Motions and Proceedings of Board of Directors 1999 to 2000

MOTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS
ADSA Board Meeting
October 24, 1999

The ADSA Board Meeting was called to order by Harold E. Swaisgood at 8:07 a.m., Eastern Standard Time on October 24, 1999. Officers and Directors present were Swaisgood, Muller, Schingoethe, Van Horn, Fuquay, McGuffey, Tong, Barbano, and Crist. Ex-officio present were Williamson and Wisniewski. Directors absent: O'Donnell and Beede.

Approval of Minutes, August 23, 1999 Board Conference Call: Minutes of the August 23 conference call were reviewed. Tong moved to approve. (Second by Muller; motion passed).

Joint Meeting Planning Update: Swaisgood reported in Beede's absence.

Three options for symposium publication were discussed:

a. publish electronically only
b. publish both electronically in journal and hard-copy in JDS with page charges assessed and
c. publish electronically (on web) and print (on demand order).

Crist moved that symposia papers be published electronically only and printed on demand for subsequent distribution. (Second by Van Horn; motion carried).

Swaisgood brought forth the recommendation that we explore and pursue electronic media presentation providing computers, etc. at the annual meeting. McGuffey moved that we specify requirements (20 computers, 2 backup computers, 1 speaker ready room), have Executive Directors look at it with FASS, get bids and bring them back for review. (Second by Muller; motion passed).
D. J. Schingoethe is installed as ADSA President by L. D. Muller, ADSA Past President, in the absence of H. E. Swaisgood, ADSA President.

K. J. Boor is installed as Director from the Dairy Foods Division by D. J. Schingoethe, ADSA President-Elect.

J. C. Bruhn is installed as ADSA Vice President by D. J. Schingoethe, ADSA President-Elect.

G. F. Hartnell is installed as Director from the Production Division by D. J. Schingoethe, ADSA President-Elect.

Annual Meeting Program Development: Dairy Foods has proposed a workshop geared toward graduate students. Tong moved to make an exception to the current policy to provide one night's lodging for the member who volunteered to organize and speak at this symposium. (McGuffey seconded; motion carried).

Baltimore Host Committee: Williamson reported we have no Host Chair and we need someone to fill this role and help solve problems that arise in Baltimore.

Sponsorship/Fundraising: Williamson reported there are 47 events to sponsor (plus awards). Williamson asked Board members to provide names and contact information for potential sponsors, as well as names of ADSA members with ties to these companies.

Site Selection, 2003 and 2004: 2003 sites under consideration are Reno, Denver, Salt Lake City and Phoenix. Madison, Chicago, St. Louis, Milwaukee and Kansas City are being considered for 2004. We will finalize the 2003 site this spring and choose the 2004 site in July.

Intersociety Publications Committee: Fuquay reported the CD-ROM will be available in March. The committee had discussed the merits of various “aggregator” services and concluded that as a first step, we need to give members access to PubMed (the NIH
search engine that indexes thousands of life science articles annually). Williamson reported that JMC is studying the TEEL Library Project, administered by Cornell’s Mann Library, which provides electronic access to many scientific journals for a discounted fee to underdeveloped countries.

**Journal of Dairy Science:** The board encouraged the JMC and editorial board to consider adding:

1. a disclaimer in the journal regarding commercial product endorsements

2. add a clause in the manuscript submission that divulges any grants or funding the investigator/author has received in support of the study.

**Investment Strategy Committee:** Van Horn reported that the Investment Strategy Committee had studied Williamson’s report based on ADSA’s objective of long-term return, stability, and low overhead charges, and the committee recommends that we shift to low-cost stock index and bond index funds. McGuffey moved to take the recommendation of the Investment Strategy Committee and remove money in the next 2 months from Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and invest into the Vanguard family of funds with 60% stock/40% bond split and hold this ratio for both sources of funds. (Second by Muller; motion passed).

**2000 Budget Proposal/Finance Report:** Williamson presented a 2000 budget proposal. It included comparisons to 1999 and 1998 financial performance and budgets. He forecasted increased income in 2000 due to dues and rate increases, projected cost savings based on better management of internal resources, and recommended careful development of new income streams so that we don’t have to continue to raise rates to stay viable. Crist moved to approve the 2000 budget. (Second by Muller; motion carried).

**Membership Report:** McGuffey reported that total membership was down 6.4% from 1998 figures. The biggest increase in members was in the Graduate Student area (+50%).

**Foundation Budget:** The foundation budget was briefly reviewed. In addition to the successful Discover
conferences and auction, the Foundation is supporting study of a corporate capital/marketing campaign.

**Capital Campaign Report:** Williamson and Van Horn discussed the corporate campaign venture with ASAS. The ADSA Foundation Board voted to recommend to the general ADSA board that we commit up to $13,000 to complete the “case for giving,” “volunteer recruitment” and feasibility aspects of campaign preparation, review a report from Marketing Partners in January, consult further with ASAS leadership, and make a decision at that time whether to go further with the corporate campaign. Schingoethe moved to accept the recommendation of the ADSA Foundation Board as stated above. (Muller seconded; motion passed).

**New Business**

**Handbook Revision:** Schingoethe reported handbook revision is underway and the handbook will be reviewed by the board in 2000.

**Southern ADSA Request for Funds:** Ron Gough, S-ADSA Southern Branch President, asked for $1,250 in symposia funds for the southern meeting to be held in Lexington, KY, January 29 to February 2, 2000. McGuffey moved to respond positively to Gough’s request. (Schingoethe seconded; motion carried).

**SAD Budget—Support for Annual Meeting:** Barbano reported on the budget for SAD activities. Muller moved to accept the budget. (Crist seconded; motion passed).

**Proposed Policies for Payments to Invited Speakers:** GENERAL POLICY: ASAS/ADSA members are not eligible for any reimbursement associated with participation during either an ASAS/ADSA meeting or a FASS meeting that includes ASAS/ADSA participation.

1. ASAS/ADSA members are not eligible for any reimbursement associated with participation during either an ASAS/ADSA meeting or a FASS meeting that includes ASAS/ADSA participation.
2. No more than 2 nights lodging shall be paid to nonmembers, unless participation warrants greater duration.
3. Economy or coach airfare, airfare limits such as purchased at least 21 days in advance.
4. Per diem for meals and daily incidentals total not to exceed ASAS/ADSA rates or rates established for the event.
5. No other specific incidentals shall be paid (phone, laundry, flight or medical insurance, etc.)
6. Mileage rate if driving own vehicle is $0.315/mi, this total not to exceed airfare as determined in #3 above.
7. Car rentals should be intermediate size or smaller. Larger cars and full-sized vans are not allowed unless approved by the Joint Meeting Planning Chair and Executive Directors.
8. Speakers are encouraged strongly to utilize hotel and airport shuttles rather than cabs.
9. Speakers are encouraged strongly to utilize long-term parking at airports.
10. No bank transfer/charges for overseas speakers will be allowed; all payment of expenses shall be made by check made out to ASAS/ADSA in US currency only. No cash payment on-site.
11. No monetary support will be provided to speakers for presentation preparation.
12. Honoraria will not be supported unless the Program Chair specifically arranges and solicits additional funding and has approval in advance from both the Joint Meeting Planning Chair and Executive Directors. No honoraria shall be paid to ASAS/ADSA members under any circumstances. Time limit to turn in expenses shall be ONE MONTH AFTER PRESENTATION. Expenses will be sent to the respective headquarters. If expenses are not turned in by this time, they will not be paid. Deadline for symposia papers to be submitted for publication is THE DAY OF PRESENTATION.

