

MINUTES
CANADIAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday July 13, 2010
Denver, QC

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The Annual General Meeting of the CSAS was called to order by the CSAS president Karen Schwartzkopf-Genswein at 12:40 pm on Wednesday July 14, 2010.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Karen Schwartzkopf-Genswein).

No modification or additions to the agenda were proposed.

M/S/C: Karen Schwartzkopf-Genswein/Tim McAllister/All

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 2009 AGM HELD IN MONTREAL (July 14, 2009)

No changes to these minutes were suggested.

M/S/C: Karen Schwartzkopf-Genswein/ Chantal Farmer/All

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

No items were discussed here.

5. SECRETARY-TREASURER AND AUDITORS' REPORT (MF Palin):

The financial report for 2009 shows that during that year total assets increased from \$187,970 to \$198,283, total liabilities and equity increased from \$187,969 to \$198,283, total revenue increased from \$28,676 to \$28,937, total expenses increased from \$23,170 to \$26,533. The net income for the period decreased from \$5,506 to \$2,404.

The assets include the Toole Sackville Conference Reserve. This reserve increased from \$111,831 to \$112,388 during 2009. The 2008 Guelph Conference surplus (\$5,060) has been deposited in the General chequing account in 2009. This amount will be transferred to the Toole Sackville Conference Reserve account in 2010 as were all Conference surpluses from previous years.

The modest increase in revenue was mainly due to an increase in membership fees for 2009 (from \$21,346 to \$22,337) and also to revenue collected from T shirt sales.

Projected income for Awards funding in 2009 was \$6,700 and a total of \$5,676 has been received. This difference is explained by a credit that was given to the Canadian Pork Council and the Chicken Farmers of Canada as there was no nominee in 2008 for the "Animal Industries Award in Extension

and Public Service-non-ruminant”. Therefore, these associations were recognized as the official sponsors of that Award in 2009 but they were not charged.

The increase in total expenses was mainly due to the CSAS T shirts order (\$2,020) and increased Award expenses.

NEW ACTIONS TAKEN IN 2009-2010:

New Expenses for 2010:

- New Awards Expenses: At the last mid-year meeting (February 2010), members of the CSAS executive agreed on the implementation of a new «**Student Travel Fellowship**», with the aim of redistributing CSAS financial surpluses to the membership. Each Animal Science departments across Canada (8) were contacted and asked to provide the name of one graduate student who would receive one (1) scholarship of \$500. Award winners presented a Poster or gave an Oral Presentation at the ADSA/PSA/AMPA/CSAS/ASAS Joint Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado in July. Five Animal Science departments provided the names of 6 graduate students (UBC decided to split the award in 2, \$250 each). Total amount spent in 2010 for these «**Student Travel Fellowship**» is **\$2,500**.
- French version of the CSAS Website: An agreement was made among members of the executive to provide the French version of the CSAS website for the following items only (to limit the cost of translation):
 - Front Page
 - CSAS Explained
 - Executive List
 - Conference Announcement
 - Membership Requirements
 - We also agreed on recurring updates for the above items only.

Total cost: \$756

CSAS GIC Investments made on January 26th 2010

- At the last CSAS executive meeting (Montreal, 2009), executive members all agreed on the need to transfer money from our BPRS accounts to GIC, which will give us higher interest rates.
- From the **Symposia savings account**, we invested \$42,695 for three (3) years in a BMO Cashable *RateRiser* GIC (Interest: year 1: 0.85%; year 2: 1.00%; year 3: 1.25%).
- From the **Toole-Sackville Conference Reserve**, we invested an amount of \$62,387.77 in a BMO *RateRiser* Max GIC for three (3) years (Interest: year 1: 1.0%; year 2: 1.250%; year 3: 4.00%), leaving an amount of \$50 000 in the Toole Sackville account.
- The **Toole Sackville Conference Reserve savings** has now (in July 2010) reached a total amount of \$58,930 due to the addition of Annual Conference Surpluses (2008 Guelph \$5,060 and 2009 Montreal \$3,843).

