2015 WSASAS Annual Business Meeting

Ruidoso, NM

Prepared by Dr. Shanna Ivey, Secretary

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:35am MDT

**Members Present:** 37 members were present

**Approval of Agenda:**  A motion to approve the agenda was put forth by John Hall/Bret Taylor. Motion passed. (Appendix 1)

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were considered and a motion to approve the minutes was put forth by Bret Taylor/Tim Ross. No discussion. Motion passed.

**REPORTS**

**Financial Report:**  Jacelyn Hemmelgarn and Shanna Ivey

WSASAS is maintaining at least 1 year’s operating cost in our budget which is excellent. Jack Whittier commented that the proceedings seem to be costing more each year. This reflects the cost of the hard copy, difficulty collecting page charges. Mike Salisbury moved to accepted as presented, Joel Caton seconded. Pat Hatfield asked about registration for 2012…was it low because it was with JAM? Jacelyn confirmed that when we are with JAM we don’t get all of our registration revenue. Motion passed. (Appendix 2)

**2015 Annual WSASAS Meeting Report:** Mike Salisbury

Registration: 211

Beef: 88

Sheep: 20

Extension: 62

Awards: 141

Grad Lunch and Learn: 50

Grad Mixer: 63

Horse Races: 83

Proceedings: 88 (92 submitted)

**Report from the ASAS President:** Debra Aaron

Dr. Debra Aaron, ASAS president, provided a report of the activities of the national office.

Highlights:

* ASAS currently has 6,200 members which is a record number of members. Increase comes from students memberships.
* Transitional membership is for students to transition into professional membership at a lower rate.
* Services to members are increasing, ASAS Resource Guide is relaunching in August, Animal science database, 22K listings
* JAS is headed by Jim Sartin. Joel Caton has been very helpful. Impact factor 2.2
* ASAS and PSA sold their founding shares in FASS to ADSA. Ag Guide was the concern when ASAS sold our third equity interest in FASS. There is an animal care committee between ASAS, ADSA, PSA and a new guideline will be coming out and all three societies will work on the renewal. Updates are already in the works. Public policy is the other piece of FASS. ASAS remains committed to public policy and it will be discussed at the board meeting in Florida.
* 2016 is the last JAM. ASAS will be meeting separately in 2017 and 2018. ADSA has been invited as our guest. We will still have dairy programming at ASAS.
* 2017 will be in Baltimore, 2018 in Vancouver

**WSASAS President’s Report:** Jim Berardinelli

Recognized the executive committee and the ASAS national office. Jack Whittier asked that if anyone is interested in being the WSASAS Representative to the National Board…talk to Jack Whittier or Jim Berardinelli. Increased participation of extension specialists. We would like to do more programming with teaching. Beef and Sheep Symposium committees were recognized for their efforts. Extension symposium organized by Jim Sprinkle, Benton Glaze, Ken Olson was also a success.

**Academic Quadrathalon Committee Report:** Rachel Endecott

Advisors met during the contest and talked about what to do next year with JAM. For Salt Lake City the model used at the previous meeting would not work. They are proposing an April contest and Chico has agreed to host. There will also be tours and potentially talks about animal welfare. When the meeting was in Bozeman there were 9 teams and this has been on the decline recently. Would like to take a critical look at having the AQ with the meetings due to challenges with student internship schedules, research responsibilities. Brenda Alexander asked that it is a challenge to get them here but don’t they get some benefit. The problem is very few teams stay for the meetings due to costs, summer jobs, internships. Deb Aaron stated that all sections are facing the same challenges. Other sections have decided to keep it the same way. May need to open dialogue with the other sections to brainstorm solutions.

**Advising and Coordinating Committee Report:** Connie Larson

Limited items for the committee to discuss. Clarify dates for 2017 NDSU meeting. Draft a travel policy nonmember speakers. (Appendix 3)

**Awards Committee Report:** Bret Taylor

Nominations were submitted and evaluated by Wizehive and that works well. Bohnert questioned that 3 only committee and Bret confirmed that they did divide the labor. (Appendix 4)

**Beef Symposium Committee Report:** Reinaldo Cooke, Eric J. Scholljegerdes

Eric gave the report. 88 people. Enjoyed tours of NM and speakers at Corona. Next year the beef symposium will support the Grazing Livestock Nutrition Conference. Jack Whittier asked Eric to expand on the dates and Ken Olson gave the report and the announcements usually held when JAM is in the west at a resort location. Will be in Park City, Utah July 18 and 19. Plans are underway for the program and details will be forthcoming. (Appendix 5)

**Graduate Student Paper Competition Committee Report:** Brenda Alexander

There were 16 papers and the top 4 competitors were very close. 2 concerns by the committee – need a set policy on how to calculate the institutional award and in light of recent animal concerns need a requirement for all papers to have an IACUC statement. They would like to rewrite the guidelines to include this requirement. (Appendix 6)

**Graduate Student Representative Report:** Kelsey Quinn

55 attended the Lunch and Learn. Undergraduates are encouraged to attend. 5 student applied to be a candidate for grad representative.

