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Minutes of the WSASAS Annual Business Meeting

June 21, 2013

Montana State University

Prepared by James G. Berardinelli, Secretary-Treasurer

The Annual Business Meeting of the General Membership, Executive Committee and the ASAS Executive Staff was held at Montana State University, Bozeman, MT in room 138 Animal Bioscience Building to report, discuss and make decisions and recommendations of the agenda items listed below and other business of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Duff, President, at 07:30 am (MDT).

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda (Appendix 1) was approved by general consent.

Acceptance of 2012 WSASAS Business Meeting Minutes

After a call for additions or amendments to the Minutes of the 2012 WSASAS Business Meeting a motion was made by Bret Taylor and seconded by Jack Whittier to accept the Minutes as published in the 2013 Western Section of the ASAS Proceedings, Volume 64, page xi. Glenn Duff asked for comments/questions; none were made. Motion passed unanimously.

2013 Financial Report

Glenn Duff presented an overview of the Financial Report. Stated that there was estimated income of approximately \$23,000 most of which from the Proceedings. He indicated that expenses for Annual Meeting were expected to be lower than expected since meeting building, room, and equipment cost were basically "free", except for rental of space (rooms) for the Sheep symposium and Graduate Student Paper Competition presentations at the Museum of the Rockies. He stated that "...we should come out ahead on this year's meeting" financially. Lastly, he indicated that once the Executive Committee received that Financial Report from ASAS that it would be sent to the members. A copy of the report is presented in of these minutes (Appendix 2).

2013 WSASAS Meeting Report

Jim Berardinelli, Secretary-Treasurer, reported that there were a total of 139 registered attendees for the Annual Meeting: 80 Professional; 7 Retirees; 39 Graduate Students and 2 Undergraduate Students. Both the Beef and Sheep Symposia we well attended with registered attendees of 67 and 28, respectfully, and many other local and regional clientele (>120 individuals for the Sheep Symposium).

There were 100 presentations at the Meeting: 72 and 28 oral and poster presentation, respectively. We had 21 Graduate Student Paper Competition Paper presentations. Lastly, he reported that there was a total of 79 Proceedings papers.

Glenn Duff reported that there were more than 125 attendees for the Awards Banquet.

Necrology Committee Report

Andy Roberts, Chair, Past-President, USDA, ARS, Ft. Keogh LARRL, Miles City, MT (Presented by Dennis Hallford, New Mexico)

Members of the WSASAS or those that were closely associated with the WSASAS mission that passed away during 2012-2013. They were:

1. John Smith, Dairy Extension Specialist, University of Arizona, Tucson
2. David Graham, County Extension Agent, New Mexico
3. Dean Fretchner

The report was followed by a moment of silence in memory of our deceased members and friends of the WSASAS.

Nominating Committee Report

Andy Roberts, Chair, Past-President, reported the nominees to be placed on the 2013 election ballot for officers. Nominees and elected officers for 2014 were:

- J. Bret Taylor – President
- Jim Berardinelli – President Elect
- Mike Salisbury – Secretary
- James Grave – Graduate Student Representative. There were a total of 4 graduate students nominated for this position.
- Jack Whittier – ASAS National Director. Holly Neibergs was the other nominee

Andy asked if there were any questions or comments regarding this report; there were none made.

Beef Symposium Committee Report

John Hall, Chair, University of Idaho (Presented by Glenn Duff, Montana State University) prepared the report presented in these minutes (Appendix 3).

Glenn gave an overview of the purpose of and the details of operations of ranches in Southwest Montana that were visited in this year's Beef Symposium "Bus tour". Then he listed the speakers that gave oral presentations related to the topics associated with management, operation, and finance of these ranches.

Glenn also reported that the Sheep Symposium was very well-received by producers in Montana. Glenn asked that we thank and appreciate the corporative spirit of the members of the WERA-39 Committee.