Special thanks to Carrie Whipple (AIC) for her professional work and to Drs Shannon Scott and Gaetan Tremblay, who performed the 2009 financial review

M/S/C: Marie-France Palin/Robert Berthiaume/All

6. APPOINTMENT FOR AUDITORS FOR 2010 (Karen Schwartzkopf-Genswein):

Karen Schwartzkopf-Genswein asked for volunteers to perform the 2010 CSAS financial review. Special thanks to Drs Heather Bruce, Kim Stanford, who accepted this task.

7. REPORTS.

a. Canadian Journal of Animal Science (Chantal Farmer)

Editorial Board:

- Volume 89 (2009) was produced by an Editorial Board of 22 Associate Editors. Four Associate Editors completed their first term in December 2009.
- Three Associate Editors were appointed to a second 3-year mandate starting January 2010 and the Non Ruminant Nutrition position will be left open, to be filled if the need arises.
- Two Associate Editors finished their second mandate. These positions were filled by incoming Associate Editors in January 2010 (Physiology and Endocrinology and Ruminant Nutrition).
- Two Associate Editors in Ruminant Nutrition left during the year 2009. These positions were filled by two new Associate Editors.
- Four statistical consultants agreed to help out Associate Editors in 2010.
- K. Schwartzkopf-Genswein was the CSAS liaison on the CJAS Editorial Board in 2009 and T. McAllister and D. Ouellet were on the Scientific Journals Committee (SJC).

Journal Statistics:

Submitted papers: the number of submitted manuscripts in 2009 (123) decreased a bit from the 130 in 2008 and quite a bit from the 151 in 2007. Up to now, in 2009, the rejection rates of AAFC, University and foreign papers were, respectively, 28.6%, 16% and 77.4%. This last number is similar to the 78.9% seen in 2008.

Number of submissions: The number of submissions from Universities has kept quite constant (36 in 2009, 38 in 2008 and 40 in 2007) but that of AAFC manuscripts decreased from 30 in 2007 to 21 in 2008 and has stayed low in 2009 (20). Submission of foreign manuscripts (67) was similar to that of last year (71), but decreased from 80 in 2007. The lower page charges for CSAS members starting in January 2010 may help to increase submissions from AAFC scientists.

Editorial board meetings and SJC follow-ups:

The editorial board of CJAS held its first “in-person” meeting, last July at the 2009 Montreal CSAS/ASAS annual meeting. Major follow-ups were:

- 1) There will be 8 invited reviews in 2010 and 4 in 2011 to try to increase the impact factor of CJAS. The whole editorial board contributed to finding the appropriate topics and authors. The Editor’s discretionary fund will cover page charges for 10 pages of each review and CSAS will be asked for extra support if need be.
- 2) Moreover, the 2009 CSAS Symposia papers will also be published in CJAS. We are expecting 6 Symposia papers out of 10 presentations (from Montreal Annual Meeting).

The SJC committee held its annual meeting last November (2009) in Ottawa and some important follow-ups are:

- 1) The second MOU between the 3 AIC Scientific Journals and AIC was signed. It was altered this year so that it now states that AIC will report financial information to the SJC each year. This ensures that the journals could go on in the event that AIC would cease to function because of lack of funds. This MOU will have to be re-signed each year by the CSAS president and AIC.
- 2) All CJAS back issues (1957 to 1996) were scanned in 2009. Access to the most current 5 years of the Journal is available by subscription and that of all earlier issues is open access.
- 3) In Press manuscripts are now available on the CJAS site.
- 4) In order to entice scientists to review papers, all AIC Journals will now produce a yearly list of up to 10 outstanding reviewers. A list of 11 CJAS outstanding reviewers was put together for 2009 and will be advertised.
- 5) As of January 2010, page charges in CJAS will be reduced for all CSAS members (from \$80 to \$30 for papers and \$117 to \$30 for short communications) and will remain similar (\$90) for non CSAS members. Library subscription will be increased by 50%. This will be advertised.

Chantal Farmer is currently in her fifth (and last) year as editor of CJAS. In her opinion, the major hurdle at the present time is our low impact factor... The numerous reviews which will be published this year and the coming years as well as the changes made in the sections of the Journal should help on that matter. She also sent a request to PubMed asking that CJAS could be included in their citations.