**Necrology Committee Report:** Bret Taylor

Dr. James Dennis Brinks retired from Colorado State University. Dr. G. Stan Smith retired from New Mexico State University. Dr. Paul Johnson Department Head at BYU (when they had an animal science program).

**Nominating Committee Report:** Bret Taylor

Connie Larson was elected as secretary and will serve as the program chair for the WSASAS program with JAM in Salt Lake City, UT. Hannah Cunningham was elected new grad student director.

**Undergraduate Student Poster Competition Committee Report:** Kasey DeAtley

There were 9 posters representing 4 schools, NMSU, MSU, Chico, Oklahoma State University.

The committee will work on judging guidelines. Kasey would also like guidance on how it is going to work at JAM. Mike stated that there will be a designated time for our posters and plans are in the works. Other judges may need to be recruited. Dennis Hallford headed the efforts to fund the prize money. They are still seeking a more permanent funding source. Jim Sprinkle commented that the quality was excellent and the mentors and judges are to be commended for their efforts. (Appendix 7)

**Young Scholars Committee Report:** Ryan Ashley, Shanna Ivey
Shanna gave the report. 2 qualified applicants. Awarded to Katelin Marchetti, NMSU for MS and Whit Stewart, NMSU, PhD. (Appendix 8)

**Old Business**
**Strategic Planning Committee Report:** Connie Larson

The survey was sent out twice due to low number of respondents. Did not change the results dramatically. Appendix 9)

**New Business**

Future site selection

* A letter and policy was drafted and there is a process to bid for future meeting sites. Site groups would put in bids discussed by the membership and voted on. This year we did solicitations and we have a number of universities volunteer to host. Oregon State has volunteered to host in 2018 meeting in Oregon. Idaho has expressed interest as well for 2019. Wyoming has also been approached and she will ask her department head. Comments: Mike Salisbury asked if we should not just proceed for 2018 and decide today. Reinaldo Cooke stated that they would like to host in Bend, OR. Benton stated that they would try to host in Boise and would be in downtown with good access to food, activities and tours for beef symposium. Joel Caton/Rachel Endecott motion, motion passed. WSASAS 2018 will be in Bend, Oregon.

Streamlining abstract and proceedings forms

* Jacelyn Hemmelgarn stated that there are a huge number of forms to track all information needed for submission and lots of time is spent on this process. This is something that will be addressed and worked on during the year. Bohnert stated that as a session chair the process was cumbersome and difficult. Mike Salisbury stated that we are still in transition phase and hopefully the process will continue to improve and sort itself out.

Alternative formats for future annual meetings

* This came from strategic planning committee there seemed to be openness to pursuing alternative formats. There was some confusion on what this meant and a request was put out to clarify. Explore electronic formats.

**Other Business**

* Plagiarizing issue with JAS and the proceedings. Reinaldo Cooke suggested that we change it enough so it will be less than 80%. We may need to add a footnote to indicate that this has been presented in part as a proceedings paper. The way the process works is that when a manuscript is submitted the authenticate software will flag regardless of the source. Boone Carter pointed out the proceedings is not a peer reviewed publication. Joel Caton stated that the proceedings is a launching point for a full manuscript and copyrights could be an issue.

**Transfer of Gavel:** Jim Berardinelli to Mike Salisbury. Mike thanked Jim for his service and presented the past president plaque.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

**APPENDIX 1**

**2015 WSASAS BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

**Ruidoso, NM Convention Center**

**Aspen Room**

**Friday, June 26, 2015**

Call to Order – Jim Berardinelli

Approval of the Agenda – Jim Berardinelli

Approval of the 2014 WSASAS Business Meeting minutes – Shanna Ivey

Reports

* 2015 Financial – Jacelyn Hemmelgarn, Shanna Ivey
* 2015 Annual WSASAS Meeting – Mike Salisbury
* ASAS President – Debra Aaron
* WSASAS President – Jim Berardinelli
* WSASAS Committees
	+ Academic Quadrathlon – Rachel Endecott
	+ Advising and Coordinating – Connie Larson
	+ Awards – Bret Taylor
	+ Beef Symposium – Reinaldo Cooke, Eric Scholljegerdes
	+ Graduate Student Paper Competition – Brenda Alexander
	+ Graduate Student Representative Report – Kelsey Quinn
	+ Necrology – Bret Taylor
	+ Nominating – Bret Taylor
	+ Undergraduate Student Poster Competition – Kasey DeAtley
	+ Young Scholars Program – Ryan Ashley

