2020 Western Section Business Meeting Minutes

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

July 21, 2020

Virtual Meeting Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87671247473>

The 2020 WSASAS Virtual Business Meeting was called to order by President, Reinaldo Cooke, at 10:03 AM CDT. Glenn Duff moved to approve the agenda. Zach McFarlane seconded. Motion passed. Secretary, Kasey DeAtley and ASAS staff member, Justin Bartlett, shared the minutes of the 2019 WSASAS Business meeting. David Bohnert moved to approve the minutes, Joel Caton seconded. Motion passed.

Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe reported that the meeting at Boise was profitable and net assets were $29,768. It was noted that this report is the non-audited version. Bryan Neville moved to accept the financial report. John Campbell seconded. Motion passed.

ASAS President, Beth Kegley gave an update about ASAS activities. ASAS is publishing Jr. Animal Scientist more frequently since COVID and has decreased grad student membership. Approximately 900 presentations (117 live presentations) will be given at this year’s ASAS-WSASAS Conference to ~1200 registrants. The 2021 will be in Louisville, KY. Shawn Archibeque is program chair. Animal Frontiers is celebrating its 10-year anniversary; it will go to 6 issues this year. Journal of Animal Science impact factor is 2.092 (highest since 2012). Financially, ASAS is in good shape. Budget has been met while increasing reserves. The new Ag Guide will be published in October 2020, a joint effort with ADSA and PSA. Beth will give similar summary to business meeting on Tuesday. In the President raffle, Bryan Neville won ASAS swag, Brian Wayne won registration to ASAS, and Zach McFarlane won registration to WSASAS in 2021.

Kasey DeAtley gave a brief update about the 2020 WSASAS Meeting Update. There were a total of 214 Western Section registrants (112 Professional and 102 student) and 52 total presentations (15 abstracts and 37 talks).

Shawn Archibeque gave a brief report and invitation to the 2021 WSASAS Meeting in Fort Collins, CO.

The following committee reports were shared:

1. Academic Quadrathlon – Kasey DeAtley (WSASAS AQ Co-Chair) reported that Western Section was the only section to not hold an in-person AQ, therefore, they joined with the national competition on July 18 & 19, 2020. There were a total of three teams: 3rd place – BYU – Idaho, 2nd place – Oregon State University, 1st place Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Cal Poly moved on to represent Western Section in the national quiz bowl where they placed 4th.

2. Nominating Committee – Past President, Kim Vonnahme, reported that Milt Thomas (Colorado State) has been nominated as the Advising and Coordinating committee chair, Evin Sharman (Phibro) will be the new industry representative, and Meredith Harrison (UC Davis) will be the new graduate student representative.

3. Necrology – Past President, Kim Vonnahme, reported that Conrad (Connie) Kercher and Donald D. Nelsen passed in 2020. A moment of silence was observed.

4. Graduate Student Representative Report and three-minute videos results – Graduate Director, Kacie McCarthy, reported that six videos were submitted for the 3MT video competition. Results were:

3rd place - Ellen Lai (UC Davis), 2nd place - Carlyn Peterson, UC Davis and 1st place - Jacob Thorne (University of Idaho).

5. Young Scholar Report – Chair, Shawn Archibeque reported that Chad Page, University of Wyoming was the PhD scholar, Rebecca Swanson (University of Nebraska - Lincoln) and Robert Ziegler (University of Nebraska - Lincoln) were the MS scholars. Gratitude was expressed to Zinpro for their sponsorship of the Young Scholar awards. Dr. Archibeque asked the membership to please keep sending nominations each year.

6. Graduate Student Paper Competition – President Reinaldo Cooke gave the competition report prepared by Competition Chair, Adam Summers. Gratitude was expressed to the committee members: Adam Summers (Chair), Hannah Cunningham, Bryan Neville, Jason Russell, Duarte Diaz, Jim Sprinkle, David Bohnert, Alison Crain. Placing were: 3rd place – Kelsey Schubach (TAMU), 2nd place - Shelby Rosasco (NMSU), 1st place - Gwendolynn Hummel (UW). University of Wyoming won the institutional award (point breakdown: UW = 176.07, UNL = 174.43, TAMU = 173.74, CSU = 166.70, UC Davis 165.76). It was suggested to change the score sheet for the grad comp in terms of keystrokes.

7. Undergraduate Poster Competition – Chair, Zach McFarlane, reported that there were eight students that competed this year. Appreciation was expressed to judges who did individual question/answer sessions with each student via zoom in addition to viewing each poster and recording. This year’s judges were: Dr. Brenda Alexander, Dr. Kim Vonnahme, and Dr. John Hall. Results: 1st place – Kelley Duggan (CSU, Chico), 2nd place – Leah Treffer, University of Nebraska – Lincoln), and 3rd place – Katie Peterson (Cal Poly, SLO).

President, Reinaldo Cooke opened the floor to additional old business. None was reported. Cooke then recognized those retiring off the WSASAS Board: Kim Vonnahme, Kacie McCarthy, and Boone Carter. The gavel was then transferred to incoming President, Benton Glaze, as Reinaldo Cooke transitioned to Past President. Benton Glaze expressed gratitude on behalf of WSASAS for Reinaldo’s service.

President, Benton Glaze opened the floor to new business. There was none. David Bohnert moved to adjourn the business meeting. Patrick Doyle seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM (CDT). Presentation of the 2020 WSASAS Awards then followed.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kasey DeAtley, 2019-2020 WSASAS Secretary