

2017 WSASAS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

North Dakota State University
Fargo Air Museum
Friday June 23, 2017

Call to Order – Shanna Ivey at 8:05 am

Approval of the Agenda – Moved by Bret Taylor, seconded by Rachel Endecott. Motion passes.

Approval of the 2016 WSASAS Business Meeting minutes – Moved by Reinaldo Cooke, seconded by Eric Scholljegerdes. Discussion: need the double check the date of the financials. Motion passes.

Reports

- **2017 Financial Report– presented by Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe.**

For the expenses of last year's meeting, there is a negative balance due to GLNC and the awards dinner. The venue was a little more than the ticket price covered. The printing charges that are included in the report include the costs for formatting. Printing for the GLNC was also included in the printing costs. It was asked by the membership if we can break out the costs into more specific headers. For the financial report to be used for the membership, Meghan will consider subcategories so that expenses are easily reflected. Motion to accept the financials: Ken Olson; Seconded by Benton Glaze; motion passes.

- **2017 Annual WSASAS Meeting –presented by Shanna Ivey.**

There were 173 registered for the meeting. There were 72 proceedings/abstract submissions and 2 were rejected. The number of full members attending was 93, 65 graduate students and 15 undergraduates. There were 30 in the graduate competition and 12 undergraduate competition posters.

- **ASAS President – Presented by Deborah Hamernik**

Dr. Hamernik welcomed everyone to the WSASAS meeting and thanked NDSU for organizing, Shanna and the leadership team for the meeting. This year's national meeting is in Baltimore and is joint with CSAS. Since this is the first split meeting, it is anticipated that there will be 1300-1400 attending. Sally Johnson is the program chair and has incorporated more early to mid-career scientists into the program. The Reproductive Symposium will be held and is chaired by Andrea Cupp and John Davis. The Casida Award will be presented to Dr. Janice Bahr. There are >7,300 members in ASAS with ½ being professional members. Glenn Duff chairs the membership committee and is doing an excellent job. JAS has decreased time from submission

to publication. There were fewer pages published this last year but that was to help with the back-log of submissions. Translating Animal Science is a new peer-review journal that is an open access journal. It has a hybrid model of peer review. The new strategic plan is out for membership review. There will be a new format to the ASAS website. The reveal will be on the 1st day of ASAS meetings. JAS edits is a service to help authors with manuscript submission. ASAS has made ~\$6,500 in profit from this. Image Gallery has been revamped and it takes less than 30 days to process submissions. The AgGuide is also being updated.

- **WSASAS President – Shanna Ivey**

The first teaching webinar was done and presented by Loren Baranko from North Dakota State University. Please give ideas and suggestions for future programming. It would be nice to do 2 webinars per year.

The proceedings submission process will be improved for next year.

With the launch of the new ASAS website, all new information needs to be sent to Shanna to coordinate the WSASAS website.

Next year, we will have a paperless meeting. If you want paper copies of the program or proceedings, you should print that before coming to the meeting. There will be links on-line as well as with the app for the meeting.

The strategic plan has been completed.

- **WSASAS Committees**

- **Academic Quadrathlon – presented by Rachel Endecott**

Oregon State University hosted the 2017 WSASAS Academic Quadrathlon contest in Corvallis on April 7-8. Five teams competed: BYU-Idaho, Chico State, Montana State University, New Mexico State University, and Oregon State University. Matt Kennedy and staff put on an excellent contest and educational program, including a visit to the OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center on the coast in Newport. Chico State won the contest for the second consecutive year and will represent the Western Section at the national contest in Baltimore and the University of Maryland. Full order of finish was as follows:

- 1. Chico State
- 2/3. BYU-Idaho
- 2/3. Oregon State University
- 4. Montana State University
- 5. New Mexico State University

Rachel Endecott's term as chair ended after the 2017 contest. Matt Kennedy from Oregon State University will move from the vice chair to chair for a 3-year term, and Kasey DeAtley from Chico State will serve as vice chair.