Old Business

* Strategic Planning Survey: Results and Actions

New Business

* Future site selection: will the new policy work for WSASAS
* Streamlining Abstract and Proceedings forms
* Alternative formats for future Annual Meetings

Transfer of the Gavel

Adjourn

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| STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  |
| WESTERN SECTION |
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| Revenue and Support |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ticketed Events |  |  |  |  | 7,500 |  | 9,875 |  | 3,360 |  | 4,139 |
| Donations and Sponsorships |  |  | 5,500 |  | 5,625 |  | 1,425 |  | 1,250 |
| Proceedings |  |  |  |  | 4,365 |  | 8,385 |  | 10,745 |  | 9,090 |
| Registrations |  |  |  |  | 13,965 |  | 20,146 |  | 1,566 |  | 20,551 |
| Investment Earnings Gain (Loss) |  |  | 1,989 |  | 6,922 |  | 5,246 |  | (873) |
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| Total Revenue and Support |  |  | 33,319 |  | 50,953 |  | 22,342 |  | 34,157 |
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| Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Programs/ Registration |  |  |  | 3,356 |  | 1,297 |  | 2,292 |  | 221 |
| Awards/Plaques |  |  |  |  | 13,935 |  | 13,898 |  | 6,235 |  | 5,950 |
| Convention Center |  |  |  | 6,982 |  | 17,125 |  | 1,716 |  | 10,371 |
| Marketing |  |  |  |  | 3,841 |  | 3,302 |  | 865 |  | 3,273 |
| Proceedings |  |  |  |  | 3,036 |  | 4,021 |  | 2,348 |  | 1,407 |
| Postage, Shipping & Supplies |  |  | 1,329 |  | 363 |  | 17 |  | 984 |
| Miscellaneous |  |  |  |  | 7,186 |  | 7,183 |  | 2,707 |  | 7,895 |
| Insurance |  |  |  |  | - |  | - |  | 195 |  | 111 |
| Staff Support |  |  |  |  | (1,253) |  | 6,553 |  | 3,784 |  | 10,802 |
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| Total Expenses |  |  |  |  | 38,412 |  | 53,742 |  | 20,159 |  | 41,014 |
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| Change in Net Assets |  |  |  | (5,093) |  | (2,789) |  | 2,183 |  | (6,857) |
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| Net Assets, Beginning of Period |  |  | 50,943 |  | 53,732 |  | 51,549 |  | 58,405 |
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| Net Assets, End of Period |  |  | $ 45,850 |  | $ 50,943 |  | $ 53,732 |  | $ 51,548 |
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**APPENDIX 2**

**APPENDIX 3**

**Advising & Coordinating Committee Report**

Chair: Connie Larson (2015-2017)

Committee Members

M. Salisbury, Angelo State University (2013-15)

K. Quinn, New Mexico State University (2014-16)

J. Canton, North Dakota State University (2013-15)

T. Engle, Colorado State University (2013-15)

H. Neibergs, Washington State University (2014-16)

K. Cammack, University of Wyoming (2014-16)

K. Vonnahme, North Dakota State University (2015-17)

J. Lamb, BYU-ID (2015-17)

Two actions were sent to the Advising Coordinating Committee for the 2014-2015.

1. Clarification of dates for the 2017 WSASAS Annual meeting to be held in Fargo, ND, June 20 to 23, 2017 (Tuesday through Friday).

2. Drafting the Travel Reimbursement Policy for Nonmember Invited Speakers.

**APPENDIX 4**

**2015 WSASAS Awards Committee Report**

Chair: J. Bret Taylor

Committee Members:

J. Bret Taylor (Chair)

Margaret Benson

Terry Engle

Scott Lake

Kimberly Vonnahme

Rick Funston

Gary Moss

Call for award nominations was sent to the membership on January 12, 2015; deadline for nominations was March 20, 2015. Nominations by category were:

Distinguished Service: Drs. Daniel Rule and Michael Hubbert

Distinguished Teacher: Drs. Jason Ahola, Kristi Cammack, and Ryan Ashley

Extension: Drs. John Hall and Reinaldo Cooke

Young Scientist: Drs. Reinaldo Cooke and Ryan Ashley

Committee members were assigned to score nominees in two award categories; the chair, B. Taylor, did not participate in scoring nominees. Each category was scored by three committee members. T. Engle declared a conflict-of-interest for scoring the Distinguished Teacher award category; the chair reassigned T. Engle to score a different award category. Scores were submitted to ASAS office via WizeHive and ASAS reported the winners of each award category to the chair. The chair and ASAS verified the top scores; award winners were announced and confirmed at the next WSASAS Executive Committee meeting. The chair contacted the nominators of each award winner; nominators notified the respective award winners.