Academic Quadrathlon Committee Report

Dan Rule, Chair, University of Wyoming, presented the report. There were 9 teams representing: USU, CSU, OSU, UA, UWY, NMSU, BYU-I, MSU, and Cal-Chico. This was the highest number of teams in over 20 years. The winner of this year's AQ competition was Montana State University. They will be listed 1st on the AQ winners "Travel Trophy". The trophy will stay at MSU for the next year and then taken to Angelo State University for next year's AQ competition; then travel to the home university of the winning team.

Dan commented on the importance of undergraduate students on these teams that had the opportunity to attend the scientific sessions. Students commented that from these experiences that see how what they learn comes from scientific research from students much like themselves. This activity underscores the importance of the AQ competition to the WSASAS.

Also, Dan stated that he will work with Mike Salisbury to prepare for the 2014 AQ Competition at Angelo State University, not only in regard to facilities and services, but in terms of travel and accommodations for members of participating teams.

A special thank you was given to Rachel Endecott for her outstanding activities and service for hosting the 2013 AQ event at MSU.

Lastly, Glenn Duff, Andy Roberts, Jack Whittier, and the rest of the assemblage thanked Dan Rule for his long-standing and outstanding efforts and service to the WSASAS AQ activities and for developing the concept of the "Traveling trophy".

Awards Committee Report

Bret Taylor, Chair, President-Elect, listed the WSASAS award winners for 2013, then presented the report (Appendix 4). He encourage the members to nominate members of the WSASAS for the awards. Bret asked if there were any questions or comments. Jim Berardinelli commented that people who win awards will probably asked to serve on the Awards Committee during the next cycle. Glenn called for other comments; none were made.

Applied Paper Awards

Connie Larson, Chair, Zinpro Corporation, stated that this was the 13th year for this award and there were 13 papers submitted to the Committee for consideration. She then presented the report (Appendix 5). There were no comments or questions regarding her report.

Young Scholars Recognition

Connie Larson, Chair, Zinpro Corporation, present the report for the 1st annual award for the Young Scholars Recognition Program (Appendix 6). She made the comment that we should encourage Ph.D. students to apply. The Committee suggested that in the following years we consider giving 1 Ph.D. and 2 M.S. students these awards. Furthermore, the web site information, access to and deadlines for nominations should be improved so that the process could be made clearer. She acknowledge the high level of service and patience of the Committee. Glenn Duff encouraged the members to nominate these individuals for the awards.

Graduate Student Competition Committee Report

Chad Mueller, Chair, Oregon State University, presented the report (Appendix 7). There was discussion as to whether or not the Institutional Graduate Student Award should be awarded this year because of a funding issue. Chris Schauer put forth the idea that perhaps we should re-institute this award and give a monetary or some type of trophy (similar to the Traveling Trophy for the AQ). Dennis Hallford moved that we institute a "Traveling Trophy" in the forthcoming years for the Institutional Graduate Student Award of the WSASAS. Bret Taylor seconded this motion. There was an amendment to the motion to give this award this year (2013). Connie Larson thought that Zinpro Corp. would sponsor such a trophy and Bret asked that we acknowledge Zinpro Corp. for their continued support to WSASAS activities. The motion was passed unanimously. Jack Whittier suggested that Dan Rule assist in developing the trophy.

Andy Roberts reminded the members that the Executive Committee made a policy that any graduate student that submitted

Advisory and Coordinating Committee Report

Mike Salisbury, Chair, San Angelo State University, stated that there was no new business or consideration for the Committee this past year due to re-structuring of the Executive Committee and other Committees of WSASAS, and the duties and responsibilities of the members of these Committees. Thus, no written report is given in these minutes.

Western Section Proceedings Publication Committee

Dennis Hallford, Chair, New Mexico State University, presented the report (Appendix 8). Dennis Hallford asked for questions and proceedings. There was a question as to whether if a revision of the reviewed abstract was necessary, would the authors then have the opportunity to revise their Proceedings paper in this new “platform”. Mark Peterson made a motion we do not reject the graduate student paper competition abstract and allow them to go through the entire process. Mike Salisbury seconded the motion. Glenn thought that they could be rejected if they are of insufficient quality based on our standards. There was discussion as to how we should handle reviews and revisions. The motion was tabled and Glenn Duff recommended that the matter be sent to the Advising and Coordinating Committee for evaluation and recommendation. There was a general consensus to accept Glenn’s recommendation.

