Meeting called to order by Jack Garrett at 1:04pm

Motion to approve the agenda made by Bill Price. Motion seconded by Marit Arana. Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

1. Approval of Minutes -2014 GC Meeting
   -Steve Schmidt is listed as attending twice. Correction will be made before final version posted.

2. Treasurer’s Report - Financial Update and 2015 draft budget provided by Carl Hunt.
   -Submitted report based on November numbers and final year numbers are now available. ARPAS is on a good financial foundation and the current financials look very good.
   -PAS ran at a loss in 2014 but cannot gauge if that is a trend with only one year of data. Wayne Kellogg notes $4000.00 in journal sponsorship applied in 2013 but should have been deferred to 2014 when the papers being sponsored were actually published. There were also no Open Access papers in 2014 which brings in more revenue per paper.
   -Motion to accept report as given made by Joanne Knapp. Motion seconded by Mike Galyean. Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.
   -Motion to transfer $20,000.00 to the foundation was made but postponed pending discussion on the future of the PAS Journal.

3. President’s report
   -Report presented as written.
-Results of ARPAS survey regarding JAM and future ARPAS meetings shared with ADSA and ASAS. ADSA did not provide a response but ASAS was not happy with the results or the questions that were asked. Jack Garrett spoke directly with ASAS CEO and President. ASAS felt that the membership between ASAS and ADSA did not cross over enough to justify the joint meeting and the societies are diverse enough to have separate meetings.

-Motion to accept Presidents report made by Wayne Kellogg. Motion seconded by Steve Schmidt. Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

4. Executive Vice-President’s Report
   -Presented as submitted by Kenneth Cummings
   -Survey shows that ARPAS is not wholly tied to either ADSA or ASAS
   -Large number of student exams with most undergrads not performing well
   -PAS important part of ARPAS.
   -Progress made on the topic of ethics lead by the ethics committee
   -ACAS has added a number of new members after increased efforts to do so

5. Business Office Report
   Presented by Jamie Ritter and Jeremy Holzner
   -PAS journal proposal from Elsevier
   -Review of minutes from summer meeting and noted items completed by FASS office

6. PAS Journal Editor’s Report presented by Wayne Kellogg
   -Appreciates the EC and GC considering the Elsevier proposal and FASS for offering the financial analysis presented.
   -Open submission process to those from outside the ARPAS/ADSA/ASAS/PSA/AMSA/ESS membership suggested. There has already been interest from individuals overseas with a few international papers published. Focus on quality of manuscripts that are of interest to our membership rather than focusing on membership status as a criterion for paper submission.
   -Journal has remained stable with consistent number of pages published.
   -Continued efforts on obtaining an impact factor. This is especially important for young scientists.
   -ADSA does offer a member/nonmember rate on page charges but membership in ARPAS requires an exam where ADSA has no requirement other than dues payment.

   -Updated history submitted to FASS office for posting.
   -ARPAS logoed merchandise almost ready to go.

8. ARPAS Foundation Report submitted by Bill Braman and presented by Kenneth Cummings
   -Most of Foundation funds coming from transfer from ARPAS budget to the Foundation each year. Need to consider how to promote the foundation and encourage individuals to donate.
   -Most money spent by foundation has been to cover exam fees of graduate students and graduating seniors and that program will continue and most likely expand.
   -Foundation will pay for publication of ethics committee symposium papers in PAS presented at JAM 2014.
9. Standing Committee Reports
   
   a. Ethics report presented by Joanne Knapp
      - No ethics violation since last GC meeting.
      - Article in progressive dairyman noting the importance of ethics and ARPAS membership.
      - ARPAS website updated with standalone tab for ethics that includes the code of ethics and ethics related articles.
      - When Joanne Knapp became chair the open positions on the committee were not filled by the previous chair. Kenneth Cummings suggests letting the new chair fill open committee slots after annual meeting in July.

   b. Membership report presented by Dwain Bunting and Jeremy Holzner
      - Renewals progressing well with renewals going out through April 1 and another paper mailing in February. Email will also go out to past member reminding them how easy it is to reinstate a lapsed membership.
      - Send email specifically targeting graduate student members.
      - Midwest Chapter membership has seen a decline over 2014.

   c. Professional Relations Committee report presented by Paul Beck
      - Disappointed in response to committee efforts to attract new sponsors.
      - Many still plan to renew and current report isn’t indicative of what we will see in the next month.
      - It has been easier to sponsor page charges/proceedings than a simple corporate sponsorship. Offer those sponsors recognition on the website.

   d. Program/Symposia presented by Bob Wetteman
      - Four very visible speakers from beef science field and literature.
      - Will have the opportunity to published manuscripts in PAS. Sponsors need to be sought to assist in covering the page charges related to these publications. Paul Beck may seek sponsors.

   e. Nominating Committee - 2015 Elections report presented by Mike Galyean
      - Contact has been made with several people about potential nominees. Email with proposed slate of nominees to committee members who agreed that they can now contact them to confirm willingness to serve.
      - Slate will be sent to Jeremy Holzner at FASS to collect bios/CV and prepare ballot for election in April.

   f. Examining Committee report presented by Steve Schmidt
      - Very detailed breakdown by exam taken and by potential membership type.
      - Database is updated if concerns arise and questions need to be revised. Concerns reviewed by Steve Schmidt and changes made accordingly and database updated for future exams.
Committee members all expired in 2014 and may need to be updated and have questions reviewed again.