There was discussion on how many MS and PhD Young Scholar awards there should be. In the guidelines, it states that 1 PhD and 2 MS awards will be given. It was moved by Benton Glaze and seconded by Reinaldo Cooke that the Young Scholar be awarded to 1 PhD and 1 MS student per year. Motion passes.

- **Advising and Coordinating – presented by Reinaldo Cooke**

Members of the A&C committee met at WSASAS 2017 (Fargo, ND) and discussed issues related to meeting length, graduate students competition, and option for abstract submission.

The A&C committee recommends that the organizing committee should consider limiting the WSASAS annual meeting to 2 full days, if number of submissions allow. The Beef Symposium should be considered pre-conference meeting, with the business meeting being held during the last day of the regular WSASAS meeting. Total length of Beef Symposium + WSASAS meeting would be 3 full days.

It was discussed that the biggest financial risk for keeping it flexible is the housing block that needs to be locked down prior to proceedings submission.

The A&C committee recommends re-evaluation of the Graduate Student Competition in 2018, based on the number of proceedings papers submitted that year. Options include limiting the number of competitors, and splitting MSC/PhD students. However, the A&C recommends that number of competitors be limited to 30 in 2018. If more than 30 submissions are received, the Graduate Committee will evaluate proceedings papers and make a decision 30 days prior to the WSASAS meeting, ranking the top 30 articles that will be assigned to the competition. The remaining submissions (ranked 31st and below) would be transferred to other appropriate sessions.

This was discussed by the general membership with particular input from members of the graduate competition committee. They state that it would be more ideal to have 26 submissions to judge. Moreover, with 2 young scholar presentations (1 hour in length), all presentations could be accomplished in one day. It was moved by Chris Schauer and seconded by J. Bret Taylor that the graduate competition is limited to 26 entries. Discussion: those not selected to compete will be moved to the general session. Motion passes.

The A&C committee recommends that graduate students that already completed their programs are allowed to compete in the Graduate Student Competition within 6 months of graduation, and that such regulation is included in the competition guidelines.

This was discussed and the membership thought it was not a huge problem. The membership did not act on this recommendation.

The A&C committee recommends submission of abstracts (following JAS abstract guidelines) to be presented as posters only, with the intent of increasing total submissions, registrations, as well as quality of the poster session. That would include Extension-related abstracts, and the creation of an Extension poster session.

Discussion included that we need to know more about how many submissions we would get by trying to look historically at how many abstracts vs proceedings were submitting in joint years with JAM. Until data is provided and evaluated, no change will occur at this point.

A&C recommended that a survey should be conducted by polling the WSASAS membership if they would submit abstracts in addition to, or instead of, a proceedings paper. The executive board will get data together to determine what would improve attendance in future meetings. A few people discussed if the abstracts can only be in extension form (for country agents). Others wanted to ask the membership what they were using the proceedings for (i.e. for promotion and tenure documentation, student training, etc).

John Hall moved to keep things the same, but to have the survey done with the executive committee to review the data. Brett Hess seconded. Motion passes.

- Awards – presented by Shanna Ivey for Mike Salisbury

The committee received multiple nominations for each award category. The committee utilized the online evaluation system and once the individual evaluations were completed the summary was reported to the chair to verify results and submit the results to the ASAS office to collect biographical information for presentation of awards at annual meeting awards dinner. The award recipients were: Extension Award: Reinaldo Cooke, Oregon State University; Distinguished Service Award: Jack C. Whittier, University of Nebraska Lincoln; Young Scientist Award: Jennifer Hernandez-Gifford, New Mexico State University; Distinguished Teacher Award: Russell Hovey, University of California Davis