Crist moved to accept the invited speakers policies as written. Schingoethe seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Barbano amended the motion to accept the proposed policies eliminating #10 from the motion and have Williamson investigate and reword this item. (Schingoethe seconded amended motion; motion passed unanimously).

**Strategic Planning:** Swaisgood read the current written strategic plan of ADSA. Based on the discussions in Baltimore, an action summary of staff priorities for 2000 was written that includes:

**Fundraising Priorities**
- Systematize and coordinate meeting fundraising
- Plan research summit kick-off
- Conduct and act upon market research
- Solicit annual gifts
- Improve donor recognition

**Meeting Priorities**
- Help organize and promote premeeting workshop
- Network with allied organization to explore ADSA education workshops at their meetings. Support and promote Discover conference
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Membership Priorities

- Coordinate host committee and fundraising for Baltimore meeting
- Conduct at least three targeted new member mail/email campaigns
- Develop and implement international recruitment strategy
- Improve reliability of journal delivery service
- Implement IP address system for institutions

Online Priorities

- Create and maintain online newsletter
- Increase e-commerce
- Experiment with online governance meetings
- Develop grad student chat room
- Build online teaching resource site

Publication Priorities

- Develop and sell at least three rebundled article collections
- Conduct feasibility study and create acquisitions process for developing new book titles
- Publish on-line symposia paper collection with ASAS as 13th issue of JDS. Postinterpretive summaries by end of June.
- Collaborate with DMI on production of research bulletin service for Dairy Research Centers

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

MOTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS
ADSA Board Meeting Conference Call
January 19, 2000

The ADSA Board Meeting was called to order by Harold E. Swaisgood at 1:03 p.m. Central Standard Time on January 19, 2000. Officers and Directors present were Swaisgood, Muller, Schingoethe, Van Horn, Fuquay, Beede, Tong, Barbano, and Crist. Ex-officio present were Williamson and Wisniewski. Director absent: McGuffey.

Approval of Minutes, October 24, 1999 Board Meeting: Muller moved to accept the minutes. (Barbano seconded; motion carried).

Discussion of Symposia requests: Beede, Overall Program Chair of the 2000 ADSA/ASAS Annual Meeting, gave an update on the educational program planning. O'Donnell moved to limit ADSA exposure for the cost of symposia to $10,000. (Second by Tong; motion passed). O'Donnell moved to encourage symposia chairs to have their checks sent to the Headquarters office by June 1, 2000. (Barbano seconded; motion carried).

The “Nonmember Speaker Honoraria—Requirements, Guidelines, and Suggestions for Joint Meetings of ADSA/ASAS” document was reviewed. Crist moved to approve the Nonmember Speaker Honoraria guidelines. (Second by O'Donnell; motion approved).

Progress report on fund raising: Williamson reported on the 2 components: 1) symposia related fund raising and 2) general event.

Discussion of sites for 2003 meeting: Williamson reported that we were leaning toward Reno but after a site visit by FASS Meetings and Marketing staff, the rooms were too small to accommodate a joint meeting. Other sites under consideration are Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Denver, and Anaheim. We will have a site recommendation before the July meeting.

Membership report: Williamson reported 2000 renewals are at 66%; a decision was made to send a third round of renewal notices. Electronic service was cut off on 12/31/99. The January 2000 issue was not graced. Williamson stated we will promote membership with each new publication in the Reader series.

Financial report and report on investments: Williamson felt the challenge is to create new streams of income through fundraising and publications. Van Horn reported we rolled out of Dean Witter into Vanguard with no loss. The new investment plan is now split out (foundation, general fund). Van Horn expressed his confidence that Williamson is solid in his 2000 budget estimates.

Report on the Status of JDS: Fuquay reported 511 new manuscripts were received in 1999, 339 were accepted and 340 papers were published. 2,944 total pages were published in 1999 as compared to 3,541 in 1998. This difference can be explained in part by the push to get caught up with the backlog in 1998 and the inclusion of the Smith Symposium papers last year and exclusion of Joint Meeting papers this year. He estimated that the rejection rate was 25–30%. 295 days was the average from receipt to publication down from 348 in 1998 and 459 in 1997. In 1999, manuscripts were out for review for 180 days on average and in production 115 days on average. The goal for each of these stages is 120 days. We are moving in that direction as the review stage for December, 1999 was 147 days.

Discussion of policy for disclosure of industrial support or other commercial ties: Jean Rice, ADSA Technical Editor, is working on a statement. Journal Management Committee will approve this statement to be included in the journal and submission form.

Report on the status of institutional marketing in partnership with ASAS: Williamson reported that
the committee is focusing on more systematic research of what industry wants. Round Table Discussions with industry are planned for Phoenix, Des Moines, Chicago, New Jersey, and St. Louis. Their focus will be to develop products and services that industry is looking for and to determine what each society can do to serve industry better in the future.

**Update on the proposed Dairy Research Summit in collaboration with DMI:** The summit will be held on Tuesday, July 25 in Baltimore. It will be the first of a series of meetings with top researchers and executives in the dairy foods industry.

**Update on Print-on-Demand books:** The first book in the Reader Series, *Dairy Management Practices, Housing, and Cattle Health*, has been sent to the printer this week. Williamson will send a sample of the book to the NRAES conference in Pennsylvania. The book was promoted in their meeting packets. Crist has put together the 2nd book in the Reader Series, *Mostitis Control and Milk Quality*, available in early February. Williamson stated that for future books in the series he would like to have a preface for each publication.

**Muller felt that we should establish a committee for this new publication area.** The committee would identify the audience for future publications, make the article selection and write the preface.

**Appointment of a Vice Chair for the Overall Program Planning Committee for 2001:** By his role this year, Jim Linn is the ADSA/ASAS Program Committee Vice Chair for 2001 and will become the Overall Program Chair for 2002. Tong volunteered as board representative for the 2001 meeting.

**FDA Letter:** Schingoethe received a letter from FDA in regard to changing food labeling in regard to trans-fatty acid. Schingoethe noted that most dairy products will not require this labeling but felt that ADSA should respond to this letter. Schingoethe will draft a letter and circulate it to board members along with the draft letter from W-181. After board approval, Swaisgood will send the letter to FDA.