Report from the ASAS President.

James L. Sartin, ASAS President, Auburn University, reported on the “State of the American Society of Animal Science” and changes in the Society over the past year. He summarized the changes in the technology for publications and databases of the Society. He stated that there were 5,802 members in the Society and that 26.8% of these were not from the U.S.; he expects this percentage to increase in the forthcoming years. He outlined new membership for the Society and the “Junior Animal Scientist” program and encourage everyone to support this program. He stated that the Journal has been “modernized” and new programs related to “Animal Frontiers” and ASAS “Taking Stock” in Washington, D.C. Web site is doing extremely well in term of number of “hits”. Explained how our social media exposure is increasing and doing well. Lastly, he explain how the Society is attempting to influence policy in Washing, D.C. and the impact of “pods”; local specialists that can respond to changes in a timely manner in that particular area. There will be a new journal, “Animal Science and Natural Resource Communication”, with emphasis on education. He did introduce the “coffee” initiative; asking that we buy into this new initiative. Then he reviewed the early registration for annual national meeting program and the Foundation program and their growth and awards. Lastly, he gave an overview of the financial state of the Society. The questions was asked if we were officially “divorced from FASS. He said we were still invested in the association but we will change the services from them to ASAS new contractor to decrease cost (~50% less) and time to publication to less than 6 months. Jacelyn indicated that platform contracts are for 1 year and then a decision is made to stay or look elsewhere for platforms that we work for the Society.

New Business:

Assignment of Roles of Executive Committee

Bret Taylor, President Elect, USDA, ARS, Dubois, ID, reported on the May 8th, Executive Board meeting related to changes in the duties and responsibilities of the Officers of WSASAS. These can all be found on the WSASAS web site. Glenn asked for questions of comments; there were none.

New Abstract/Proceedings Deadlines

Glenn Duff, President, Montana State University, reported that the new system for submission of abstracts and Proceedings papers is now in place. Jacelyn indicated what the timeline of these would be. Jim Berardinelli commented that this year we will be probably be a “learning” year and we will be flexible for this timeline; it will be more streamlined in the next year. Glenn asked for questions or comments. Dennis Hallford asked if this change to the new system required a motion and vote. Glenn stated that it did not, but required only the approval of the Executive Committee, that had already approved the change in May.

Strategic Planning

Glenn Duff, Montana State University, reported that the Industry Representative is the chair of the Strategic Planning Committee of WSASAS, Connie Larson. One issue is the “boundaries of WSASAS. Traditionally, western states, but now we have members in Texas (Southern) and North Dakota. Glenn asked for volunteers to serve on the Committee and to contact her if you are willing to do so. Jacelyn had copies of the ASAS Strategic Plan to use as a starting place. These documents are on the ASAS web site.

Transfer of the Gavel

Glenn Duff transferred the gavel to President Elect, J. Bret Taylor. Bret Taylor, President, then presented Glenn Duff, Past President, with a WSASAS plaque in recognition of his excellent service as an officer in the WSASAS.

Adjournment

Before adjourning, Kelsey Quinn asked that we thank Eli Camacho for her service as Graduate Student Representative to WSASAS.

Rachel Endecott moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Jim Berardinelli. The motion passed unanimously.

Bret Taylor adjourned the meeting at 8:47 am.

APPENDIX 1

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
Western Section, American Society of Animal Science
Friday, June 21, 2013
138 ABB; Montana State University

Call to Order

Approval of the Agenda

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Mike Salisbury, San Angelo State University

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Report from the ASAS President.