Additional items:

- ✓ The current electronic submission system (OSPREY) will be changed to ScholarOne (same as JAS). This will be finalized around August 2010. All manuscripts already in the system will still be handled via OSPREY but all new submissions will be done via ScholarOne. This system is more user-friendly and more versatile than OSPREY.
- ✓ Chantal Farmer informed us that CJAS had applied for inclusion in the PubMed database. We should receive an answer somewhere in November 2010.

- ✓ Chantal Farmer informed us that we now have the In Press papers online so that papers are accessible earlier.
- ✓ A suggestion was made by Ermias Kebreab: to consider the possibility of a partnership between AIC and world's leading publishers such as Elsevier to help in the marketing of CJAS and other IAC published journals.
- ✓ A motion was put forward by Shannon Scott that "The Canadian Society of Animal Science express its sincere thanks to Chantal Farmer for the great work she has done for the Canadian Journal of Animal Science over the last five years as Editor-in-Chief.
- ✓ We wish good luck to Dre. Christiane Girard, who will be the incoming Editor-in-chief of CJAS, starting January 2011. Dre. Girard was AE for CJAS from 2002 to 2007.

M/S/C: Chantal Farmer/Johanne Chiquette/All.

b. Ghana/CSAS project (Shannon Scott/John Baah)

Canadian Society of Animal Science (CSAS) - Ghana Society of Animal Production (GSAP) Partnership Project Annual Report (April 2009 – March 2010)

This project is managed by AIC under the auspices of its International Twinning Partnership Program (ITPP), funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The project is in Year 4 of Phase 2. Objectives are:

- To strengthen and utilize the institutional capacity of GSAP to improve household food security and income among women in the Northern Region of Ghana.
- To mobilize and empower sustainable women's groups to access information on environmentally sustainable and economically viable technologies that will enhance the shea nut-livestock production system.

The 25 communities participating in this project comprise 21 villages in the Northern Region and 4 in the Upper West Region of Ghana. Two collaborating non-government organisations (NGO's), the Northern Development Society (NORDESO) and the Rural Women Emancipation Foundation (RWEF), managed three communities each.

Some of the major successes and activities of the year for each of the project objectives include:

1. Strengthening and utilizing the institutional capacity of GSAP to improve household food security and income among women in the Northern Region of Ghana
 - a. Participation in a meeting of all Canadian and international partners of the ITPP in Sri Lanka in July, 2009, to develop a strategy for a new proposal to CIDA for the next phase of the program (2011-2016). Workshops conducted at the meeting led to the identification of new overall ITPP outcomes and specific CSAS-GSAP project outcomes.
 - b. Attendance of 67 GSAP members (55 males and 12 females) at the GSAP 16th Biennial Scientific Conference and 24th AGM at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and

Technology, Kumasi on August 5-8, 2009. Issues discussed included pursuing recognition of GSAP as a professional institute by the government of Ghana.