**American Feed Industry Association:** Jimmy Clark attended this meeting in November, 1999 and reported his comments in a letter to Williamson.

**World Association of Animal Production (WAAP):** ASAS is a member. Membership is $450 per year. Williamson indicated participation of European WAAP members at the Baltimore meeting. Muller moved that ADSA be a 2000 member of EAAP. (Schingoethe seconded; motion carried).

**FDA Hearing on Biotechnology:** Jimmy Clark and Bill Haines will be representing ADSA at this hearing to be held in Chicago in late January with Novartis, Monsanto, and Pioneer.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.**

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**MOTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS
ADSA Board Meeting Conference Call
April 11, 2000**

The ADSA Board Meeting was called to order by Har­old E. Swaisgood at 11:03 a.m. Central Daylight Sav­ings Time on April 11, 2000. Officers and Directors present were Swaisgood, Muller, Schingoethe, Van Horn, Fuquay, Beede, McGuffey, O'Donnell, Tong, Bar­bano and Crist. Ex-officio present were Williamson and Wisniewski.

**Acceptance of January 19, 2000 Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed. Beede moved to accept the minutes. (Second by Muller; motion approved).

**REVIEW OF PLANS FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

**Program Summary/Highlights:** Beede reported that the scientific educational program is almost together. 1,350 abstracts will be presented. Board mem­bers commended Beede on his organization and plan.

**Fundraising/Marketing Summary:** Williamson reported that we are ahead of meeting budget projections for the year-to-date. The program book will be mailed to members on May 10.

**Discussion of Media Relations/PR Initiative/GMO Workshop:** Williamson reported that we hope to have a press conference and/or reception with the agricultural press. We hope to get training for a number of our speakers and prepare written materials for training others.

**Financial Report:** Williamson stated that he was happy with the year-end closing figures. Although the loss was $126,000 for 1999, we originally had anticipated $180,000. McGuffey, outgoing director, encour­aged the board to continue to control expenses and report to the membership that ADSA is in the black at the end of 2000.

**JDS Update:** JMC has approved Wayne Kellogg to replace Bill Weiss. Schingoethe moved to accept Wayne Kellogg as the new editor in the Nutrition section. (Second by Muller; motion passed).

**Market Research/Industry Leader Update:** The Marketing Partners report will be available right before the Baltimore meeting.

**Joint Meeting Site Selection for 2003:** E. Berg­feld, ASAS Executive Director, and ASAS Executive Committee members Beermann, Klopfenstein, Armstrong, Lauderdale, Lawrence, and Smith joined the call at 12:00 noon. There was discussion of the site finalists, Phoenix and Salt Lake City. Beede moved we go to Phoenix in 2003. (O'Donnell seconded; motion passed).

**ADSA board adjourned at 12:15 p.m.**
The ADSA Board Meeting was called to order by Harold E. Swaisgood at 1:33 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time on July 13, 2000. Officers and Directors present were Swaisgood, Muller, Schingoethe, Van Horn, Fuquay, Beede, McGuffey, O'Donnell, Tong, and Crist. Ex-officio present were Williamson and Wisniewski. Director absent: Barbano

Acceptance of April 11, 2000 Minutes: Minutes were reviewed. Crist moved to accept the minutes. (O'Donnell seconded; motion carried).

Discussion of Baltimore 2000 meeting: Williamson reported that there are 2,327 registrants as of July 13. This figure is 82% of our projection. Tong asked that we consider how any residual funds left from the Dairy Foods premeeting workshop would be handled. The committee chair requested that they would like to keep any remaining funds for future workshops. Swaisgood asked the board to consider this request and be ready to make a recommendation in Baltimore. GMO Workshop profit will be split equally with ASAS.

General Discussion of Audit and Finances: The audit report was reviewed. Van Horn voiced his appreciation to Williamson. He indicated that journal expenses are reviewed. (Second by McGuffey; motion passed). Schingoethe noted we need to follow up on any necessary action items included in the reports. (Members can view committee reports and 2000–2001 Officers, Committees, and Representatives on the ADSA website: www.adsa.org).

Finance Report: Van Horn commended Williamson for turning around the financial situation. Van Horn reviewed the balance sheet. He noted the change to accrual in January 2000 causes you to look at things a little differently. He noted that since we have put investments into the Vanguard 500 last November that we have seen a 10% return through June 30, 2000. Williamson stated that with no unexpected expenses we should finish the year 2000 with a surplus of $48,000.

Acceptance of Audit Report/Discussion of Issues: Williamson reviewed the Clifton Gunderson management letter. Williamson also reported that we need to establish a policy in regard to the use of donations and carry over of funds. Use of donations is determined by the will of the donor. They can be permanently restricted, temporarily restricted or unrestricted. If not earmarked for a particular purpose, donations now go to the Board website. Swaisgood asked if there were any questions regarding particular reports. O'Donnell moved to accept the minutes as amended. (Beede seconded, motion carried).

Acceptance of Committee Reports: Committee reports were reviewed by members as they were posted to the Board website. Swaisgood welcomed all to Baltimore and introduced the newly elected directors, Boor, Foods and Hartnell, Production. Officers and directors present were Swaisgood, Muller, Schingoethe, Van Horn, Fuquay, Beede, McGuffey, O'Donnell, Tong, Crist and Barbano. Ex-officio present were K. D. Williamson, Rice, and Wisniewski.

Acceptance of July 13, 2000 Minutes: Minutes were reviewed. Muller moved to accept the minutes as amended. (Crist seconded, motion passed). Schingoethe noted we need to follow up on any necessary action items included in the reports. (Members can view committee reports and 2000–2001 Officers, Committees, and Representatives on the ADSA website: www.adsa.org).

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.
Crist moved to solicit general meeting funds with the excess money going to the general meeting fund unless the donor restricts excess funds for a particular purpose. If funds are carried over the company will be identified as a general meeting sponsor in the subsequent year as well. (Second by Beede, motion passed).

