

2014 Business Meeting Minutes
Southern Regional Branch – American Society of Agronomy
February 3, 2014

- The 2014 business meeting was called to order by President Steve Hague at 4:30 pm.
- Officers were introduced from the 2013-2014 year. Officers are Steve Hague, President; Yoana Newman, Vice President and Program Chair; Mark Reiter, Secretary/Treasurer; Dexter Watts, Secretary/Treasurer-elect; and Philip Moore, Past-President (absent).
- Minutes from the 2013 Business Meeting were handed out. Discussion included modifying the minutes from 2013 to include clarification. Wayne Ebelhar moved to approve the 2013 minutes upon correction and the motion was seconded by Emby Goli.
- Yoana Newman discussed having a joint forage session scheduling between Agronomy and Animal Sciences as follow up from last year. Carl Crozier said there is a lot of interest and we need to be careful when we plan that session. Vanessa Corriher is currently the program chair for Pastures and Forages in Animal Sciences. The pasture and forage section is usually on Tuesday in the morning. Currently, 9 forage presentations were given this year (all professional). It would be advantageous to join the groups. Yoana Newman stated that Mark Legendre can arrange the scheduling if notified ahead of time (within a month after this meeting). The biggest question: To submit an abstract do you have to be a member of both Agronomy and Animal Sciences? Discussion concluded with a decision stating that being a member of just one group is sufficient. Rocky Lemus asked what the main concentration was going to be for a joint session. Would the session be more geared towards agronomy or livestock production? Vanessa Corriher said we could interface both forage production and livestock management together. Wayne Ebelhar stated that our session on Tuesday morning is full, so we will we need to extend the Agronomy meeting to have a joint session. Both societies agree that graduate student competition is the main purpose of our events; therefore, we may have concurrent sessions so graduate student presentation time is not reduced. Animal science already has concurrent sessions. One possibility is the transition of professional papers to poster so oral presentation times for students is not reduced or concurrent. Jim Muir suggested the program chairs from both societies decide the schedule for a joint forage session. Mark Reiter agrees that he will connect with the Animal Science program chair.
- Steve Hague asked if there was any additional old business to discuss. None was discussed.
- Steve Hague passed the gavel to Yoana Newman at 4:40 pm.
- President Yoana Newman then proceeded to discuss new business.
- Mark Reiter gave the Treasurer report. Mark stated that at the end of calendar year 2013 we had \$8,954 in the checking account that resided in Madison, WI with ASA headquarters. At the end of this meeting, being conservative with catering and other expenses, we should have \$8,789 in the checking account. Mark explained how the accounting system now works with ASA Headquarters handling all money transactions.
- Mark Reiter then gave an attendance report for the 2014 meetings. Overall, we had 39 professional registrations and 44 student registrations to total 83 people; which is up from 68

attendees at the 2013 meeting in Orlando, FL. Of this registration fee, \$60 and \$5 will be sent to SAAS for each registrant to cover expenses, respectively.

- Steve Hague gave an update for the possibility of co-hosting the SASES meeting in junction with our annual meeting. Texas A&M hosted the Southern Region SASES meeting last year and wants us to help with the work and expense. The biggest trouble and expense with the SASES meeting is handled by ASA Headquarters. The group decided that there would be little extra work or financial risk on our behalf to co-host the SASES event. Last year 200 undergraduate participants attended the SASES Southern Regional meeting. Steve wants the undergraduates to be more integrated into the Southern Region and National ASA Meetings. Steve Hague suggested the undergraduate students arrive on Saturday for a tour of the local area of interest, have a quiz bowl Saturday evening, and a mixer that night. Southern Branch ASA should offer a leadership forum or similar event Sunday morning. The SASES group would then attend our poster and oral sessions, contests, the Super Bowl party, etc. This would be an excellent opportunity to recruit undergrad students for grad students. Atlanta is a nice starting point for that next year as many students could fly in pretty easily or are a close drive. The vote was unanimous to pursue a joint SASES event with Steve Hague taking the lead.
- The next meeting location is in Atlanta, GA from Feb. 1-3, 2015.
- Steve Hague discussed the lack of entries for the Early Career and Professional Career Awards. We had no nominations. Steve Hague encouraged us to apply for awards.
- Student competition judges were recognized. Judges this year included: Jamie Foster, Becky Gilfillen, Rocky Lemus, Jim Muir, Joshua White, William Henry, Michael Nicodemus, Wayne Ebelhar, Nathan Slaton, Paul Woosley, and Carl Crozier.
- Student competition awards were announced. Yoana Newman read the names, Steve Hague shook their hand, and Mark Reiter took pictures. Prizes were \$300, \$200, and \$100 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, respectively.
 - Graduate Student Crop Poster (Judges: Jamie Foster and Becky Gilfillen):
 - 1st: Patton Slusher, Mississippi State University
 - 2nd: Rui Yang, Auburn University
 - 3rd: Kamil Rosales, University of Arkansas
 - Graduate Student Soil Poster (Judges: Jim Muir and Joshua White):
 - 1st: Partson Mubvumba, Texas A&M University
 - 2nd: Amanda Middleton, Virginia Tech
 - 3rd: Anna-Beth Stewart, Virginia Tech
 - Undergraduate Student Poster (Judges: Rocky Lemus, William Henry, and Michael Nicodemus):
 - 1st: Hannah Robbins, Murray State University
 - 2nd: Landon Gibbs, Murray State University
 - 3rd: Dal Harrington, Texas A&M-Kingsville
 - Graduate Student Crop Oral (Judges: Wayne Ebelhar, Nathan Slaton, and Paul Woosley):
 - 1st: Alexandre Rocateli, Texas Tech University
 - 2nd: Stephanie Kulesza, Virginia Tech

- 3rd: Kelsey Hoegenauer, Auburn University
 - Graduate Student Soil Oral (Judges: Jim Muir and Carl Crozier):
 - 1st: Md. Rasel Parvej, University of Arkansas
 - 2nd: Ling Ou, Auburn University
 - 3rd: Alicia Hunolt, Virginia Tech
- Nominations for 2015 Secretary/Treasurer. Jim Muir nominated Vanessa Corriher from Texas A&M. Bisondat Macoon seconded the nomination. Mark Reiter nominated Paul DeLaune from Texas A&M. Carl Crozier seconded the motion. Yoana Newman nominated Rocky Lemus from Mississippi State University, but Rocky respectfully declined. We asked nominees to write a biography so we could initiate the online voting.
- Wayne Ebelhar asked how much adding tables and a microphone to the meeting room would cost. The officers need to check with Mark Legendre for extra costs and possibilities for tables and microphone next year. Becky Gilfillen suggested we purchase a microphone. Rocky Lemus said it costs around \$500 to purchase a collar lapel microphone. We decided to have Mark Legendre and SAAS to arrange for tables and a microphone.
- Yoana Newman asked if there was any other new business. Hearing none, Steve Hague moved to adjourn and Nathan Slaton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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