- c. Launch of the GSAP mentoring programme: 10 female undergraduate animal science students in their final year participated in the mentoring programme. Of these, 8 students presented posters on their dissertations at the GSAP Biennial Scientific Conference.
- d. Publication of the 4th and 5th volumes of the Ghanaian Journal of Animal Science in September, 2009, and March, 2010, respectively.
- e. Enhancement of ties between CSAS and GSAP.
 - i. Contacts initiated after the visit of 4 CSAS members to Ghana in November, 2008, resulted in a GSAP member pursuing a PhD programme at the University of Lethbridge.
 - ii. Dr. F. Obese, GSAP Vice-President, made a presentation at the CSAS AGM in Montreal in July, 2009. He also gave a talk at the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) in Saskatoon, Canada during the same trip.
 - iii. The Canadian Project Coordinator, Dr. John Baah, and Assistant Coordinator, Dr. Shannon Scott, carried out a monitoring trip to Ghana in January and February, 2010. They worked with GSAP colleagues to revise the new proposal to CIDA. Along with members of the GSAP field implementation team, they discussed with women's groups their evaluation of project successes to date and their priorities for the next phase of the project.
- f. Enhancement of ties between the two AIC-ITPP projects in Ghana: CSAS-GSAP and Canadian Society of Horticultural Science (CSHS)-Ghana Institute of Horticulturalists (GhIH). Training on animal production was provided to project group members in CSAS-GhIH communities and training on dry season vegetable production was provided to CSAS-GSAP project communities. In addition, a baseline study on Integrated Agriculture Aquaculture (IAA) production was conducted in 2 GSAP and 2 GhIH project communities. The study, conducted by the Canadian NGO Fish for Africa (FfA), aimed to determine the feasibility of integrating fish farming with existing small ruminant production and dry season vegetable production. As a result of this baseline study, CSAS, GSAP, CSHS, GhIH, and FfA undertook a joint monitoring trip in Northern Ghana in February, 2010, which in turn led to GSAP and GhIH developing a joint IAA project for incorporation into the new ITPP proposal to CIDA.
- g. Enhancement of opportunities for collaboration between GSAP and GhIH and NGO and government organization (GO) partners. A workshop held in February, 2010, highlighted potential collaborations and development in the following areas: animal production; aquaculture; vegetable production; micro credit; women's groups; and shea nut picking and processing.
- h. Initiation of discussions to form the Agricultural Institute of Ghana (AIG). These discussions were attended by representatives of GSAP, GhIH, and the Ghanaian societies of soil science and agricultural economics.
- i. Enhancement of ties between GSAP and the Animal Science Association of Nigeria (ASAN), the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science (NIAS) and the Nigerian Society of Animal Production (NSAP).
- j. Initiation of discussions to form a West African Institute of Animal Production (WAIAP). Countries contacted included Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Senegal, and Gambia.

2. Mobilizing and empowering sustainable women's groups to access information on environmentally sustainable and economically viable technologies that will enhance the shea nut-livestock production system.
 - a. Provision of small ruminants and training in small ruminant production to members of women's groups in project communities.
 - i. A donation of £2,500 from the Ørskov Foundation was used to procure 53 goats for distribution to 52 women in 5 project communities. A revolving fund for the purchase and use of basic veterinary drugs was established in each of the communities. The CSAS-GSAP project also provided an additional 32 goats to 32 women 2 districts.
 - ii. In a pilot study, GSAP procured 12 Sahelian dairy goats for women in the project communities. Eventually, beneficiaries will be trained to process milk into yogurt and other healthy products aimed at meeting the protein needs of the population.
 - b. Provision of micro credit to members of women's groups in project communities to improve household food security and income. This activity was carried out via collaborations with the local NGO's NORDESO and RWEF and with a Canadian NGO, Bridges of Hope International Network of Development Agencies Inc. (BOH). Benefits to beneficiaries included engagement in petty trading, vegetable farming, poultry, small ruminant and pig rearing for income generation, improvement in family nutrition and health, increased influence of women in community development and decision making, and increased child school enrolment.
 - c. Provision of material assistance to women's groups: donkey carts, shea butter extraction machine parts, rubber boots and gloves to prevent snake bites, anti-snake bite venom, and insecticide-treated mosquito nets to reduce the incidence of malaria.
 - d. Provision of training on operation of shea butter processing machines to 20 females and 2 males.
 - e. Creation of awareness of HIV/AIDS and other major communicable diseases via training sessions attended by 510 females and 202 males.

It is worth emphasising that at the community level, two of the most important outcomes of the CSAS-GSAP collaboration have been the increased number of small ruminants owned by women and the corresponding increase in their income, both of which have effectively served as buffer to the food security needs of their families when crop yields are poor.

As mentioned above, BOH has continued to partner with the CSAS-GSAP project to provide microcredit funds to women's groups in project communities as well as to support activities targeted at alleviating poverty in the project areas. We would appeal to members interested in making donations to the project to make their contributions through the BOH website (www.bridgesofhope.ca) and to specify that donations are for the CSAS-GSAP micro credit project. Tax deductible receipts will be issued.