Review of Proposed 2001 Budget: Williamson highlighted the proposed budget. He stated that overall expenses are down and money is allocated for program development. Annual meeting is very expensive and costs are hard to determine, especially in the areas of audio-visual equipment and food costs. He stated that there may not be enough built in for marketing. We are under budget for this area thus far in 2000, but Williamson hopes to spend more time and resources over the last 1/2 of the year in this area. We have developed some new products (CD, Reader Series) but have not marketed them widely. Williamson reported that for the 2001 meeting we will begin marketing earlier. Registration fee for professional members will be the same as this year but the early registration deadline will be May 15. Program will be mailed by May 1. Swaisgood suggested several emails about the May 15 deadline and price increase after this deadline. Williamson also reported that student registration fees will increase to $50.00 although he did not support this increase. Sapp has suggested that money could be sent back as a rebate to chapter clubs. Concern was also expressed at the hotel costs for students attending the annual meeting. Williamson has urged FASS staff to negotiate with colleges (dorms) for cheaper lodging for students. This could be possible for 2001 in Indianapolis. Williamson reported that FASS is committed to keep hourly charges to the societies constant. The FASS cost estimates built into our budget are dependent on FASS board approval. 2001 FASS expenses projected in our budget are down from 2000. The question was raised in regard to JDS soon becoming an electronic-only journal and if this should be a concern. Williamson stated that 50% of members receive the hard copy and there has been a 10% drop in the number of institutional subscriptions. As a result of this decrease, we need to find alternative income sources (ex. reader series, industry related on-line newsletter, etc.). Barbano moved to accept the ASDA 2001 budget. (Crist seconded, motion carried). Beede moved to talk with ASAS Board on July 23 regarding the student registration fee for 2001 meeting and make decision on Thursday, July 27. (Second by Crist, motion passed unanimously).

Review of Handbook Draft: Schingoethe detailed updates included in the Handbook. Swaisgood said once the handbook changes are complete that an electronic vote of the membership can be taken after posting the handbook on the website rather than wait until next year's business meeting. Williamson cautioned that it is a dangerous practice to raise your committee structure to by-law status. He suggested that all committees be removed from the by-laws and placed in the Handbook. The board agreed that the Handbook should have a Dairy Foods Division Section and a Production Division Section. McGuffey emphasized the importance of the Handbook to committee members and felt it is a board function to keep it up-to-date.

JDS Report: Progress continues to be made in reducing the days from submission to acceptance. The current goal time is 120 days. Rice would like to get this down to 90 days as some of our competitors. Fuquay felt that based on the time that reviewers and authors take for review and revision, 120 may not even be realistic. Fuquay would like to expand our electronic capabilities for submission and review. Rice stated that the FASS Manuscript Tracking System has many deficiencies. A new system needs to be found. Fuquay reported on changes in processes including the recent addition of a conflict of interest statement, financial disclosure statement and competition disclosure statement. Rice also felt we should include a statement that data presented must belong to the researcher. Williamson stated that JDS is ranked 4th out of 55 journals in ISI citation index ratings. FASS has three of the top six journals. Williamson reported that the 2001 CD-ROM will include 1995 to 2000 and will be offered for purchase on the 2001 renewal notice in September.

Three Branches of ADSA: There is concern as to how well the branches serve ADSA. Williamson reported support provided to branches for 2000 was $1,200 for both the Southern and Northeastern Branches and $1,080 for the Midwest Branch. The major function of the branches is to promote student and young scientists participation through their annual meetings.

Progress of SAD: Quiz bowl will be discussed at the SAD Business meeting. Dave Fisher, University of Illinois, has offered to help coordinate the 2001 quiz bowl. Pledge cards for the Sellers' Cow Consortium are being circulated. Foundation: 4th Discover Conference on Probiotics will be help in September in Nashville, Indiana. Carl Johnson has a “Case for Giving” Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, 2-5 p.m. in Room 302, Convention Center. Baumgardt has requested that someone join the Discover administration team—he has time for only one conference per year and there is a need for more conferences to be sponsored.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.
The ADSA Board Meeting was called to order by Harold E. Swaisgood at 7:55 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on July 23, 2000. Officers and directors present were Swaisgood, Muller, Schingoethe, Van Horn, Fuquay, Beede, McGuffey, O'Donnell, Tong, Crist, Barbano, Boor, Hartnell, Ex-officio present were Williamson, and Wisniewski. Guest: C. L. Sapp, FASS Executive Director, Administration.

Membership Report: Williamson reported that the lapsed member mailing done in September 1999 was successful. Graduate and undergraduate membership has increased. We have 3 new sustaining corporate members. Fuquay proposed that an author requesting a page charge waiver should be required to be a member of ADSA. O'Donnell moved that in order to be eligible for a page charge waiver, the author must be a professional member of ADSA. (Second by McGuffey; motion passed).

Fuquay also recommended that one author should be a professional member of ADSA in order for the team to receive the member page charge rate. There have been some manuscripts submitted where only the student author is an ADSA member. O'Donnell moved that in order to qualify for member page charges at least one author must be a professional member of ADSA. (Muller seconded; motion carried).

Special Publications/Print on Demand Books: Crist, chair of the Special Publications committee, circulated the first 2 books in the Scientific Reader Series. He said the committee is considering future books on calves/heifers, fertility/reproduciton, forages, and dairy foods. Committee would like a summary (introduction) written for future books. Discussion followed regarding publication of practical applications of dairy practices. The board agreed that ADSA needs to develop products to attract new members, both producers and in the foods area.

Special-Topic Meetings and Workshops: Need, topics, and location were discussed. Board agreed they should continue the direction of Discover Conferences. A need for training workshops in dairy foods targeted toward graduate students was identified.

FASS Report: Sapp reported that the 1999 audit has been done but not reviewed by the FASS board. It will be released after the September FASS board meeting. He reported that at the September board meeting no fee increases are proposed. FASS goals for 2000 included 1) the development of a staff policies and procedures handbook and 2) providing the highest quality of service. He reported the American Meat Science Association joined the Savoy office in January 2000. Sapp fielded board questions regarding facility, FASS clients, staff turnover, and technology.

Needs Assessment: Williamson reported he will be developing a needs assessment for ADSA members and will include it in the September "ADSA Today" online newsletter

FASS DC Office: Williamson asked the board what ADSA expects from the DC office. Currently the office is putting out position statements, networking with other DC-based agriculture offices, and supporting legislation that advances animal agriculture research. We need to develop a sense of direction now so it is in place when fast decisions are needed. He reported that the ASAS Board has recently committed to be the "voice of animal agriculture." Hartnell indicated from an industry and scientific community standpoint we need FASS to keep all communication science-based rather than emotional. O'Donnell stated we need to get faculty more involved. Williamson indicated Glenn develops issue statements; four were developed recently dealing with dairy-related topics. ADSA needs to remember Glenn is working for us and we need to get the information out to her. The board agreed to get information out to members about this office and what it does.

Roger Cady Letter/Follow-up: Muller reviewed the letter received last year from Roger Cady, ADSA Production Division, regarding the need for a statistical information base about dairy and animal science research. It would track the number of people engaged in research, how many have received degrees in various subspecialties, perhaps even how much is being spent on basic and applied research in the dairy and animal science fields. This year, Muller brought forth a letter outlining a plan for a "mini-sabbatical"; during it he would spend visiting various research facilities and campuses and pulling together baseline data on how the units are organized, the type of research that is being pursued, and the number of researchers and grant dollars involved. The focus would be primarily undergraduate students and graduate students, so they have reliable information regarding where research of various types is conducted. He is looking for input and ideas. There are approximately thirty 1- and 2-year programs in the United States. Muller asked, "Is the project worth pursuing?" Both Williamson and Van Horn felt ADSA would definitely gain if this study were conducted and ADSA could help disseminate the findings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

The ADSA/ASAS Joint Board Meeting was called to order by ADSA President Harold Swaisgood and ASAS

ADSA Board present included: Swaisgood, Schingoethe, Muller, Van Horn, Fuquay, Beede, McGuffey, O'Donnell, Tong, Crist, Barbano, Boor, and Hartnell. Ex-Officio - Williamson, Rice and Wisniewski.