James L. Sartin, Auburn University

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APPENDIX 2

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCES STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES WESTERN SECTION

	YTD 12/31/13	YTD 12/31/12	YTD 12/31/11	YTD 12/31/10
Revenue and Support				
Ticketed Events	\$ 9,875	\$ 3,360	\$ 4,139	\$ 2,610
Donations-Awards	5,625	1,425	1,250	4,150
Proceedings	8,385	10,745	9,090	11,708
Registrations	20,146	1,566	20,551	1,595
Investment Earnings Gain (Loss)	6,922	5,246	(873)	5,066
Total Revenue and Support	50,953	22,342	34,157	25,129
Expenses				
Programs/ Registration	1,297	2,292	221	-
Awards/Plaques	13,898	6,235	5,950	6,000
Convention Center	17,125	1,716	10,371	3,048
Marketing	3,302	865	3,273	-
Proceedings	4,021	2,348	1,407	448
Postage, Shipping & Supplies	363	17	984	1,705
Miscellaneous	7,183	2,707	7,895	4,013
Insurance	-	195	111	225
Staff Support	6,553	3,784	10,802	6,406
Total Expenses	53,742	20,159	41,014	21,845
Change in Net Assets	(2,789)	2,183	(6,857)	3,284
Net Assets, Beginning of Period	53,732	51,549	58,405	55,120
Net Assets, End of Period	\$ 50,943	\$ 53,732	\$ 51,548	\$ 58,404

APPENDIX 3

2013 WSAS Beef Symposium Pre-conference Report to WSAS Executive Committee Prepared by John B. Hall

The 2013 WSAS Beef Symposium Committee met several times by conference call or e-mail in early 2013 to discuss the content of the beef symposium. It was decided that this year's Beef Symposium combine a tour of some of Montana's beef operations with presentations on industry relevant topics by University Extension Beef Specialists and Researchers (see attached schedule). The committee felt this format might generate greater interest in the Beef Symposium and create an improved environment for speaker participate interaction. In addition, it would enable some of the leading cattle operations in Montana to showcase their operations, and provide their producer perspective to the symposium.

Drs. Glenn Duff and Rachel Endecott provided considerable leadership and effort in arranging the tour stops and symposium logistics.

There are 60 participants pre-registered for the 2013 WSAS Beef Symposium.

2013 WSAS Beef Symposium Committee

Dr. John Hall, Univ. of Idaho, Chair
Dr. Glenn Duff, Montana State Univ.
Dr. Brett Kirch, Colorado State Univ.
Dr. Dan Faulkner, Arizona State Univ.
Dr. Dale Zobell, Utah State Univ.
Dr. Reinaldo Cooke, Oregon State Univ.
Dr. Scott Lake, Univ. of Wyoming

2013 Western Section Beef Symposium Program

Attendees should meet in the north parking lot of the Animal Bioscience Building (ABB) on the Montana State University campus.

Please arrive between 7:30 am and 7:45 am as the bus will leave promptly at 8:00 am.
Depart ABB at 8:00 Wednesday June 19, 2013

8:30 to 10:30: Stop 1 - MZBar Ranch Belgrade, MT – Tom Milesnick
MZBar ranch is situated on 1400 acres just north of Belgrade, Montana. This cow/calf operation(as well as hay and grain for the ranch) has 2 spring creeks – Thompson Spring Creek and Benhart Spring Creek – in addition to 5 miles of the East Gallatin River, for the skilled fisherman. All 3 streams produce large, healthy wild brown and rainbow trout. Tom Milesnick will provide information on trout stream habitat restoration and pasture rotation.

R. L. Endecott. Montana State University, Bozeman. – Supplementation during drought.
Andy J. Roberts, L. Alexander, T. Geary, R. Waterman, and M. MacNeil. USDA, ARS, Fort Keogh LARRL, Miles City, MT. Multi-sire breeding, how many calves will each bull produce?

11:00 to 1:00. Stop 2 - Churchill Cattle Co. Manhattan, MT –Dale and Nancy Venhuizen

Churchill Cattle Company is owned and operated by Dale and Nancy Venhuizen and their four daughters near Manhattan, MT, where their goal is to design, produce, and market the very best quality Hereford genetics for the local, national, and international beef industry.