We are grateful for the continued financial assistance from CIDA and for the role of AIC in coordinating and facilitating the project. Members are encouraged to visit the project website at http://www.csas.net/nav_aic.htm for additional details and news on the project as well as the AIC website (<http://www.aic.ca/international/index.cfm> for information on the international programs of the AIC.

M/S/C: Shannon Scott/Marie-France Palin/All.

c. President-Elect/Conference coordinator (Robert Berthiaume).

For the second year in a row we are all set for our up and coming joint annual meeting with ADSA-PSA-AMPA-ASAS to be held in Denver in July. First and foremost a big thank you to Dr Karen Schwartzkopf-Genswein who took care of all the organization for this year meeting.

A CSAS organized symposium will be held on July 14 2010. The title is: “Issues in North American Livestock Transport” and will be chaired by Karen Schwartzkopf-Genswein.

Approved sponsorship for the CSAS transport symposia total \$6,500.00. Sponsors are the World Animal Transport Association, Alberta Farm Animal Care and AAFC for Cost of covering Dr. Cowes expenses.

CSAS will be requested to support CSAS symposia speakers for a total amount of \$3000.00. With this funding the organizing Committee expects a break even to positive financial scenario.

Discussions are currently being held regarding conference locations and venues for 2011-2013. Dr Julie Small is leading the organization of our next joint meeting with the Canadian Meat Council Association for 2011 (Halifax, May 2011) and Dr Alan Iwassa will be coordinating the organization of our meeting with the American Society of Animal Science for 2012 in Phoenix, Arizona. At this time no confirmations have been made for 2013.

Survey with membership:

To plan future meetings the executive also decided to survey membership for their point of view on the following questions:

- 1- The CSAS has an agreement with ADSA-ASAS to hold joint meetings every 2 years starting in 2010. Would you be in favour of joining ADSA-ASAS every year?
- 2- Would you be in favour of having fewer CSAS major Awards (i.e.: 3 major awards: bronze, silver and gold)?
- 3- Would you be in favour of providing French versions of CSAS web documents?

A total of 87 members responded to the survey. Results were as follows:

| Question | Yes | No | ? |
|----------|----------|----|----|
| 1 | 51 (59%) | 33 | 3 |
| 2 | 49 (56%) | 23 | 15 |
| 3 | 59 (68%) | 9 | 19 |

Robert Berthiaume informed CSAS members that an Executive decision was made that CSAS will continue to hold joint meetings every 2 years with the ADSA-ASAS. This decision was made because of the strong comments made by the 33 members who said no, mostly on the possibility to loose our identity. The situation will be reevaluated in 2013 so that it will allow us to have a better idea of how it goes when CSAS have joint Annual Meetings with the Americans.

M/S/C/Robert Berthiaume/Chantal Farmer/All

d. Vice-president/Web master (July Small).

Since the midyear meeting, the 2010 nominees to the CSAS Executive, revised information on graduate student awards, employment opportunities and the French translation were posted on CSAS website.

The information was updated of most significance was that nominees for the Young scientist award must have obtained their PhD within the past 10 years.

There is no longer a charge for employment opportunities posted on CSAS website. When the deadline for application is reached, an automatic notification is sent that the posting will be deleted unless an extension is requested.

Five pages were translated to French to launch the website <http://www.csas.net/fr/>. The Front page/Entrez, CSAS Explained/La SCSCA expliquée, Executive List/Conseil d'administration, Conference Announcement/Conference annuelle, Membership requirements/Conditions pour devenir membre. Members are encouraged to check the website and offer suggestions for improvement. Links to untranslated pages are presented as "En construction".

Suggestion made by Ermias Kebeab: to make the CSAS website more attractive.

It was proposed to invite Frances Rodenburg (AIC) at our next mid-year meeting (2011, in Ottawa) to discuss about ways to improve the CSAS website.

M/S/C/Julie Small/Marina von Keyserlingk/All

e. Membership (Alan Iwaasa for Ira Mandell).

Membership renewal

In October 2009, a 2010 Renewal Notice was sent by the CSAS membership office to members that paid membership dues in 2008 and 2009. This renewal notice was accompanied by a letter from the membership Chair encouraging renewal by outlining the benefits of membership. A further reminder was sent in January, 2010 to encourage members that have not paid their dues to do so as soon as they can. In May, 2010, a second notice from AIC was sent to potential members.