FASS: Glenn, Jonker, Natzke, and Sapp

Guests: Brown of EAAP, Petitclerc

FASS Report: Roger Natzke, FASS President; Barb Glenn, Vice-President, Scientific Liaison; and Jamie Jonker, FASS Congressional Science Fellow reported on FASS activities.

ARPAS Report: Bill Baumgardt reported that the last 6 months has been a positive period for ARPAS. Baumgardt asked ASAS and ADSA to:

1. pursue the development of arrangements which show linkages or partnership with ADSA and ASAS.
2. continue and enhance efforts which display the role of ARPAS and certification in publications, press releases, and communications with members and clientele.
3. look to ARPAS and its members as a “market” for educational programs that the associations might develop within their growing education portfolio.
4. Appoint a task force to develop mutually agreeable goals and to pursue ways of achieving such goals (two members of each society, with at least one of those members also being a member of ARPAS.

2000 Annual Meeting Report: Beede summarized his written report for the boards. Beede recommended the following to the boards:

1. Invited speakers should be invited, committed and confirmed by November 1.
2. Symposia money should also be committed and confirmed by November 1.
3. Timeline changes (Attachment A) has suggested changes shaded.
4. Final programs and budget should all be web-based including original proposal
5. Accept Model (Attachment C) - 8 point description of the model
6. Accept 2001 Committee structure (Attachment D)
7. Continue to provide printed meeting program
8. Growth/Reproduction (ASAS) and Lactation (ADSA) symposia should be on a 3-year rotation

(These attachments are listed on the ADSA website with committee reports.)

Williamson reported pledges for 2000 meeting support amounting to $176,000. He expressed appreciation to all meeting sponsors.

Bergfeld reported on the Issue Management Plan. She stressed that the best defense is a good offense. A Joint Security Team has been named to address concerns and control any problems that arise. A press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25 from 9:30–11:00 a.m.

EAAP Delegation Report: Dr. Tim Brown reported that on the eight EAAP speakers in attendance in Baltimore and the eight U.S. speakers which will attend their meeting in The Hague in August

2001 Meeting Plans: Sapp reported that the 2001 budget has been finalized and the committee chairs named. The Host Committee includes Dave Anderson, Jeff Armstrong, Ken McGuffey and Mike Hutjens. Pescatore distributed the organization chart for the 2001 meeting. He said his motto is “delegation with intervention.” The set registration fee of $40.00 for students was not a money issue but a philosophical issue. PSA and Meat Science both felt students needed to pay to see value in the meeting. Denny Petitclerc, overall program chair of the 2002 joint meeting in Quebec City, was in attendance to become familiar with meeting organization.

Site Selection/2004: Williamson and Bergfeld indicated the 3 site choices are: Cincinnati, OH, St Louis, MO, and Columbus, OH. Ames moved to accept St. Louis as the site of the 2004 ADSA/ASAS Joint Meeting. (Motion seconded and approved).

Discussion of possibilities for 2005 and 2006: The group requested information on a 3- or 4-year rotation site cycle. Time of year meeting is held was also discussed. It was noted that ADSA will celebrate their centennial in 2006 and ASAS in 2008. Members felt there was value in joint meetings in terms of costs, programming and international attendees and would like them to continue. It was suggested that the centennial years could be made special by having 2 opening sessions with a staggered schedule and a special day to celebrate with centennial activities for the specific society.

DASEES Presentation/Joint Marketing Plan derived from Foundation-sponsored Industry Roundtables Study: Bergfeld and Williamson reported on this proposal. DASEES is an acronym for Dairy and Animal Science Electronic Executive Summaries.

DASEES is an e-mail newsletter published bi-weekly. Subscribers could e-mail queries and enter a chat room. It would be a product of the collaboration between ADSA and ASAS to provide timely, useful, information to knowledgeable professionals working in industries related to animal agriculture. Each DASEES would focus on a topic of current interest in one of six interest areas: dairy foods, dairy production, large animal health, large animal nutrition, beef production, and swine production. Each DASEES issue would pull together short news stories relevant to the audience, one peer-reviewed study or review from the Journal of Dairy Science or the Journal of Animal Science on the issue topic, several extension or practice-oriented articles or guidelines, a few questions to promote further inquiry, and a discussion area for readers to exchange ideas and information. As each DASEES is released, subscribers would receive an e-mail message outlining the contents with "click-through" links to the DASEES web site. Issues that need to be evaluated include: appropriate topics, time involved, best technical design, how much content is available, is an advisory committee needed and if so, who should serve on the committee; and how best to market DASEES and to whom. Bergfeld and Williamson proposed a pilot period (August-October, 2000) utilizing a part time electronic editor ($3,000), promotional campaign ($1,500), and technical support ($500) would be required. Their goal for Year 1 of the program would be 200 subscribers subscribing to 2 topic areas ($100 per year/ per topic) yielding $20,000 income ($10,000 for each society) and the opportunity for DASEES to enhance our value to industry.

Discussion followed. Lauderdale moved to recommend to both Foundation boards the request for funding for the DASEES project. (Crist seconded; motion carried).

**Additional Marketing Partners Recommendations:** Three other items were recommended for the societies.

1. Leadership/Employment Database could be provided to sustaining members as a sustaining membership benefit. The database could be marketed to other groups and would be password protected. Costs connected include database construction ($1,200), marketing ($500), maintenance ($300). Companies could buy banner ads at $250 per month. Start up funds could come from the Program Services budgets. Revenue would be split equally. Could take until 2001 to actually see revenue from the project.

2. Expand FASS Scientific Liaison Office

3. Convene industry sponsored research summits to try to reach consensus on priorities. Recommend more discussion is needed to formulate plan by the 2001 meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.**

**MOTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS**
**ADSA Board Meeting**
**July 27, 2000**

The ADSA Board Meeting was called to order by David J. Schingoethe at 7:55 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on July 27, 2000. Officers and Directors present were Schingoethe, Bruhn, Muller, Van Horn, Fuquay, Beede, McGuffey, O'Donnell, Tong, Crist, Barbano, Boor, Hartnell, Ex-officio present were Williamson and Wisniewski. Absent: Swaisgood. Guests: Campbell, Drackley, Gilliland, Hemken, Linn, Natzke, Norris, Sandine, and Telfer.