D.Kress. Montana State University, Bozeman—Heterosis: the forgotten free lunch

D. Faulkner and S. Lake. University of Arizona and University of Wyoming. –Relationship of voluntary intake and cow survival under range conditions

2:00 to 3:30 to Stop 3 –

Red Bluff Ranch Norris, MT -Montana State University

Red Bluff Ranch is located near Norris in Madison County, Montana, along the west side of the Madison River. The operation comprises 13,750 acres of land, 10,000 deeded and 3,750 leased. Most of this land is rangeland, with limited hay meadows along the valley bottoms. Elevations range from 4,600 feet to 6,200 feet above the Madison River canyon. The ranch occupies most of the once thriving late 19th-early 20th century gold mining community in the Hot Springs Mining District which was second only in gold production to Alder Gulch. At its peak of activity, there may have been a population of approximately 3,000. The ranch nearly surrounds the town of Norris. The founder of Norris, Alexander Norris may have owned much or all of the Red Bluff Ranch at one time as The Red Bluff Research Ranch (previously known as the Rowe Brothers Ranch) was purchased for \$164,000 (\$16.83 per acre). The total acreage was 9,746. Two U. S. Forest Service Grazing Permits (Muddy Greek, Cache Creek) in the Gallatin National Forest came with the Rowe property. Some small additional land exchanges and purchases have taken place over the last 45 years. The grazing permits were returned to the Forest Service in 1976. A new lambing facility and mixing barn at the ranch was constructed in about 1990. This made lambing much easier. There are currently about 170 head of cattle and 900 head of sheep maintained on a year round basis at the research ranch. These livestock along with the range areas are used for both teaching and research.

G. Brester. Montana State University, Bozeman. –Does the Cattle Cycle Still Exist?

4: 4:00 to 5:00: Stop 4 – Bozeman Agriculture Research and Teaching (BART) farm Bozeman, MT

BART, formerly known as 'The Towne Farm' is located west of 19th Street and the main MSU campus. This farm comprises approximately 430 acres and houses the Oscar Thomas Nutrition Center, Miller Stock Pavilion, Equine Center, Horseshoeing School, Feed Mill, and Beef Center. The farm is dedicated to the service and support of research, teaching and extension activities relating to livestock and livestock management.

APPENDIX 4

Date: June 21, 2013

Subject: 2013 WSASAS Awards Committee Report

From: J. Bret Taylor, Awards Committee Chair

To: President Glenn Duff and WSASAS membership

The Awards Committee is charged with receiving nominations, reviewing nomination materials, and selecting recipients for the Distinguished Service, Distinguished Teaching, Extension, and Young Scientist Awards. Committee membership consisted of S. Archibeque, J. Berardinelli, R. Endecott, S. Ivey, D. Rule, and J. Taylor (chair). The initial call for award nominations was posted in the January 2013 Secretary's Letter. The final call for award nominations was posted in the March 2013 President-Elect's Letter. The Awards Committee requested and the Executive Committee approved four \$50 awards to be presented to the nominators of the award recipients; this was advertised to the membership in the President-Elect's Letter. ASAS hosted a web-based nomination platform to receive all required documents from nominators. For the Distinguished Service, Distinguished Teaching, Extension, and Young Scientist Awards, 2, 3, 2, and 5 nominations were received, respectively. The Awards Committee met (phone) April 24 for a brief training on how to navigate the web-based awards system. Committee members were allowed 1 week to review the nomination packets. On May 1, the Awards Committee met (phone) and unanimously selected the following award recipients: Distinguished Service, Patrick Hatfield (Montana State University); Distinguished Teaching, Kristen Johnson (Washington State University); Extension, Scott Lake (University of Wyoming); and Young Scientist, Kimberley Vonnahme (North Dakota State University). Respective recipients for the \$50-nominator awards were Glenn Duff, Margaret Benson, Doug Hixon, and Joel Caton. Award results were presented to the Executive Committee on May 9. From May 10 to 12, nominators of award recipients were notified; all other nominators were notified by e-mail of the results.

