

2011

Fall Newsletter Northeast ASAS/ADSA

The NEASAS/ADSA held its graduate student paper competition and business meeting and awards luncheon at the Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) in New Orleans. Kristen Govoni (University of Connecticut) organized the competition and presented awards to M. M. McCarthy (1st place; University of Delaware), M. L. Procopio (2nd place; University of Connecticut), and M. C. Santos (3rd place; University of Delaware). Each recipient received a cash award and all competitors received some travel support to attend the meeting. The NEASAS/ADSA presented the Distinguished Service Award to Duane Norman (USDA-ARS Beltsville, MD) and the Young Scientist Award to Trevor DeVries (University of Guelph-Kemptville). Doug Waterman (Nutreco) was recognized for his service to the region as the outgoing president for the Northeast. During the luncheon, Maggie Denbeste (US Pork Center of Excellence; USPCE) gave the keynote presentation focused on the USPCE education programs (Swine Science Online and AG*IDEA). The USPCE programs could serve as a model for the development of programs in the Northeast involving multiple academic institutions and industry. The Northeast Board had several discussions over the last year about how to revitalize the group and conducted a survey of members. Based on several discussions, results of the survey, and poor attendance at the luncheon year after year, the 2012 NEASAS/ADSA meeting with JAM will 1) continue to have the graduate student paper competition and awards, 2) continue to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding professionals in the Northeast region, 3) have a symposium focused on Northeast issues, and 4) have a business meeting and reception following the symposium. The current president is Heather Dann (Miner Institute), the vice president is Matt Wilson (West Virginia University), and the secretary/treasurer is Lisa Holden (The Pennsylvania State University). Please contact any member of the Board if you have comments or questions.

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Northeast ASAS/ADSA Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon Minutes July 12, 2011, 12:30-2:00 New Orleans Convention Center New Orleans, LA

1. NE ASAS/ADSA Luncheon
 - a. Prior to lunch Doug Waterman, NE president introduced himself, Heather Dann, NE vice president and Matt Wilson, NE secretary/treasurer.
 - b. During lunch, Maggie Denbeste, Education Project Coordinator for the US Pork Center of Excellence (USPCE), provided a keynote presentation on the USPCE,

Ag IDEA (the multi-institutional effort to coordinate online offerings) and Swine Science Online.

- c. The USPCE is a public private partnership between the Center, housed at Iowa State University, and 23-25 other land grant universities, a number of state pork associations, the National Pork Producers Council, National Pork Board and USDA. They have coordinated multi-institutional grant proposals, develop a national swine nutrition guide and are serving as a clearing house for extension publications on all aspects of pork production.
 - d. In addition, USPCE has coordinated the development of an online curriculum in basic swine production and elective courses providing in-depth offerings in all the major aspects of the industry. To date they have offered or tested all of the core and elective courses and are ready to start a more aggressive recruitment phase to increase enrollments. Several NE members asked questions, including a number on how the mandatory, week-long, intensive hands on laboratory component was handled and whether that might expand beyond Ames, IA.
2. NE ASAS/ADSA Business Meeting Call to Order at 1:10
 3. Approval of the 2010 NE ASAS/ADSA minutes
 - a. The minutes from last year's meeting were distributed to the attendees of the luncheon. Matt Wilson asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Erin Connor (USDA-ARS, MD) move to accept the minutes and Dr. Heather Dann (Miner Institute, NY) seconded the motion. Matt Wilson asked for any corrections to the minutes and receiving none asked for a vote on the motion to approve. Motion carried.
 4. Treasurers report approval
 - a. The current financial report was provided to the attendees for the period ending December 31, 2010 and was discussed by Dr. Matt Wilson, treasurer. As reported last year, our balance at the start of the year was \$1494.18. We were able to solicit, with the help of the national ASAS, \$5,250 which includes the continuing donation from Dr. Erin Connor of her stipend as section editor. We also were able to glean \$1500 from ASAS in the way of support for having a keynote speaker at the luncheon and business meeting this year. Dr. Matt Wilson asked for questions about the financial statement and hearing none asked for a motion to approve. Dr. Heather Dann (Miner Institute, NY) moved for approval and Dr. Harold Harpster (Penn State, PA) seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
 5. Dr. Doug Waterman asked that those attending thank Dr. Erin Connor for her continued support of the section by way of donating her stipend as section editor for the Journal of Animal Science to the NE ASAS/ADSA.
 6. Reports from ASAS and ADSA national societies
 - a. Dr. Jim Linn (University of Minnesota, MN) president of ADSA presented a report on the state of ADSA
 - i. Journal of Dairy Science is #2 in Animal Agriculture
 - ii. They expect to grow from 6200 pages in 2010 to 6500 pages in 2011
 - iii. The student affiliate divisions (SAD) have sections in the northeast, Midwest and southern and have added a new western section.

Approximately 600 SAD members are participating in the national meeting.