Moe Bakke nominates Anne Rodde (sp?) to be on exam committee as equine representative. Marit Arana notes that Anne did review the equine questions back in 2006.

Regarding assessment exams Penn. State has decided they are not going to do an assessment exam and issues with such an exam noted in report. Perhaps survey universities again asking about their interest in such an exam.

- Find out about U of I student exams (contact, reason for exams, how they were being used, etc).

10. Reports from Affiliated Society Representatives
   a. ADSA submitted by Jerry Higginbotham but he left the call.
   b. ASAS report written by ASAS President and report given by Bob Wettemen.
      - Trying to do more to serve members than traditional JAM and Journal options.
      - Still participate in public policy program as a joint effort with ADSA and PSA along with FASS.

11. Chapter Reports
   - Colorado-Wyoming-Nebraska Chapter Report as submitted
   - Northeast Chapter Report as submitted
   - Midwest Chapter report presented by Joanne Knapp.
      - Membership down overall.
      - Election in progress for new officers and will close next week with officers starting immediately.
      - Planned participation in several conferences.
   - Washington DC Chapter report presented by Bill Price.
      - Outlines activates of chapter as submitted in report.

12. ACAS Report presented by Marit Arana
   - 8 new Board Certified members in 2014.
   - Several ready to approve at next ACAS call.
   - New brochure created and should be ready for print within a week.

13. PAACO Report presented by Kenneth Cummings as submitted.
   - Biggest issue is ED wanting to retire and will be difficult to replace. Efforts in motion to find a suitable replacement.
   - By-Laws may be revised in a minor way.
   - ARPAS was founding support of PAACO and has been self-supporting since that time.

Motion to accept all given and submitted reports by Bob Wettemen. Motion seconded by Moe Bakke. Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

14. Old Business
   a. 2014 Member Meeting Location Survey
      - Details covered during president’s report with no new items to report here.
   b. ARPAS investment strategy
-Is current investment strategy appropriate for ARPAS current activities and it was decided to table this item until annual meeting in Orlando.
    -Only item to report is that much consideration and discussion has revolved around the Elsevier proposal.
d. Website update
    -Mockup for review in late February with site to demonstrate at annual meeting in Orlando.
e. Proposed ARPAS video status
    -Nothing new to report at this time

15. New Business
   a. Nominations- 2015 Distinguished Professional Animal Scientist
      -Have awarded two or three each year and person must be retired.
      -Current nominees for 2015 award are:
         -Dr. Lonnie Luther-nominated by the Washington DC Chapter
         -Dr. David Ames-President 1998-99
         -Dr. Lee Shell-President 1997-98
         -Will need to be approved by EC at next meeting.
b. PAS Journal Management proposal from Elsevier
     -Pros and Cons list as well as analysis of proposal provided
     -Should provide more exposure to the PAS journal
     -ARPAS EC has passed a motion to recommend that the GC approve moving forward with contract negotiations with Elsevier.
     -ADSA has gone a similar route but was offered a more lucrative deal due to the position of JDS. ADSA has renewed their agreement with Elsevier and Kenneth Cummings noted that Peter Studney, ADSA ED, has been pleased with their relationship with Elsevier.
     -Wayne Kellogg notes that if an increase in submissions occur that new associate editors may be needed to assist with increased peer review workflow. Could also implement a submission fee to limit submissions and try to get higher quality submissions if foreign submissions increase.
     -Question raised on how easily the process could be reversed if we did not want to renew the contract.
     -Jamie Ritter outlines proposal as well as possible counter proposals and the potential financial outcome of each.
     -Overall goal would be not to lose money but should proceed with counter offer and contract negotiations.
     -Possibly make it a two year proposal rather than five year but may not be possible to know if the proposal will work within that period of time. Will be worked out during negotiation stage.

Motion made by Bob Wetteman that ARPAS proceed with contract negotiations with Elsevier using option two in the FASS provided analyses. Carl Hunt seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

c. Invitation from ADSA to 2017 meeting in Pittsburgh, PA
- Jack Garrett received an invitation from Al Kertz with ADSA to attend the ADSA meeting in 2017 meeting in Pittsburgh.
- Item will be tabled for discussion at JAM 2015 in Orlando.
- Possibly request more visibility for ARPAS on the meeting.

d. ARPAS Foundation - Review Non-profit 501 category (gifts to c6 are not tax deductible)
- ARPAS is a c6 but a c3 would allow tax deductions to a c3 by individuals. A c6 is a membership organization. Changing ARPAS Foundation to c3 would allow individual contributors to deduct their contributions to the foundation.

Motion to seek 501c3 for ARPAS Foundation made by Kenneth Cummings. Motion seconded by Bob Wetteman. Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

Carl Hunt proposes motion to transfer $20,000.00 to ARPAS Foundation. Motion seconded by Wayne Kellogg. Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

Motion to approve the 2015 proposed budget made by Wayne Kellogg. Motion seconded by Bob Wetteman. Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at by Jack Garrett at 3:57 PM.