

**Southern Section American Society of Animal Science  
Annual Business Meeting Minutes  
Oklahoma City, OK  
January 28, 2019**

**Call to Order:** Dr. Paul Beck, President Elect (standing in for Dr. Jeff Carroll), convened the meeting at 4:58 p.m. Membership and visitors were welcomed, followed by recognition of the current Southern Section ASAS Executive Committee and ASAS staff in attendance. Dr. Beck recognized the SSASAS committee chairs and thanked them for their contributions to our meeting. Dr. Beck also recognized the staff of the ASAS and thanked them for their hard work and superior service to the Southern Section.

**Introduction of Past Presidents:** Dr. Beck introduced past presidents of SSASAS who were in attendance. They included: Dr. Bob Godfrey, University of the Virgin Islands; Dr. Beth Kegley, University of Arkansas; Dr. Matt Poore, North Carolina State University; Dr. Ron Randel, Texas A&M University; Dr. Bob Wetteman; Oklahoma State University; Dr. Thomas Welsh, Texas A&M

**Sponsor Recognition:** Dr. Beck recognized the following sponsors:

Advanced Biological Marketing	Merck	University of Arkansas
Alliance for Grassland Renewal	North Carolina State University	University of Kentucky
Alltech	Noble Research Institute	University of Tennessee
ASAS	Oklahoma State University	Virginia Tech University
ASAS Foundation	Pennington Seed Company	West Texas T&M University
Auburn University	Texas A&M University	Westway Feeds
CJ America	Tarleton State University	Winpak
Mississippi State University	Texas Tech University	Zoetis

**Welcome to Oklahoma:** Dr. Bob Wetteman welcomed us to OKC. This is first time SS has been in OKC. Oklahoma is most recent state to join union from the Southern Section. Became members in 1907. OK has 3.9 million people and ranks 26 nationally in size of state population. 1.3 million in OKC. OKC has had several modifications to the city to make it more attractive. Top 5 industries are energy, agricultural, info and finance and distribution and aerospace defense. 75% of land in OK is farmland. There is a lot of climate and soil diversity from 56 in of average rainfall to 17 in of rainfall. OK is cattle country and cattle and calves rank 1<sup>st</sup>, hogs, broiler, wheat cotton in ag receipts each year. \$3.1 billion for cattle, greater than the combined of the other 4. He was excited to see all of the cattle papers because of the importance. The OSU Dept of Animal and Food Science has 1000 students and are well known for animal research and extension and OK also is home to Langston University and Noble Institute. While in OKC, you might want to visit cowboy and western museum, stockyard cities, Cattlemen’s Steakhouse, shopping, OKC Memorial and

Museum, Myriad and Crystal Bridge Conservatory, OKC Art. You are invited to visit OSU and research and animal facilities. Please join us in Austin for National ASAS too.

**Southern Section Update:** Dr. Beck updated us on the strategic goal accomplishments. In 2018, we launched the new student competition format utilizing the 3MT format and also incorporating the student competitors into the standard 12 minute sessions. We added student co-moderators to each sessions as well. Due to the success of both, we incorporated these into the 2019 meeting. With the 2019 meeting, we continued with our existing symposia and group meetings while adding a Southeast ARPAS symposium. With the addition of the graduate student co-moderators and combining the awards ceremony and student mixer, we have increased the networking options within the meeting. We have also continued this activity for 2019.