**Board Committee Assignments for 2000-2001:** Assignments were reviewed.

**ADSA Research Committee Report:** Stan Gilliland, 2000 Chair, presented the committee's report. He stated that the committee focused on research priorities not development. The committee recommended that ADSA members make use of the FAIR 2002 document on research priorities for animal agriculture when considering areas of focus when developing research projects. Gilliland reported that the FAIR concept has been well received in Washington and represents a unified effort to promote priority research needs in animal agriculture.

**ADSA Foundation Report:** Roger Hemken, 2000 Foundation Chair, highlighted the past year's activities: a joint venture with ASAS and the firm Marketing Partners, Sellars' Cow Consortium in support of SADV, and an individual giving initiative, in the planning stage, led by Carl Johnson.

**Discover Coordinator:** Williamson indicated that Baumgardt does not have as much time to devote to Discover with his ARPAS responsibilities. He would like Discover to continue and expand with additional staff. Recommendation was made to immediately find someone to continue the Discover Conferences series with the same momentum. **Williamson will schedule a conference call with the ADSA Executive committee, two ADSA Foundation representatives and Baumgardt after the Probiotics conference.**

**FASS Report:** Roger Natzke, FASS President, asked if there were any concerns of ADSA. An information campaign was suggested to let members know what FASS is and does. Williamson hoped to see improvement on the lines of communication with ADSA board.
and its FASS board representatives and the FASS board. Fuquay would like to get FASS budget information. Natzke stated that FASS gives financials, upon request, to the President, Vice-President and Treasurer of the founding member societies but not to individual board or society members. Williamson noted we are not to publish FASS figures since FASS is both a business and managing society. Natzke indicated the FASS Board has charged Sapp with bringing in outside business so charges to founding societies do not increase. FASS will be taking over the internship program previously handled by Rutgers and the University of Maryland.

CAST Report: Bill Sandine, ADSA representative, presented the report. CAST has recommended continued support in the area of biotechnology. Bruhn moved that we make a $500.00 contribution to support CAST's public communication effort on ag-biotech issues. (Hartnell seconded; motion carried).

Archives Committee: John Campbell, Chair, reported that the committee's primary focus recently has been the 100th Anniversary Celebration (2006). McGuffey moved that the board approve an allocation of at least $5000 of our surplus to an index fund at the end of each association year earmarked for the development of the 2006 centennial celebration. (Bruhn seconded; motion passed).

The archive committee has proposed two centennial committees: 1) a task force oversight committee headed by ADSA Past President to provide leadership (subdivided—foods, production, SAD, etc.) and 2) a planning and budget committee (oversee 3–4 publications and garner a big speaker—President of the U.S.). Campbell challenged the board to find 100 people to put up $1,000 each with Campbell giving the first $1,000. McGuffey moved to begin promoting the 100 individuals to contribute to the centennial celebration goal in 5 installments of $200/year over a 5-year period and have the association begin to garner corporate support with the money to go into the foundation fund. Any excess funds would be used for student scholarships for industry training. (Beede seconded; motion passed).

Bruhn moved that the ADSA executive committee appoint an oversight committee by January 2001 to provide an outstanding 2006 centennial celebration. (Second by Tong; motion carried).

SAD Report: Mariah Telfer, outgoing SAD President and Ian Norris, incoming SAD President, thanked the board for their support of SAD. They proposed for 2001 that the SAD portion of the meeting be spread over 3 days—too much has been packed into 1½–2 days. Students are excited about the new Quiz Bowl program.

Production Division Chair Report: Jim Linn indicated that there is confusion on organization—where do traditional production division and ADSA roles fit in? He indicated that a bylaw change should be made to clarify this. He asked for board approval to allow the committee to rewrite the organizational structure. We need to ensure that if we name a committee that they have a function.

JMC Report: Jim Drackley, Chair, reported the following action items from the Journal Management Committee meeting on Monday, July 24, 2000:

1. Motion passed to recommend addition of second section editor for Breeding and Genetics section. Retain 3 Physiology & Management editors. New Editor should be someone with some expertise in “modeling” to apply to Nutrition & Physiology sections. Justification: workload in this section is substantially greater per editor than other sections (approximately 75 papers per year vs. 35–45 in other sections). Also, hard to cover when single editor is on vacation, etc.

2. Motion passed to ask the ADSA Board to request FASS to undertake a study and prepare a proposal on the use of ADSA Web server to archive large electronic files (movies, computer programs, photographs, etc.) that would be incorporated into a manuscript. Issues: cost; retaining oversight/copyright; long-term archiving, etc.

Additional Business: Beede moved that a thank-you letter be sent to the Maryland Dairy Princess for her assistance at the ADSA Foundation auction. (Second by Hartnell; motion carried). Beede asked that the centennial celebration issue of a separate meeting be addressed soon. He noted ASAS will celebrate their centennial in 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

ADSA BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, July 27, 2000

President David J. Schingoethe called to order the 2000 ADSA Business Meeting at 11:04 a.m., Thursday, July 27, 2000.

Bill Crist was appointed Parliamentarian.

New officers were introduced: President, D. J. Schingoethe; Vice-President, J. C. Bruhn; Director, Dairy Foods Division, K. J. Boor; and Director, Production Division, G. F. Hartnell.

Northeast Branch officers are President, R. L. Baldwin; Vice-President, S. M. Andrew; and Secretary-Treasurer, P. S. Erickson.

Southern Branch officers are President, J. Bertrand, Vice-President, L. O. Ely; and Secretary-Treasurer, D. D. Johnson.

Midwest Branch officers are President, M. L. Eastridge; Vice-President, J. D. Quigley; and Secretary-Treasurer, S. T. Franklin.

Schingoethe expressed a sincere thank you to outgoing President, H. E. Swaisgood, for all his contributions to ADSA over the past year. Swaisgood returned home earlier in the week after experiencing health problems but is doing much better since consulting his doctor. Attendees saluted Swaisgood with a round of applause.

Report from Overall Program Chair: Beede reported that he had 2 objectives for the 2000 meeting:

1. to provide a quality scientific and educational program
2. to develop a program committee structure for future years

Beede reported there were 3037 registrants, right in line with the last joint meeting in Denver in 1998. There were 1433 presentations and a total of 1341 abstracts. 49.4% were oral and 50.6% were posters. He is collecting information for his postmortem report to the ADSA Headquarters. He has requested that his report be posted to the web for members to review. He has made six recommendations for board action during the next year.

Executive Director’s Report: Williamson reported the financial position is much improved with a $48,000 surplus projected for 2000, membership is up 2.5%, the foundation and its programs are flourishing, and SAD programs remain strong and a quiz bowl competition will be added next year. He thanked all meeting donors, chairs and overall program chair, Dave Beede for making the Baltimore meeting a success. He reported the board established strategic goals in four major areas last fall and will continue to vigorously pursue these goals. He expressed his thanks to outgoing President Swaisgood for doing an exemplary job as President while promoting and supporting the changes needed to keep ADSA viable. ADSA is definitely in Swaisgood’s heart. Williamson looks forward to continued progress in 2001 and a bright future for ADSA now that the first two years of transition to the FASS structure is behind us.

