenot)
Sponsored by: The Joe Fontenot Appreciation Club
Winner: Vinicius Pereira Guimaraes, Texas A&M University
4. **2007 National Pork Board Innovative Research Award** (presented by Dr. Chad Chase)
Sponsored by: National Pork Board, Des Moines, IA
Winner: Chad W. O’Gormon, Texas A&M University at Kingsville (Abst. #32, *Fetal exposure to maternal stress influences leptin receptor gene expression during development and age at puberty in gilts*).
5. **2007 Extension Award** (presented by Dr. Dale Coleman)
Sponsored by: Boehringer Ingelheim, Vetmedica Division, St. Joseph, MO
Winner: Dr. Matthew H. Poore, North Carolina State University
6. **2007 Young Animal Scientist – Education Award** (presented by Dr. Charles Rosenkrans)
Winner: Dr. Les Anderson, University of Kentucky
7. **2007 Young Animal Scientist – Research Award** (presented by Dr. Darrell Rankins)
Sponsored by: Elanco Animal Health, Greenfield, IN
Winner: Dr. Sung Woo Kim, Texas Tech University
8. **2007 Distinguished Service Award** (presented by Dr. Don Franke for committee chair Dr. Gary Cromwell)
Winner: Dr. Hayden Brown, University of Arkansas
9. **Recognition of Service to the Southern Section** (presented by Dr. Chad Chase)
Dr. Dale Coleman was awarded the President’s service plaque for recognition of his service as President of the Southern Section ASAS.

The awards program adjourned at about 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Kegley
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Section ASAS