**ASAS National Update:** Dr. Todd Armstrong, ASAS National President, thanked us for inviting him to attend our meeting. He talked about 4 key areas, membership, journals, meetings and financials. As of right now, we are in a strong and healthy position. Membership is stable. 5,000 total members...looking at retaining, reviving and growing membership. There are 3 key journals, Journal of Animal Science, Translational Animal Science and Animal Frontiers. They are 3 EICs who report to Publications Committee and then that chair reports to the board. Oxford University Press is our publisher. They added \$2000 to our revenue line. He is sorry for billing issues and please know that we will rectify the situation. Please be patient committed to our journals. We plan to take the impact factor of JAS to over 2.0 in the next two years. Translational Animal Science numbers have doubled over the last two years. The year 2020 will be the 10 year anniversary of Animal Frontiers. The editors are: Translational Animal Science - James Oltjen; Animal Frontiers - Deborah Hammernik, and Journal of Animal Science - Sally Johnson. Dr. Armstrong Commended the SS for their meeting and numbers. In 6 weeks the Midwest Section will host their meeting with 486 abstracts and 16 symposium. The National Meeting in Vancouver had 1758 attendees and there will be an amazing meeting in Austin - don't miss it for the food trucks and line dancing. The financial prospective was tough, but he is proud of the board. 2018 was a breakeven year and they cut expenses by \$700,000. The stock market did not do well, but contributions were up. The board will be looking at the investment strategy and plans to have \$500,000 reserve by 2020.

**ASAS Southern Director Report:** Dr. Matt Poore reported as his last time to serve us with an update. He will serve until July. The main thing is that it has been a joy to see what has happened in SS. It was a brave move to split off from SAAS and SS has benefitted from the change. Serving the National Board is humbling and rewarding experience. He echoed what Dr. Armstrong said about the state of ASAS. The future is bright. He encouraged us to continue to submit to JAS and the open access TAS and also think about AF topics. Finally, he will represent at the national meeting in Austin before he finishes out his term so please share with him concerns.

**Graduate Student Report:** Sam Ingram (NCSU) thanked the membership for letting him serve. Co-chairs went well again this year, Lunch and Learn will have a good speaker tomorrow. Goal with 3MT to improve the communication with students who are

competing. Katie Mason (Auburn) introduced Claire Andresen (OSU) as the new graduate student representative.

**Secretary-Treasurer and Program Chair Report:** Dr. Christy Bratcher presented the Secretary-Treasurer Report stating that the SS-ASAS was just a few registrations down from the 2018 meeting, but we were back to back with NCBA and Dept. Heads meeting. The 2019 numbers were 301 registrants (approximately 10% down from 341 last year by the time of the Business Meeting with 137 Professional (156 in 2018), 95 graduate (107 in 2018), and 69 undergraduates (77 in 2018) registered. There were 166 unique abstracts accepted for presentation. Southern Section ASAS has strong financials, with a balance at the end of December 2018 of \$32,876 which about a \$10,000 increase in total assets since last year. She stated that sponsorship was important and that we would like to work toward a reserve of a 1 year operating budget (or about \$50,000). It was moved (Charlie Rosenkrans) and seconded (Ryan Reuter) from the floor that the financial report be accepted as presented. A voice vote of the membership affirmed this motion.

**Approval of 2018 Business Meeting Minutes:** Dr. Bratcher called for revisions and a few were suggested from the floor for the 2018 Southern Section ASAS Business Meeting minutes. It was moved (Charlie Rosenkrans) and seconded (Dr. Randel) that the minutes be approved with the suggested modifications (typos), following a vote of the assembled membership the motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**  
No Advisory Report

**Quadrathalon:**

**Overall Placement:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Texas Tech University
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Oklahoma State University
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – North Carolina State University

**Lab Practicum:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Oklahoma State University
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – North Carolina State University
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – University of Tennessee - Knoxville

**Written Exam:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Middle Tennessee State University
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Texas Tech University
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mississippi State University

**Oral Exam:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Texas Tech University
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mississippi State University
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Texas A&M University

**Quiz Bowl:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Oklahoma State University

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Texas Tech University

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – North Carolina State University

**Necrology:** Dr. Beck was negligent in asking for communication with the Department of Animal Science Department Heads located at Land Grant Universities and to other selected leaders in the southern section region requesting information on ASAS members located within their state/programs that have passed during the reporting year. He requested that people who know of those who have passed could stand and give the names. This was followed with a moment of silence.