APPENDIX 5

Applied Animal Science Award Report

June 13, 2013

Chair: Connie K Larson, Industry Director

Committee members (Sponsor recognition):

Court Campbell

Mark Branine (Zinpro)

Dan Dhuyvetter (Ridley Block)

Kristy Dorton (Diamond V)

Allison Grove (AG Research, LLC)

Kim Hagar (CHS)

Ben Holland (Merck)

Mike Hubbert, NMSU

Jim Killen (Personal sponsorship)

Sonda Killen (Personal sponsorship)

Jeremy Martin (Great Plains Consulting)

Trey Paterson (Padlock Ranches))

Steve Stafford (Personal sponsorship)

Marshall Streeter (Merck)

Kelcey Swyers (Ranchway Feeds)

Gary Tibbetts (Zinpro)

Sponsorship for the award included both corporate and personal contributions from committee members. The total sum collected was \$1000.00, which was divided 50/30/20 for the monetary awards.

Thirteen papers (NMSU, 3; U of NE, 3; UW, 2; NDSU, 2; USDA, 2; and UC Davis, 1) were submitted for the award. Committee members reviewed the papers and provide their rankings of the top three papers. The Chair then award 3 point for each #1 ranking, 2 points for each #2 ranking and 1 point for each #3 ranking. The results were as follows:

Arias, U of WY	20	
Vraspir, U of NE	11	
Peine, NDSU	10	
Roberts, USDA	10	
Caballero, NMSU	9	
Marshal, U of WY	6	
Meyer, U of NE	<6	
Redden, NDSU	<6	
Gardner, NMSU	<6	
Graves, NMSU	<6	<6
Merrill, UC Davis	<6	
Taylor, USDA	<6	
Harms, U of NE	<6	

The Chair determined the tie-breaker for 3rd place.

APPENDIX 6

June 19, 2013

Young Scholar Recognition Program (YSRP) Committee Report

Chair: Connie Larson, Zinpro

Members:

Pat Hatfield*, MSU

Ryan Ashley*, NMSU

Jack Whittier*, CSU

Kelsey Quinn*, Sr. Graduate Representative

James Graves *, Jr. Graduate Representative

Gary Moss, U of WY

Greg Lardy, NDSU

Michael MacNeil, Montana

* Members in attendance at the meeting

The committee met to discuss the YSRP process and program format for the invited talks of recipients. For 2013, there were four nominees in M.S. degree category (two from New Mexico State University and two from Montana State University), and no nominees in the Ph.D. degree category. The Young Scholar Recognition recipients were Kate Sharon, MSU, and Melanie Beckman, NMSU.

In view of the lack of Ph.D. nominees, the committee discussed the Western Section as having a greater number of M.S. graduate students compared to those pursuing a Ph.D. It was decided to revise the YSRP to include one Ph.D. recipient and two M.S. recipients. The group also considered the monetary award and has suggested that the Ph.D. recipient receive a larger monetary award (\$600.00) and the M.S. recipients each receive a smaller amount (\$400.00). Before finalizing the decision, an inquiry will be made as to how these amounts line up with some of the other awards. With the revision in number of YSRP to be recognized, the time commitment for future meetings will need to allow for three 30 minute presentation.

The time designated for the invited talks was between the conclusion of the Sheep and Beef Symposias and prior to the Opening Reception. It was the feeling of the Committee that the light attendance may have been due lack of knowledge about the program since this is the initial year and scheduling. Many attendees were ready for a break before the start of the Reception. Overall, the committee thought that the recipients did a nice job presenting their research.

The committee would like to recommend that the hosting institutions give some consideration to the following options for the invited talks. First option would be to incorporate the talks into the schedule with the Competition Papers. This of course would depend on the number of Competition Papers need to be schedule. The other approach discussed was much like the approach that the Midwest Section has. The invited talks are incorporated into the presentation topic sections that fit with the recipients' research area. A third idea was a combination possibility that the Ph.D. recipient be included with the Competition Paper schedule and the M.S. recipients scheduled in topic sections. The committee felt that there needed to be flexibility allowing the host institution options for incorporating the invited talks into the program.

