American College of Animal Sciences (ACAS) 2015 Report

Marit Arana, PhD, PAS, Dipl. ACAS–Nutrition, ACAS President

Current ACAS Officers and Board
Marit Arana, president; John Bernard, president-elect; Randy Shaver, past president; Dale Hill, secretary–treasurer; Kenneth Cummings, executive vice president of ARPAS

Minutes of 2014 ACAS Meeting in Kansas City (to be approved in Florida)

The annual meeting of ACAS was called to order by President Randy Shaver at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2014, with 16 members present. Members present introduced themselves.

Randy Shaver read the agenda, and no changes were made.

The minutes of the 2013 Annual ACAS Meeting and minutes of Executive Committee conference calls between the 2013 and 2014 annual meetings were distributed to all present. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, and approval was given by voice vote.

President’s report—Bob Corbitt was introduced as a new member. There are currently eight applications in progress in Nutrition and two applications in progress for Animal Welfare Science.

Treasurer’s report—Because our funding is part of the overall ARPAS budget, we do not have separate funds. Year to date, there have been $875 in dues and $1,000 in board-certification fees received, and expenses of $1,157.96 for phone, supplies, and staff support. The ACAS budget is $1,500 for income and $3,000 for expenses.

Executive Vice-President’s report—Kenneth Cummings reported on progress of board-certification process over the six to seven years. Cummings urged all ACAS members to look at the ARPAS list for eligible candidates who are qualified for board certification. ARPAS is in good financial condition, and the ARPAS Foundation is providing funding to allow free exams for graduating seniors and graduate students. ARPAS has about 1,450 members, and about 205 are board certified.

Discipline Committee Chair reports—Jeff Pendergraft is the new chair for the Genetics Examination Committee. Arana reported that the first online exams have been given (general and species exams) but not the practicum exam. No other Exam Committee chairs were present.

Shaver reported that the bylaws changes were ratified by the membership by electronic ballot.

Nominating Committee report—Shaver is completing his second year as president. The Nominations Committee is soliciting nominations for president-elect, with a target of electronic election to be held in October.

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Marit Arana was installed as president by out-going President Randy Shaver. Arana reported that Jeff DeFrain has accepted the chair position of the Nutrition Exam Committee. ACAS meetings will be held in conjunction with the ASAS–ADSA Joint Annual Meeting through 2016, when ASAS and ADSA may or may not continue the Joint Annual Meeting. Location of ACAS annual meetings after that date will need to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Hill, PhD, PAS
ACAS Secretary

2014–2015 Report
With the help of Jeremy Holzner and the FASS IT department, we completed the new ACAS Brochure.

2014 Elections Results
Nominations were solicited from the membership prior to and during the Kansas City meeting for president-elect. The Nominating Committee (Randy Shaver, Dale Hill, and Marit Arana) established a ballot with two candidates and solicited votes in August from the membership by electronic ballot, and John Bernard was elected as the new president-elect.

2015 Election Results
The Nominating Committee listed above had the 2015 ballot completed in April. Electronic voting took place in May. The membership elected Andy Cole as president-elect and Luis Solórzano as secretary.

Disciplines and Directors

**Discipline of Animal Nutrition**  
Jeff DeFrain, Zinpro Corp.

**Discipline of Animal Food Science**  
Kenneth W. McMillin, Louisiana State University AgCenter

**Discipline of Animal Breeding and Genetics**  
Allan P. Schinckel, Purdue University

**Discipline of Animal Physiology**  
Jonathan Goodson, Evonik Degussa

**Discipline of Animal Welfare Science**  
Geoffrey A. H. Cochrane, Russell Veterinary Services

**Discipline of Applied Animal Behavior Science**  
Jeff S. Pendergraft, Pendergraft and Associates LLC

New Board-Certified Members (since July 2014)

Daryl Kleinschmidt, Zinpro Corp., Animal Nutrition  
Pablo Gregorini, Dairy NZ Ltd., Animal Nutrition and Animal Physiology  
Francisco Fluharty, The Ohio State University, Animal Nutrition  
Jeff Tifkosky, Land O'Lakes Purina, Animal Nutrition  
John Goeser, Rock River Laboratory, Animal Nutrition  
Patrick French, The Old Mill Troy, Animal Nutrition  
Michael Hubbert, New Mexico State University, Animal Nutrition
Eight additional applicants are pursuing the approval process for Animal Nutrition. Five additional individuals have expressed interest in board certification, but they must first become ARPAS members.