Treasurer’s Report: H. H. Van Horn reported that two years ago ADSA became a part of the new FASS structure. After losses in 1998 and 1999, cost controls established in the ADSA administrative office in Savoy have been effective. ADSA should again be in the black at the end of 2000. Projected 2001 expenses are down from this year and we predict a $115,000 excess in 2001. The balance sheet is posted on the web. Van Horn indicated that to meet long-range needs, we must build up our reserve. Van Horn thanked Williamson for his work in turning this situation around.

FASS Update—President’s Report: Natzke reported that FASS is composed of the three founding societies and also provides services to nine other societies. During the past year, The American Meat Science Association has moved into the Savoy office. FASS philosophy is to continue to expand our outside services in order to keep costs down for the three founding member societies. Natzke reported that FASS is considering how much they should have in reserves. At this time they do not have reserves but discussion on this subject is continuing. He indicated that FASS needs science communicators to speak out on the issues. Congressional Science Fellow, Jamie Jonker, is completing his year working with Rep. Stenholm, U.S. House. Natzke asked for members to identify new candidates for the FASS congressional science fellow and encourage them to apply. Dana Hanson is the new FASS Congressional Science Fellow. A request was made for FASS to provide budget or financials to the 3 founding societies. Natzke indicated that this information is not posted on the website due to concern of competitors. Members suggested an information campaign that details what FASS is and does.

Dairy Foods Division Report: Dave Henning reported that there were five symposia and a total of 127 abstracts submitted, an increase over 1999. The first Dairy Foods premeeting workshop was successful, with 55 attendees surpassing the division’s goal of 40. 2001 representatives are T. Grutzmacher, Chair; R. Jimenez-Flores, Vice-Chair; and M. Drake, Secretary.

Production Division Report: Jim Linn reported 50% of the production abstracts were posters. He encouraged all members to read Beede’s report on the website. Linn reported that due to the new program structure, the production division will be reviewing all bylaws during the coming year. He encouraged members to give their input to committee chairs. 2001 representatives are R. Shaver, Chair; R. Cady, Vice-Chair; and C. Schwab, Secretary.

Student Affiliate Division Report: Schingoethe reported for SAD in the absence of Mariah Telfer, SAD President. Schingoethe emphasized the need to continue to encourage these students who are the future of our society. There is much excitement as SAD members look forward to the first quiz bowl at next year’s meeting in Indianapolis.

Necrology Report: Williamson presented the Necrology Report. Members who died since the last annual meeting were remembered with a moment of silence. Those members were Vivian G. Andersen, California;
Charles A. Becker, Missouri; Herbert B. Henderson, Georgia; Albert R. Kemp, Illinois; Anton G. Sendelbach, Wisconsin; Marvin A. Tung, Ontario, Canada; Evert Wallenfeldt, Wisconsin.

Recognition of Life Members: New Life Members in 2000 are Jack L. Albright, Indiana; Dennis V. Armstrong, Arizona; Edward V. Caruolo, North Carolina; Douglas B. Emmons, Ontario, Canada; William P. Platt, Georgia; Sanford H. Gretebeck, Wisconsin; Donald Hillman, Michigan; Milton P. Kalmbach, Ohio; Isao Kiyosawa, Japan; William S. LaGrange, Iowa; Leland M. Larsen, California; Charles Macgregor, Washington; James K. Miller, Tennessee; James L. Morrill, Kansas; J. Ricardo Seoane, Quebec, Canada; and T. Wayne White, Louisiana.

Ellen Jordan moved to accept all previous reports. (Mark Varner seconded; motion carried).

Resolutions:

Mark Varner presented the report of the Resolutions Committee. All resolutions passed unanimously.

ADSA RESOLUTION 1: HOSTS

WHEREAS the joint meeting of the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) and American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) has been hosted effectively by ADSA/ASAS staff, the meeting planning professionals and United States Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Research Service and Food and Drug Administration - Center for Veterinary Medicine volunteers; where the facilities, equipment, accommodations, and support personnel contributed greatly to the success of the meeting; and whereas the meeting is held in conjunction with the European Association of Animal Production; now therefore, be it resolved that the officers of the American Dairy Science Association, on behalf of the membership, express their sincere thanks and send letters of appreciation to all those whose efforts made the meeting both successful and enjoyable.

ADSA RESOLUTION 2: MEETING SPONSORS

WHEREAS numerous organizations associated with the dairy industry have generously supported the 2000 American Dairy Science Association Annual Meeting and whereas their assistance and sponsorship have contributed to the success of the meeting and to the hospitality enjoyed by all of the participants; now there, be it resolved that the President of the American Dairy Science Association, on behalf of the membership, express appreciation to these organizations for their efforts and support of the American Dairy Science Association (A complete list of meeting and speaker sponsors follows).
involvement of these speakers added greatly to the success of the meeting, now therefore, be it resolved that the officers of the American Dairy Science Association, on behalf of the membership, send a letter of appreciation to those who generously contributed to the program (see complete list in ADSA Resolution 2).

2000 FASS RESOLUTIONS: These resolutions represent the unified voice of over 10,000 animal, dairy, and poultry scientists in the United States and abroad, who work in academia, industry, and government, conducting research, teaching, and extension programs.

Agricultural Biotechnology

WHEREAS, biotechnology is an increasingly important tool in helping to meet multiple agricultural challenges of the 21st century, and
WHEREAS, genetically modified crops have been rapidly adopted by United States farmers because of their increased crop yields and productivity, and
WHEREAS, genetically modified crops are being fed to farm animals and are used for some processed meat products, in binders or coverings, and
WHEREAS, agricultural biotechnology has the capability to improve the supply of healthful animal and plant food products, and thereby meet the nutritional needs of the world's population, and
WHEREAS, consumer and environmental groups in the United States are voicing opposition to genetically modified crops, while several European and other countries have banned the use of genetically modified crops, under the use of the precautionary principle, and
WHEREAS, the President of the United States, House of Representatives and Senate have publically supported biotechnology, and the Basic Research Subcommittee of the House Science Committee, has published a report entitled “Seeds of Opportunity”, but there are bills being introduced supporting labeling of foods containing genetically modified components, and
WHEREAS the Food and Drug Administration held public meetings on biotechnology in which FASS testified, and FDA recently announced refinements to the regulatory review of genetically modified foods, and
WHEREAS, the National Academy of Sciences recently published a report entitled “Genetically Modified Pest Protected Plants: Science and Regulation” which confirmed the environmental safety of current transgenic crops and the public health safety of food products approved to date, and
WHEREAS, FASS has recently published a fact sheet wherein we conclude that the feeding of genetically modified crops to livestock produces meat, milk and eggs that are safe:
BE IT RESOLVED, that FASS strongly recommends that science be the basis for acceptance of genetically modified crops in animal feeds, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the FASS endorses use of biotechnology techniques to improve the value of agricultural plants and animal products, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that rational, scientifically based systems be adopted in governmental policy regarding agricultural biotechnology, including the production, marketing, and global trade for genetically modified crops and all animal products derived from the feeding of genetically modified crops.

