I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President John Wagner at 12:32 pm.

II. Secretary’s Report and Approval of Minutes

Secretary Ellen Jordan noted that draft minutes of the 2011 Business Meeting were posted on the ARPAS web site and that hard copies were also available at the meeting.

Motion to approve the 2011 Business Meeting minutes was made by Bill Braman and seconded by Jack Garrett. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer’s Report

Kenneth Cummings gave the report on behalf of Treasurer Carl Hunt. ARPAS is in good financial health and continues to stay solvent by under spending its budget every year. The organization has a one-year cash reserve in investment accounts, but a slight decline in income over the past couple of years from the two main revenue sources – dues and sponsorship – has been of some concern. ARPAS has not changed dues structure in about eight years, but if the situation does not improve increasing dues and corporate sponsor support may be necessary to balance the budget. Reserve funds are invested in fixed accounts (75%) and equity investments (25%). The journal continues to cover its expenses.

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s report was made by Terry Mader, seconded by Wayne Kellogg and approved unanimously by voice vote. Motion carried.

IV. Business Office Report

Jamie Ritter highlighted some items from her written report, including recent changes in the FASS office due to a shift in relationship with one of the founding societies. The 2013 budget has been approved with no increases in service fees.

V. President’s Report
  a. Governing Council Report
John Wagner welcomed to the meeting a guest delegation from the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science. He acknowledged ARPAS Executive President Kenneth Cummings for his work on behalf of ARPAS and continuously promoting the values of the society, and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Governing Council. He called on ARPAS members to participate in regional chapter activities and urged recruitment of young members among undergraduate and graduate students.

b. Distinguished Professional Animal Scientist Award

This year’s award was given to the following members of ARPAS: Dr. Leonard Bull, Dr. Vernon Pursel (deceased) and Dr. Raymond Hinders (deceased). The awards will be presented to the recipients or their families at the nearest opportunity.

VI. Executive Vice President’s Report

Kenneth Cummings referred to his written report. One item that the Governing Council should revisit next January is the 2010 Strategic Planning survey in order to enact some of the key points. Another issue that needs further discussion and a plan is membership growth. The availability of Professional Liability Insurance through DFA was emphasized as one membership benefit that had been negotiated by ARPAS.

VII. Foundation Report

As of June 30, 2012, the ARPAS Foundation had $66,002.87 invested. In July of 2012, additional $20K will be transferred into the account from the general fund. The Foundation expenditures are based on earnings from these investments and may only be used to further educational efforts of the Foundation. Two future activities were presented and approved at the Governing Council meeting: 1) organize a series of webinars, and 2) finance the ARPAS exam for top students majoring in Animal Science.

VIII. PAS Journal Report

The journal page numbers were down last year, but rebounded in 2012 to finish at a slightly higher level than two years ago. The majority of papers received were beef and dairy; equine papers were trailing far behind. Wayne Kellogg expressed his gratitude to the FASS staff and the governing council under the leadership of Dr. Cummings. He also thanked Assistant Editor Dr. Gunther, Dr. Goodband, and the outgoing editorial board members.

IX. Membership Report

Joe Harrison reported that membership grew for 2012, up 10% from a year ago. To date, ARPAS has 1,376 paid individual members which includes 1,087 Professional, 186 Board
Certified, 22 Associate, 33 Emeritus, 18 Lifetime Emeritus, and 30 Graduate Students. Fifteen Corporate Sponsors renewed their support of ARPAS so far this year.

X. **Examining Board Report**

Exam question databases are up to date except for Aquaculture and Poultry Products. Currently, we have no members in the registry with a background in these two specialties. Dairy and Beef Cattle specialties continue to be the most demanded exams, followed by Horse, and a few exams are given in other species. With very few exceptions, the overall pass success rate for all species combined has ranged between 58% and 62% since 2006. Exams are updated every six months, and may be requested from the ARPAS headquarter at any time. The Examining Board will explore a possibility of administering the basic exam to individuals living in foreign countries online.

XI. **ACAS Report**

ACAS had a busy year. Eight new members have been board certified through ACAS and 19 applications are currently in process. A time limit of one year has been set for open applications; applications older than one year will have to be resubmitted. Randy Shaver is the incoming President. Rich Reynnells is the President Elect.

XII. **Standing Committee Reports**

Joanne Knapp reported no ethical violations during the preceding year.

There were no reports by other Standing Committees.

XIII. **Chapter Reports**

Chapter representatives from the following chapters reported on chapter activities, including future meetings: Arkansas (Wayne Kellogg), California (Marit Arana), CO/WY/NE (Shawn Archibeque), Midwest (Joanne Knapp), Northeast (Kenneth Cummings), Pacific Northwest (Bill Sanchez), Southern Great Plains (Andy Cole), and Washington, DC (Bill Price).

XIV. **PAACO Report**

Terry Mader gave a short report on PAACO activities in 2011/2012. The mission of the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO) is to promote the humane treatment of animals through education and certification of animal auditors, as well as the review and/or certification of animal audit instruments, assessments and programs.

XV. **Nigerian Institute Report**
Dr. Placid Njoku, President of the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science, announced that the first class of members has been installed at the institute’s annual meeting in Abuja, the capital city, in April 2012. Dr. Adegbola Adesogan, University of Florida, represented ARPAS at the meeting.

XVI. Old Business

There were no items of Old Business.

XVII. New Business

Some officers mentioned that a recurrent question is raised by ARPAS members: What do I get out of my membership? It was recognized that to receive the full potential of the membership benefits, such as professional credibility and credentials, recognition of abilities and knowledge, access to The Professional Animal Scientist journal, or participation in regional chapters, ARPAS needs to come up with creative solutions to become more visible. Suggestions that were made at the meeting included creating separate Wikipedia pages for ARPAS and the PAS journal. Dale Hill and Bill Price agreed to work on those items.

XVIII. Election Results

The Nominating Committee is comprised of three Past Presidents: Bill Braman, Chair, Randy Shaver and Marit Arana. Bill Braman announced the results of the 2012 elections: Midwest Director – Joanne Knapp, Fox Hollow Consulting; Southern Director – Paul Beck, University of Arkansas; and President-Elect – Michael Galyean, Texas Tech University. Bill Sanchez, Diamond V will automatically move from President-Elect to President.

XIX. Installation of Officers

New officers were officially installed by John Wagner. Bill Sanchez presented a plaque to outgoing President John Wagner. Outgoing ACAS President Jack Garrett was also presented with a plaque, and Section Directors Jim Spain and Dana Tomlinson (who were not present) received framed certificates.

XX. Adjourn

Seeing no further business, President Bill Sanchez called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Price, seconded by Bill Braman and approved unanimously by voice vote. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.