Award winners by category were:

Distinguished Service: Dr. Michael Hubbert

Distinguished Teacher: Dr. Jason Ahola

Extension: Dr. John Hall

Young Scientist: Dr. Ryan Ashley

Nominators of award winners were:

Distinguished Service: Dr. Mark Branine

Distinguished Teacher: Dr. Jack Whittier

Extension: Dr. J. Bret Taylor

Young Scientist: Ms. Kelsey Quinn

**APPENDIX 5**

**Beef Symposium Report**

Chair: Eric Scholljegerdes and Reinaldo Cooke

The 2015 Beef symposium was held from 7:30AM to 6:30PM on June 23. The Symposium consisted of two Ranch Tours in the morning and invited presentations in the afternoon.

During the morning session, the group toured two ranches. There first stop was the Greene Ranch, where Brian Greene talked about how range management has enhanced the productivity and profitability of the ranch. He also discussed water development and drought management in New Mexico. The second stop was at the 99 Ranch where Jeff Brandenberger discussed the vertical integration of the ranch and the various enterprises. The tour then went to the NMSU Corona Range and Livestock Research Center for Lunch and afternoon presentations.

The presentations were:

* Understanding critical components of beef cow fertility and practical implementation to improve reproductive efficiency. G. Allen Bridges, Elanco Animal Health.
* Practical applications and scientific progress in bull fertility for the beef producer Tom Geary, USDA-ARS Fort Keogh.
* Sexed semen: Current commercial applications and what the future may hold for the beef producer John B. Hall, University of Idaho

The Symposium adjourned at 6:30PM

**APPENDIX 6**

**Graduate Student Paper Competition Committee Report**

Chair: Brenda Alexander

Committee Members: Brenda M. Alexander (UW), Chair, Kris Johnson (WSU), Jennifer Thomson (MSU), Benton Glaze (UI), Lauren Hanna (NDSU), James Oltjen (UC, Davis), Dan Faulkner (UA), Tanja Hess (CSU), and Christopher Shauer (NDSU).

Six committee members were in attendance at the 2015 meeting including: B. Alexander, C. Johnson, B. Glaze, J. Oltjen, D. Faulkner, and C. Shauer. Additional written scores were submitted by L. Hanna and J. Thomson. Tanja Hess did not participate in any of committee’s tasks.

Sixteen abstracts were submitted for competition from nine 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 and then combined for a total score (100 points). Six points separated the top four competitors. The top five placing were: 1) K. E. Quinn, NMSU; 2) B. I. Gomez, OSU (Oklahoma); 3) M.S. Crouse, NDSU; 4) J. L. Chase, OSU (Oklahoma); 5) K. C. Parkinson, USU.

Institutions were deemed eligible for the institutional award with two competitors. Institutions eligible for the 2015 award were: New Mexico State University (n=4), North Dakota State University (n=3), Oklahoma State University (n=2), Oregon State University (n=2). Colorado State University, Montana State University, Texas Tech University, Utah State University and University of Wyoming were not eligible for the institutional award with only one competitor from each institution. For scoring, the top two scores from each institution were used to calculate an average institution score. Using this matrix Oklahoma State University was the top scoring institution with students placing 2nd and 4th. New Mexico State University placed a close second with their top students placing 1st and 7th.

Concerns regarding fairness and consistency for the institutional award were expressed by committee members. It was suggested, formal rules be adopted to calculate an institutional score. To make the process more transparent, adopted rules could be published along with the competition rules and guidelines.