The suggested calendar dates were discussed among the members. These suggested dates are as follows:

Aug 30	Award site on-line ready to accept nominations
Sept through Dec	Monthly reminders for award nomination submissions
Jan 6	YSRP nominations due
Jan 8	Nominations out to the committee for review
Jan 29	Reviews completed and winners notified
Mar 5	Submission of Invited Proceedings Papers

The discussion regarding dates started with the concern that the Jan 6 deadline date for submissions would likely fall during a time that many Universities were between semesters. The committee agreed that the Invited Papers did not need to be submitted as early as the other abstract/proceedings paper submission deadline since they did not require review and acceptance. It was a consensus that the early dates were not necessary and a revised time line was determined as follows:

Feb 17	YSRP nominations due
Feb 19	Nominations out to the committee for review
Mar 5	Reviews completed and winners notified (two week review period acceptable to committee members)
Apr 3	Submission of Invited Proceedings Papers

Committee members then discussed the nomination process and the challenges that were present during this first year. The challenges included lack of information on the website for the YSRP, poor communication in regards to the nomination process and expectations for both the abstract and essay, and required recommendation letters from Department Heads.

The Committee would like to see the website information improved as well as more “user friendly” access to the information. Ideas that were generated in the discussion are as follows:

1. Tabs that can easily take you to the YSRP information.
2. Including a link to the YSRP information included in the “reminder emails” regarding requests for award nominations.
3. List of important dates.
4. Photos and bios of the current year award winners in order to bring a more personal touch to the information and to highlight the recipients from the previous year. Also include instant access to the Invited Proceedings Papers
5. More detailed communication on the expectations for each component of the nomination package.
6. Scoring guide.

There had been confusion with the process during this first year as to whether the nominator completed all components of the nomination process or whether it was a combined effort with the student. The committee agreed that it should be a combined effort and more specific directions were needed. The three components of the nomination process that generated discussion among the committee included nomination letters, essay and the abstract. The committee agreed to revise these three components.

1. Nomination letters. One letter to be submitted by the nominator and a second letter of recommendation to be determined by the nominator. The second letter is no longer required to be from the Department Head.
2. Essay. The essay will be more of a personal statement written by the student.
3. Abstract. The abstract will be more of an extended abstract that reflects the contents of the Invited Proceedings Paper.

To improve directions and information regarding the YSRP committee members agreed to work on assignments. Kelsey Quinn and James Graves will work on providing the guidelines for the essay. Pat Hatfield and Connie Larson will determine the guidelines for the extended abstract.

Once these two components are completed and all committee members are in agreement, Jack Whittier and Ryan Ashley will evaluate the scoring guidelines and make any necessary adjustments.

APPENDIX 7

Subject: 2013 WSASAS Graduate Student Paper Competition Minutes

Submitted by: Chad J Mueller, 2013 Chair (Oregon State University)

The 2013 WSASAS graduate student paper competition was held on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, MT. This year's committee members included: Chad Mueller (OSU; chairman), Kraig Peel (CSU), Scott Lake (UW), Eric Scholljegerdes (NMSU), Ryan Ashley (NMSU), Chris Schauer (NDSU), and Michelle Mousel (USDA-Dubois). There were 21 paper presentations from 8 universities. Institutions included: Colorado State University – 4; Kansas State University – 1; Montana State University – 3; New Mexico State University – 4; North Dakota State University – 2; Oregon State University – 1; University of Wyoming – 4, and University of Nebraska – 2. The 2014 competition will be chaired by Ryan Ashley (NMSU). No 'institutional' winners were announced for this year.

The 2013 winners were:

1st) Jena L. Peine, North Dakota State University

Effects of maternal nutrition and rumen-protected arginine supplementation on ewe and postnatal lamb performance. J. L. Peine^{1,*}, G. Q. Jia¹, M. L. Van Emon¹, T. L. Neville¹, J. D. Kirsch¹, C. J. Hammer¹, S. T. O'Rourke², L. P. Reynolds¹, J. S. Caton¹, ¹Animal Sciences, ²Pharmaceutical Sciences, North Dakota State University, Fargo, United States.

2nd) Kelsey E. Quinn, New Mexico State University

Regulation of vascular endothelial growth factor (vegf) by (c-x-c motif) ligand 12 (cxcl12) in ovine caruncle explants. K. E. Quinn^{1,*}, R. L. Ashley¹, ¹Animal and Range Science, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, United States.