<b>ASAS Member</b>	<b>State Affiliation</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
Joe Fontenot	VA Tech	
Dean Hawkins	West TX A&M	
John Beverly		Tom Welsh
William Martin		Tom Welsh
Zerl Carpenter		

**Nominations:** Dr. Dave Lalman thanked the members for submissions of nominations. He thanked the committee and stated that there was good discussion on commitments and how well some of the members will fit with the duties of the board. He encouraged young faculty to consider leadership opportunities and that if you wanted to tell friends to nominate you, please do. The Secretary Treasurer Elect was Dan Poole (NCSU) and Southern Director was Tom Welsh (TAMU). He thanked Matt for his service and then reintroduced Claire Andresen (OSU) as the Graduate Student Director.

**Resolutions:** Dr. Matt Poore (NCSU) read the 2019 resolutions.

Be it resolved that the ASAS Southern Section Board of Directors and the ASAS Southern Section Members wishes to recognize and thank the sponsors of the 2019 ASAS Southern Section Meeting for their generous support, with the understanding that their support allows the Southern Section to hold, enhance and provide a high quality annual meeting.

Be it resolved that the ASAS Southern Section Board of Directors wishes to thank the members and volunteers at the 2019 Southern Section for the hard work that guarantees a successful meeting.

Be it further resolved that the ASAS Southern Section Board of Directors and the ASAS Southern Section Members would thank the ASAS National Staff for their help and support with the 2019 Southern Section Meetings. In particular, we resolve to recognize Jacelyn Hemmelgarn for eight years of exemplary service to the Southern Section and wish her the best of luck as she takes a new position at the Poultry Science Association.

**Extension:** Dr. Kim Mullenix, Extension Committee Chair, recognized other committee members (Dr. Jason Smith, UT; Dr. Jacob Segers, UGA, and Dr. Phillip Moriel, UF) reported there were 18 abstracts submitted for presentation in the Extension sessions. This was a 20% increase since last year. In 2018, they held Extension Forum which is organized every 3 years for collaboration for specialists and collaboration across state lines. Dr. Rhinehart was organizer and it was a great meeting with several outcomes. They will be working on agent training, a demonstration project and methods for improving formal education. The group worked for regional efforts training agents and have a webinar series that are archived. They hosted webinars this past fall focused on forage management and all will be integrated to an online course. 43 people were registered for breakfast sponsored by AGR. Please invite all extension faculty.

**Call for Old Business:** Matt thanked Dr. Jeff Carroll who did a lot for us over the last year and we are disappointed that he did not get to make it to see out his presidency. Please thank him for all of this work.

**Recognition of Our-Going Board:**

Sam Ingram

Dr. Matt Poore (in July)

Dr. Charlie Rosenkrans

**Installation of New President and Transfer of Gavel:** Dr. Rosenkrans (stepping in for Dr. Carroll) passed the gavel to Dr. Paul Beck. Dr. Beck recognized the promotions of the current board members.

**New Business:** There was no New Business brought to the floor for discussion.

**Discussion of Future Southern Section Meetings:** Dr. Justin Rhinehart stated that the 2020 meeting will be in Chattanooga and 2021 in Raleigh. He stated that there has been discussion on the board about rotations and cities and we would like your input and feedback, so please let us know your thoughts and we will assimilate that into something to try and please everybody. He recognized Justin Bartlett for his hard work and expressed that we appreciate him for his negotiations in each city.

**Raffle:** Dr. Armstrong drew for door prizes. Registration for 2019 Annual Meeting in Austin (Dr. Scott Willard), 2020 SS-ASAS (Brittini Littlejohn), Mystery Bag (Leanne Dillard)

A motion was made from the floor by Charlie Rosenkrans to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dan Poole. The membership was invited to relocate to the Awards Ceremony at Rockey's in Bricktown.