- Beef symposium – presented by Eric Scholljegerdes

This year's symposium entitled "Are we still fulfilling the Land-Grant mission?" There were 110 registrants for the symposium. The Symposium consisted of 7 speakers and a speaker roundtable. Our first speaker was Dr. Buchanan who was unable to attend due to travel issues,

therefore, Dr. Greg Lardy, NDSU, presented on his behalf. Dr. Lardy provided the audience with a historical review of the Land Grant System. The schedule then included four ranchers from OR, MT, NM, and ND. These ranchers provided the audience with a narrative of their ranch operation and how the Land-grant system has helped them improve their operation and the challenges that they face currently. Dr. Marcy Ward filled in for the NM rancher, who had travel issues. Then Dr. Bret Hess provided a perspective of the Western Ag Exp. Stations. He detailed the strengths of each and provided information on how some Exp. Stations have met budget challenges and sought producer input to meet the Land-Grant mission. The next speaker was Dr. Mark Mirando, USDA NIFA. Dr. Mirando provided the audience with how the USDA NIFA AFRI grant program provides funding for beef cattle research. Dr. Mirando also provided statistics on how funding is split out across different disciplines. The symposium was concluded with a roundtable discussion with speakers and audience. Overall, comments from audience members was positive and most gained valuable insight into the challenges of each segment. Overall, it was concluded that the Land Grant Mission is being fulfilled but significant challenges will be faced in the future in regards to funding and broadening issues (public policy and limited natural resources) will require more collaborative research and more concerted outreach efforts.

For the 2018 WSASAS meeting in Oregon, the beef committee discussed a proposal of Regional committee on genetics to hold a symposium in the name of the late Denny Crews. The committee felt that it would be a good idea but would like to receive an agenda and speaker list. Dave Bohnert agreed to be the next committee chair. Marcy Ward is going off of the committee, therefore a replacement member is needed. Current members will provide suggestions.

- **Graduate Student Paper Competition – presented by Christopher Schauer**

Seven committee members were in attendance at the 2017 meeting including: C. Schauer, A. Summers, J. Gifford, J. Kincheloe, D. Yates, T. Mulliniks, and M. Beckman. Additional written scores were submitted by M. Ellison and W. Stewart. Thirty proceedings were submitted for competition from ten institutions and all were accepted for presentation. Prior to acceptance, abstracts were evaluated for evidence of hypothesis driven research and statistical analysis. Proceedings were accepted as submitted with no request for revised manuscripts/abstracts. Proceedings and presentations were all high-quality. For scoring, an average score of the written (50 possible points) and oral presentation (50 possible points) was calculated from the judges, then combined for a total score (100 points). The top five placing were: 1). Z.D. McFarlane (U. of Tennessee; 88.5 points), 2) T.L. Barnes (U. of Nebraska; 87.08 points) , 3) S.Z.

Prosser (New Mexico State University; 87.06 points) , 4) M.S. Crouse (NDSU; 86.4 points), and 5) A.R. Tanner (NDSU; 86.1 points).

Institutions were deemed eligible for the institutional award with two competitors. Institutions eligible for the 2017 award were: New Mexico State University (4), North Dakota State University (6), Oregon State University (4), U. of Tennessee (2), Montana State University (3), University of Nebraska (5), Kansas State University (2), and U.C. Davis (2). For scoring, the top two scores from each institution were used to calculate a total institution score. Using this matrix, the University of Tennessee was the top scoring institution with students combining for 173.67 points. New Mexico State University placed 2nd with a combined score of 172.82 points.

Future consideration needs to be given to determining the maximum number of participants for the oral competition. Thirty students competed this year, and that is an eight hour day, the absolute maximum that can be evaluated. The committee was not in favor of splitting the competition into a M.S. and Ph.D. Division. The committee has suggested that if greater than 30 papers are submitted, only the top 30 scoring papers be allowed to present as a competition paper (26 papers is a 7 hour day – maybe that is number to consider). The judges would be required to review the papers prior to the Program going to press. The remaining papers would be presented in the general session.

The committee also expressed concerns regarding formatting by Manuscript Central that caused many papers to be over the 5 page maximum. Proceedings were required to be submitted in single column format, but were published in 2 column format. This caused at least 7 papers to be over 5 pages, but were likely under 5 pages at the time of submission. For this year, the committee did not deduct points for papers being over the 5 page limit due to this uncertainty. This problem needs to be fixed, or the page number maximum removed from the guidelines. Additionally, the committee would like the following statement to be added to the guidelines (submitted last year, but not adopted this year):

- a. IACUC Statement suggested wording to be added to the guidelines for authors: “If the research project required IACUC approval, please include the Approval # in the Materials and Methods.