3rd) Chris L. Shelley, New Mexico State University

Effect of cobalt supplementation on rumen fermentation and blood metabolites. C. L. Shelley^{1,*}, L. N. Tracey¹, A. L. Salazar¹, K. Marchetti¹, L. Schmitz¹, E. J. Scholljegerdes¹, C. K. Larson², S. Ivey¹, ¹Animal and Range Sciences, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, ²Zinpro Corporation, Eden Prairie, MN, United States.

Suggestions: The committee recommends for the 2014 competition to reinstate the 'Institution' winner award. We acknowledge the transfer of award funds for the "Young Scholar Award", which is commended, but committee members would be willing to solicit some Industry funds for a small award (or traveling trophy). [During the 2013 business meeting Dr. Shanna Ivey commented that in the previous year's business meeting that Institutional winners would still be recognized and added to a 'traveling trophy'. These comments were not added to the final minutes in 2012, therefore were not available for the current committee's final decision. It was determined during the 2013 business meeting that Zinpro would sponsor a traveling trophy and that the 2013 Institutional winner be added. The 2013 Institutional winner is New Mexico State University.] CJM

The committee has suggestions for improvement of the abstract/proceedings submission process. We recommend that the online system lock students out of all sections once "Graduate Competition" is selected. The current system will not provide the chairman access to proceeding papers that have been submitted after the deadline, therefore this needs to be corrected for 2014.

APPENDIX 8

Western Section American Society of Animal Science

Proceedings Publication Committee Report and Recommendation

November 11, 2012

Presented by Dennis Hallford

At the request of the WSASAS Executive Committee, the Proceedings Publication Committee met via teleconference on Friday, November 9, 2012 at 1000 (Central Time). Committee Members present were Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe (ASAS Chief Executive Officer), Chris Schauer (North Dakota State University), Bret Taylor (USDA ARS), Jack Whittier (Colorado State University), and Dennis Hallford (New Mexico State University, Chair). Also in attendance were Jacelyn Hemmelgran (ASAS Chief Operations Officer) and Jennifer Gavel (Program Director). The meeting agenda included the following 4 items:

1. Description of the B-Com System for Abstract submission and possibly WSASAS Proceedings submission – Meghan, Jacelyn, Jennifer
2. Discussion of the purpose of the WSASAS Proceedings papers - preliminary dissemination of research results, vehicle for introducing students to scientific writing, refereed journal article, etc. – All Committee Members
3. Based on the purpose of the Proceedings, discussion of most the appropriate method of disseminating the information in the Proceedings – traditional method (B-Com System, outside printer) vs Manuscript Central – All Committee Members
4. If a consensus is reached, formulation of a recommendation(s) for submission to the Western Section Executive Committee

The meeting began with Meghan describing the process of publishing the 2012 WSASAS Proceedings after FASS declined to be involved. After the ASAS meeting in Phoenix, ASAS staff members examined a number of other options to process abstracts for subsequent meetings and concluded that B-Com Event Technologies offered a number of services that appear to be superior to those used previously including the ability to process the WSASAS Proceedings in a manner essentially identical to the traditional method. The second option for handling the Proceedings is submission through Manuscript Central. The attachment summarizes Meghan's thoughts on advantages and disadvantages of the 2 options.

Committee consideration of these options involved a number of issues including: revenue generated for WSASAS by publishing the Proceedings, current method for review of manuscripts (authors submit a form stating that manuscripts have been reviewed in-house), review of Graduate Student Competition papers (usually extensively reviewed by faculty before submission), submission through Manuscript Central offers the attractive advantage of allowing Proceedings papers to be searched on-line, effects of the Manuscript Central review system on future ability to publish results in another refereed journal (see attached), and the possibility of extensive submissions by authors who do not attend the meeting if the Proceedings are perceived to be "refereed publications."

Based on these discussions, the Proceedings Publication Committee recommends that the 2013 WSASAS Proceedings be submitted and published through the B-Com system and that review of manuscripts be handled by methods used previously at member institutions. The Committee further recommends that when the WSASAS Meeting is held in conjunction with the ASAS Annual Meeting, the ASAS staff be allowed the flexibility to manage submission and publication of the Proceedings in a manner compatible with abstract submission for the Joint Annual Meeting.