Antibiotic Resistance

WHEREAS, the National Research Council and the Institute of Medicine concluded in their report entitled “The Use of Drugs in Food Animals, Benefits and Risks” (1999, National Academy Press, Washington, DC) that the use of antibiotics in the food animal production system does not appear to constitute an immediate public health concern, and

WHEREAS, the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) has endorsed the NRC-IOM report, and

WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Veterinary Medicine has proposed a new framework entitled “A Proposed Framework for Evaluating and Assuring the Human Safety of the Microbial Effects of Antimicrobial New Animal Drugs Intended for Use in Food-Producing Animals”, which increases regulatory requirements to assess the potential link between use of antibiotics in farm animals and antibiotic resistance in humans, and

WHEREAS, the United States Government Accounting Office concluded in their report, entitled “Food Safety, The Agricultural Use of Antibiotics and Its Implications for Human Health” (1999, GAO/RCED-99-74), that the debate is ongoing, and that USDA and HHS develop and implement a plan that contains specific goals, time frames, and resources needed to evaluate the risks and benefits of the existing and actual use of antibiotics in agriculture, including identifying and filling critical data gaps and research needs, and

WHEREAS, the animal health industry, scientific bodies, and professional societies are calling for risk assessment, while some other medical and consumer groups are calling for the banning of antibiotics used subtherapeutically in farm animals, and

WHEREAS, the FDA has conducted public meetings on aspects of the “Proposed Framework”, and is accepting comment on the results of risk assessment studies that they have conducted, and WHEREAS, all groups share a high regard for public health:

BE IT RESOLVED that the FASS recognizes that further discussion, study, and research on antibiotic use in animal food production are needed, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the FASS supports increased funding from both public and private sources for continued research on antimicrobial resistance at critical points from the farm, in the environment, and to the consumer, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FASS strongly endorses that policymakers and governmental agencies use a complete risk assessment and sound scientific information in ascertaining if there is a need for change or development of new governmental policies and regulations regarding therapeutic and subtherapeutic use of antibiotics in farm animals.

Environmental Quality

WHEREAS, consumers have a heightened awareness of environmental quality, and are concerned that animal agriculture poses a threat to the environment, and

WHEREAS, farmers recognize and continue to strive for good environmental stewardship, and are concerned that new federal and state regulatory actions will put them out of business or make it difficult to conduct business, and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act, originally enacted in 1948 and last amended in 1987, is the principal law that governs pollution in the nation’s lakes, rivers, and coastal waters and the authorizations for the Clean Water Act expired on Sept. 30, 1990, and

WHEREAS, in February 1998, the President of the United States released a multi-agency Clean Water Action Plan intended to address many of the nation’s water quality challenges, especially nonpoint source pollution, and

WHEREAS, a key element of the Clean Water Action Plan is to minimize public health and environmental impacts of runoff from animal feeding operations (AFOs), and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have released a Joint USDA-EPA Unified National Strategy for Animal Feeding Operations that recommends Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans for all animal feeding operations, regardless of size, by 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Conservation Service of the USDA has released their Revised Nutrient Management Policy, and is reviewing comments on a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan Guidance, and

WHEREAS, the EPA is working on revising or initiating several regulatory steps, including the permitting
process, effluent guidelines, total maximum daily loads, particulate matter in air, and drinking water quality, and

WHEREAS, a proposed rule by EPA on total maximum daily load, has precipitated at least two bills, one in the House of Representatives and one in the Senate, calling for a National Academy of Sciences study of the scientific information available and still needed to justify the application of the total maximum daily load concept to nonpoint sources of nutrients such as agriculture, and

WHEREAS, several states have initiated mandatory nutrient management planning, some of which are both nitrogen-based, and phosphorus-based, and WHEREAS, the livestock sector has a considerable amount of control over the volume of manure and quantity of nutrients excreted, but research on animal production systems that affect by-product production are not always reviewed and referred to in policies that are being developed and implemented:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) recognizes that animal agriculture is a contributor to environmental quality, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that FASS recognizes that quantitative relationships between animal agriculture and environmental quality should be determined, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that FASS strongly endorses the conduct of more research and extension programs that are integrative and multidisciplinary to encompass whole-farm nutrient management planning including economic impacts, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that FASS encourages development of new alternative nutrient management technologies, either at the federal, state, or private levels to increase funding for this integrative nutrient management research, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that FASS endorses collaboration between USDA, EPA, FASS animal scientists, and others at both the federal, state, and international levels, with the goal to incorporate scientifically based information in the development of both voluntary and regulated nutrient management programs.

Support for AAALAC Accreditation of Farm Animal Facilities

WHEREAS, the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) membership are concerned with the proper care and welfare of animals in their charge, and

WHEREAS, FASS is a member organization of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC), and

WHEREAS, AAALAC accreditation of farm animal facilities is based on the FASS Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Agricultural Research and Teaching (Ag Guide), and

WHEREAS, the “Ag Guide” is used by Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees to monitor farm animal care, and

WHEREAS, the “Ag Guide” has been adopted by the USDA’s Animal Plant Health Inspection Service as a standard guideline for the care of farm animals used for non-agricultural purposes, and

WHEREAS, AAALAC accreditation demonstrates to all parties concerned that proper animal care is assured by the accredited institution:

BE IT RESOLVED that all institutions using farm animal facilities for research and teaching be encouraged to become AAALAC accredited.

Support for Appropriate Irradiation of Meat

WHEREAS, irradiation is a tool to complement, not replace, responsible practices by farmers, processors and consumers in the handling of meat products, and

WHEREAS, the benefits of irradiation of foods have been documented for over 50 years with irradiation approved for use by over 35 countries for more than 40 products, and

WHEREAS, endorsements from both the scientific and public health communities have cited irradiation as an effective and safe technology, and

WHEREAS, there is a trend toward increased consumer acceptance of irradiation for its food safety attributes, and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule by USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and by the Food and Drug Administration does not include processed meat and poultry products:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) encourages USDA to take a leadership role in educating the consumer about the benefits of irradiation and providing assurance about the safety of the process, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that FASS strongly supports and commends the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) rule to permit the use of irradiation for treating fresh or frozen uncooked meat, meat byproducts, and certain meat food products to decrease levels of pathogens, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that FASS encourages USDA to expedite the expansion of this rule to all meat products including processed meat and poultry products.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.