For the 2018 competition in Oregon, Melanie Beckman has volunteered to chair the Graduate Student Competition Committee.

- **Graduate Student Representative Report –presented by Stacia Prosser**

The Lunch and Learn was a success as they spoke about grant writing for success. There were 63 registered and 58 attended. They will explore a new method for gathering feedback with a

survey on the app. The mixer was successful. Katherine Smith is the new director. Stacia thanked Hannah Cunningham for her service.

- **Necrology – Glenn Duff for Mike Salisbury**

A moment of silence was held for Drs. Dennis Hallford and Gordon Niswender.

- **Nominating – presented by Shanna Ivey for Mike Salisbury**

The committee (Mike Salisbury – Chair; James Berardinelli; Bret Taylor) solicited nominations from the membership for the position of Graduate Director to fill the currently ending term and for the Secretary/Treasurer position on the Executive Board. There were 4 nominations for the graduate director. Therefore, the committee independently evaluated the nominees and upon completion the top two ranking nominees were placed on the ballot for the membership to vote. Nominees placed on the ballot were Kathryn Smith from New Mexico State University and Maggie Weinroth from Colorado State University. The candidate that was elected was Kathryn Smith from New Mexico State University.

There was a single nomination for Secretary, Reinaldo Cooke from Oregon State University. Therefore, he was placed on the ballot unopposed with the option for write-in candidates. Reinaldo was elected by the membership as the secretary/treasurer for 2017-2018. He will also serve as host for the 2018 Western Section meetings in Oregon.

- **Undergraduate Student Poster Competition – Kasey DeAtley**

The third annual undergraduate poster competition was conducted on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at the FargoDome (Fargo, ND). A total of 10 undergraduates submitted abstracts for the poster session. Institutions represented included California State University, Chico, North Dakota State University, Montana State University, University of Idaho, and New Mexico State University. A total of 11 judges evaluated posters. Placing of the poster session were:

1st Place: Nathaniel Gruseth, North Dakota State University

2nd Place: Sierra Pillmore, New Mexico State University

3rd Place: Jamie Conner, California State University, Chico

Monetary awards included \$250 for 1st Place, \$150 for 2nd Place, and \$100 for 3rd place. Committee members are seeking additional sponsors for the 2018 contest and will be editing poster score sheet and procedures. Suggestions for future contest include: have UG poster session during opening reception to facilitate greater judging efficiency and allow students to interact with potential advisors earlier in the conference.

- **Young Scholars Program – Ryan Ashley**

This year there were 9 candidates, which is the most we have had since the inception of the YSR. The committee members that met at 2017 WSASAS propose that we implement a better method to distinguish MS nominees from PhD nominees within the applications as well as the judging process. It was thought this would make the judging and ranking more seamless. Suggest inserting a box on the application indicating the category the student is nominated for. Also, thank you to Rachel Endecott as she has agreed to serve as chair of the committee starting at the conclusion of the 2017 meeting.

2017 Young Scholar Recognition Recipients:

PhD: Kendall Samuelson (New Mexico State University)

MS: Kelsey M. Schubach (Oregon State University)
Matthew Crouse (North Dakota State University)

Old Business

- Strategic Plan—presented by Connie Larson

The Strategic Plan will be posted online for 60 days for comment and then there will be a vote by the membership. September 1st will be the deadline for the President's plan.

New Business

- Use of manuscript central for proceedings submission
 - Revision of guidelines to match Journal of Animal Science style and form
- Location of 2020 meeting

Due to the potential for San Diego Convention Center to be under construction, there is a possibility for a new site for the meeting. The membership will be updated about this in Taking Stock.

Transfer of the Gavel was passed to Connie Larson.