- iv. Membership has grown, primarily as reflected by graduate students in the dairy foods area.
 - v. They are planning the 2nd international milk quality meeting and that will be held in China
 - vi. ADSA Foundation has a goal for a superfund of \$8 million dollars that would generate proceeds to replace page charges for members. Dr. Duane Norman (USDA Beltsville, MD) asked how and when that would be implemented and Dr. Linn indicated that the specifics were still being discussed, but they have a timeline to have the superfund fully funded in about 4 years.
 - vii. Discover conferences are continuing and they recently had one on dairy cow fertility. The conferences have been moved to Chicago, IL to make them more accessible, particularly to the growing number of international participants.
- b. Dr. Ronnie Green (University of Nebraska, NE) president of ASAS presented a report on the state of ASAS
- i. Membership in ASAS is growing, up ~17% this year.
 - ii. ASAS is financially strong.
 - iii. The Joint Annual Meeting is pivotal to the success of the society.
 - iv. A new endeavor of the society, in conjunction with the European Association of Animal Production and the Canadian Society of Animal Science, is the magazine "Animal Frontiers". The first edition is being debuted at the 2011 Joint Annual Meeting with a focus on animal agriculture's carbon footprint.
 - v. The Journal of Animal Science is #1 in impact factor
 - vi. Regarding public policy, Lowell Randall and Walt Smith continue to work in Washington as part of the ASAS public policy committee and the next FAIR process (FAIR 2012) is beginning with input from Deb Hamernik and Steve Weigel.
 - vii. ASAS is a partner in a meeting being held in Argentina in October with a goal of 200 abstracts. As of the Joint Annual Meeting there were over 700 abstracts submitted.
7. Tom Hoagland (University of Connecticut, CT) reported as the NE ASAS/ADSA representative to the board of directors that he is in his first year and was engaged in revising the 2014 Strategic Plan.
8. Kristen Govoni (University of Connecticut, CT) reported on the NE ASAS/ADSA graduate student competition. There were 4 abstracts presented McCarthy (University of Delaware, DE), Santos (University of Delaware, DE), Vyas (University of Maryland, MD) and Procopio (University of Connecticut, CT). Dr. Peter Erickson (University of New Hampshire, NH), Dr. Matt Wilson (West Virginia University, WV) and Dr. Heather Dann (Miner Institute, NY) served as judges. Each participant was provided with a travel scholarship (\$150) and the top three competitors also received a monetary award. Vyas placed 4th, Santos placed 3rd, Procopio placed 2nd and McCarthy placed 1st.
9. NE ASAS/ADSA awards.

- a. Dr. Heather Dann (vice president) presented the NE Outstanding Young Scientist award to Trevor Devries (University of Guelph-Kemptville).
 - b. Dr. Doug Waterman (president) presented the NE Distinguished Service award to Dr. Duane Norman (USDA-ARS Beltsville, MD).
10. NE ASAS/ADSA member survey
- a. Dr. Doug Waterman (president) presented the results of the survey of the membership about the future of the NE ASAS/ADSA section.
 - b. Every year we discuss the peril of the section financially as we bring in fewer dollars than we spend. This year the board had a number of discussions about how to revitalize the NE section so that we could more effectively solicit support to continue to function as a section. One concept that garnered considerable discussion was the possibility of partnering with another regional meeting to improve our identity without trying to hold a stand alone meeting. In order to get a feel for the will of the members, we constructed and distributed a survey.
 - c. 61 members responded to the survey.
 - d. With the exception of continuing to develop graduate students, most other questions were nearly evenly split.
 - e. Dr. Tony Capuco (USDA-ARS Beltsville, MD) inquired about subsets of data and we can look at the data in subgroups, but didn't have anything prepared for the meeting.
 - f. Someone ask if we know why people quit attending and survey and attendee responses focused primarily on limited budgets and the number of other meetings to attend.
 - g. Charlie Sniffen pointed out that the industry has left the NE and that in the past we collaborated with the agronomy society to host a meeting.
 - h. Harold Harpster indicated that in the past the meeting was part of the family vacation plan and that was no longer true.
 - i. Discussion of lack of attendance at the luncheon led to a discussion about not immediately leaving the Joint Annual Meeting, but having a symposium followed by the business meeting.
11. Dr. Lisa Holden (Penn State University) was introduced as the incoming Secretary/Treasurer.
12. Dr. Heather Dann (vice president) recognized Dr. Doug Waterman as the outgoing president with the past-presidents plaque.
13. Dr. Harold Harpster moved that the meeting be adjourned and Dr. Duane Norman seconded that motion. Dr. Heather Dann (president) adjourn the meeting at 2:20.

Northeast Section Report 2011
Thomas A. Hoagland, NE Director

The Northeast Section of the American Society of Animal Science continues to operate in cooperation with the Northeast Branch of the American Dairy Science Association. The president of the Section is Douglas Waterman from Nutreco Canada Ag Research and he is also the industry representative; vice-president is Heather Dann from the Miner Institute and the secretary/treasurer is Matt Wilson from West Virginia University. The section met at the ASAS 2010 National Meeting in Denver. Discussion pursued about award nominations and fund raising. Tom Hoagland volunteered to address the opportunity for a webinar; to date nothing has developed.

At the Denver meeting, the Northeast Section held a graduate student competition in which eight abstracts were presented. The first, second and third placed abstracts received recognition and a monetary award (Laura Nemeč (1st; \$300), Michelle Der Bedrosian (2nd; \$200), and Melanie Soberson (3rd; \$100). James E. Wohlt received the 2010 Northeast ADSA-ASAS Distinguished Service Award.

The Section continues to support graduate students travel to the meeting if they participate in the competition (\$150 per student). This financial responsibility is difficult and new sources of income will need to be discovered for it to continue.

There are many members in the Section that deserve recognition for their activities. The Section has several awards (Young Scientist: Teaching, Young Scientist: Educator and Distinguished Service) which you as members should nominate your colleagues. Nomination deadlines are difficult to meet so please develop these packages early and have them ready for submission.