In light of recent public concerns of animal welfare, it is the committee’s recommendation that an explicit requirement for an animal use and care approval statement be instituted. Although this statement is required for Journal of Animal Science submissions and JAS style and format guidelines are followed for proceedings submission, an explicit requirement rather than an easily missed alluded to guideline would be helpful. It is the committee’s opinion that this statement be required for acceptance to present. Of the 2015 submissions, two proceedings lacked any animal care and use approval statement, and IACUC approval was also not presented at the meeting. The concern is not that IACUC was not obtained; the concern is that this statement should be an expectation in all public presentations of research results.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

**APPENDIX 7**

**Undergraduate Poster Competition Committee Report**

Chair: Kasey DeAtley

The second annual undergraduate poster competition was conducted on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at the Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso, NM. A total of nine undergraduates submitted abstracts for the poster session. Institutions represented included Oklahoma State University, Montana State University, New Mexico State University, and California State University, Chico. Committee members that served as judges included Dr. Tom Geary, Dr. Kristi Cammack, and Dr. Kasey DeAtley (chair). Winners of the poster session were:

1st Place: J. A. Matera, Oklahoma State University

2nd Place: A.L. Garza, New Mexico State University

3rd Place: G.E. Woodmansee, 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 2016 contest and will be editing poster score sheet and procedures.

**APPENDIX 8**

**Young Scholar Recognition Program Committee Report**

Chair: Ryan Ashley

Committee Members:

J. Whittier           Colorado State University            (2013-15)

G. Moss             University of Wyoming  (2014-15)

‡B. Carter            Industry Director             (2015-16)

P. Hatfield           Montana State University            (2014-15)

B. Alexander      University of Wyoming  (2015-16)

R. Cook Oregon State University               (2015-16)

‡ K. Quinn           Graduate Student Representative

New Mexico State University

This year there were 2 Candidates representing 1 MS and 1 PhD (both from NMSU), which was a decline compared to previous year’s nominees. The committee members that met at 2015 WSASAS propose that YSR nominees not be required to submit a proceedings for the nomination application starting next year. Additionally, the committee will be more proactive in encouraging colleagues to nominate students as well as encouraging graduate students to apply. Also, we suggest changing the terminology to include having the awardees present an “invited talk” as opposed to providing a “30 minute presentation”. The members felt these measures will increase the number of applicants next year. The committee felt that the philosophy portion of the seminar that Whit included in his seminar was a very nice addition and suggest in the future we encourage other PhD winners to include a similar perspective. This YSR award is in its 3rd year and overall we feel it has been very successful and we look forward to next year’s nominees.

2015 Young Scholar Recognition Recipients:

PhD Whit Stewart (NMSU) nominated by Dr. Eric Scholljegerdes

MS Katelin Marchetti (NMSU) nominated by Dr. Shanna Ivey

**APPENDIX 9**

**Strategic Planning Committee Report**

Chair: Connie Larson

Committee members:

Dennis Hallford, NMSU

Shanna Ivey, NMSU

Jim Sprinkle, U of AZ

Reinaldo Cooke, OSU

Casey DeAtley, Chico

Andy Roberts, USDA Fort Keogh

Evin Sharman, Johnson Research, ID

Kelsey Quinn, NMSU

The committee sent out a membership survey to gather information on the current WSASAS mission and vision statements as well as the strategic plan. Respondent number was only 37 for the first time the survey was sent out. It was decided to send it out a second time and we had 43 respondents for a total of 80 respondents.

To summarize the demographics of the 80 respondents:

Membership

37 Professional members

3 Student members

43% more than 20 years

24% 11to 20 years

24% 6 to 10 years

10% 1 to 5 years.

Top ten areas of special interest:

13% Beef

12% Research

11% Ruminant Nutrition

8 % Applied Research

6% Teaching

6 % Physiology/Endocrinology

5% Extension

5% Growth/Development

5% Sheep/Goats

4% Industry

Top three job classifications

25% Teaching and Research

14% Research and Extension

11% Industry Technical Service

Over 91% of respondents agreed that the current vision and mission statements were still relevant. The a high majority of the responding membership felt that the WSASAS was fulfilling needs in terms of graduate student and professional development, dissemination of research, and viewed the Proceedings as a valuable source of research finding. A lower percentage of membership responded that WSASAS was fulfilling the needs for undergraduate student development, Extension programming and outreach, and teaching development.

Respondents strongly agreed that the four goals of the current Strategic Plan are still highly relevant:

1) Increase membership and participation

2) Increase relevance to members, producers and industry

3) Increase communication, and

4) Increase new initiatives.

While there is strong support for these goals, responses helped to provide direction for drafting a new Strategic Plan.

Two to three committee members are assigned to each Goal and will be working together to draft the new Strategic direction for respective goals. This is to be completed by the end of July. The full committee including the current and past Presidents will then review the full Strategic Plan and finalized a draft of the plan which will be forwarded to Kim Vonnahme, Chair of the Advising and Coordinating Committee for review and action by the Advising and Coordinating Committee.