The 2023 business meeting was called to order by the Vice President Dr. Audrey Gamble at 10:30 am on February 6, 2023.

Officers were introduced. Officers are, Past President; Dr. Song Cui, President; Dr. Gurpreet Virk, Vice President and Program Chair; Dr. Audrey Gamble, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Trent Irby, Secretary/Treasurer-elect: Jagmandeep Dhillon

Dr. Gamble presented the 2022 minutes (New Orleans, LA).

Dr. Gamble motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Krutz seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Dr. Audrey Gamble presented the budget. There were 74 registrants for the 2023 conference, out of which 43 were students. Total revenue from the registration was $8,500. The ending balance is $18,536.

There were 73 submitted abstracts including 6 undergraduate posters, 11 MS posters, 11 PhD posters, 9 professional posters, 15 MS orals, 13 PhD orals, and 7 professional orals.

Research Career Professional Award was presented by Dr. Song Cui:
- Dr. Scott Tubbs, Associate Professor of Digital Agriculture, Middle Tennessee State University.

Early Career Award was presented by Dr. Jason Krutz
- Dr. Raju Rangappa, Mississippi State University

Dr. Audrey Gamble presented the student competition awards.

**Undergraduate competition (6)**
- 3rd: Gracey Moffitt, Murray State University
- 2nd: Kyle Krieger, Murray State University
- 1st: Maggie Gillum, University of Kentucky

**M.S. Poster Competition (11)**
- 3rd: Kulpreet Singh, University of Florida
- 2nd: Bryna Haile, Mississippi State University
- 1st: Savannah Banner, University of Georgia

**PhD Poster Competition (11)**
- 3rd: Godred Ankomah, University of Georgia
- 2nd: Ved Parkash, University of Georgia
- 1st: Namita Sinha, Mississippi State University
**MS Oral Competition (15)**

3rd: Lane Galloway, Auburn University  
2nd: William Rutland, Mississippi State University  
1st: Calyn Adams, Mississippi State University

**PhD. Oral Competition (13)**

3rd: Lauren Selph, Texas Tech University  
2nd: Donovan Davis, Texas A&M University  
1st: Megan Berry, University of Tennessee- Knoxville

(First Prize - $300, Second Prize - $200, Third Prize - $100)

- Election - Secretary/Treasurer position. Got 2 nominations:
  1. Dr. Michael M, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (Nominated prior to the conference)  
  2. Dr. Corey Bryant, Mississippi State (Nominated by Dr. Brian Baldwin)

- New business/comments/suggestions
  - Dr. Mike Mulvaney suggested holding future meetings during the week. Dr. Krutz said that he would bring the suggestion to the SAAS board and affirmed that there is interest in this possibility.
    - Dr. Baldwin mentioned the challenges teaching faculty face and the fact that the meeting was moved up one weekend for this year.
    - Dr. Gamble called a vote for whether attendees would like to move the meeting to weekdays.
      - 11 in favor of weekdays
      - 8 in favor of keeping the meeting on a weekend

- Dr. Krutz noted that the meeting will be in Atlanta and Dallas in 2024 and 2025. He mentioned that SAAS has proposed the meeting being in the U.S. Virgin Islands in 2026.
  - Attendees responded favorably
- Dr. Krutz also inquired into moving the meeting back to Super Bowl weekend on behalf of SAAS.
- Dr. Dhillon inquired into the possibility of providing travel support to students
- Dr. Bryant inquired into how to reach out to land grant universities that are not present.
  - Dr. Gamble suggested that attendees reach out to colleagues at other universities
- Dr. Bryant mentioned the desire of attendees to have meetings in more walkable cities.
  - Dr. Krutz described the process of deciding locations and venues for meetings
• The gavel was passed to Dr. Audrey Gamble by Dr. Jason Krutz (past-past President to Present-elect).
• An announcement was made that the 2024 meeting will be held in Atlanta on Feb 1-6, 2024
• Motion was approved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Dhillon motioned to adjourn, and Dr. Krutz seconded. The motion was passed.