Membership profile

The society currently has 404 members (compared to 385 last year and 382 the year before). Of these, 311 paid for 2009 (or are life members), and 93 last paid for 2008. There were 37 new members and 7 re-starts in 2010 compared to 52 new members who joined in 2009 and 6 re-starts. Membership's categories are as follows:

- 270 (67% of total members) are Regular Full Members of these 152 (56%) subscribed to the Canadian Journal of Animal Science;
- 71 (17.6% of total members) are Student Members; of these 9 (12.7%) subscribed to CJAS;

- 17 (4.2% of total members) are Retired Members, of these 8 (47.1%) subscribed to CJAS;
- 45 (11.1% of total members) are Honorary Life Members; of these 15 (33.3%) subscribed to CJAS.

In total, 184 (45.5% of total members) members subscribed to CJAS compared to 183 members (48%) in 2009.

- Affiliation is not known for 139 members (34.4% of total members).

The remaining 255 members are from Canadian Universities and Colleges (142 members; 35.1% of total members), AAFC (48 members; 11.9% of total members); Canadian Industry (47 members; 11.6% of total members); Provincial governments (18 members; 4.5% of total members), and International (all categories combined; 45 members; 11.1% of total members).

Actions Taken:

- We sent out an e-mail asking members to assess how CSAS was doing. Unfortunately, there has been only limited response to the e-mail.
- We sent out an e-mail to 100 members of the Animal Nutrition Association of Canada to recruit new members.

Future Activities:

- More efforts are needed to retain current members and recruit new national and international members. More efforts are also needed to recruit provincial government employees and Canadian industry to join the society and to encourage students, post-docs and research associates to join the society.

M/S/C/Alan Iwaasa/Kim Stanford/All

f. Honours and Awards (Marina Von Keyserlingk).

1) CSAS Undergraduate Award of Excellence winners

Six students have received this CSAS Award in 2009 (University of Laval -University of British Columbia –University of McGill -Nova Scotia Agricultural College - University of Guelph and University of Saskatchewan). The University of Manitoba did not respond to the call letter. In each case a letter and a certificate has been mailed to the recipient and the email address forwarded onto the Society headquarters.

2) CSAS Award Sponsorship Confirmed

Sponsorship was confirmed for the Canadian Society of Animal Science Fellowship (Alltech Canada Inc.), the Award for Excellence in Nutrition and Meat Science (NutraCo Canada Inc.), the Award for Technical Innovation in Enhancing Production of Safe Affordable Food (Elanco Animal Health), the Canadian Animal Industries Award in Extension and Public Service (Dairy Farmers of Canada, the Canadian Pork Council and the Chicken Farmers of Canada), the Young

Scientist Award (Pfizer Animal Health), the Graduate Student Oral Competition (Pfizer Animal Health) and the Graduate Student Poster competition (Novus International Inc.)

3) Award Sponsorship Update

All of the money, with the exception of one sponsor, has been received. The remaining Company agreed to sponsor the Young Scientist Award and the Graduate Student Oral Competition but the money will be late in arriving due to administrative constraints.

4) Major CSAS Awards:

The Major CSAS Awards nomination committee consisted of Drs. Ira Mandell, Alan Iwassa, Kendall Swanson and myself. The winners are as follows:

- a. CSAS Fellowship Award – Dr. J. Patience
- b. Young Scientist Award - Dr. T. DeVries
- c. CSAS Animal Industries Award - Dr. J. Basarab
- d. Technical Innovation - Dr. E. Kebreab
- e. Nutrition and Meat Sciences - Dr. K. de Lange

5) Reorganization of the Awards Category – The Vice President conducted a survey of CSAS members with mixed responses on whether to reorganize the award categories. An initial draft of reorganized awards was written by the Assistant Awards Chair and circulated to the President, Vice-President, and Awards Chair to stimulate discussion. It was decided to discuss this potential reorganization with the executive at the Annual Meeting to be held in Denver, as there was not a clear consensus regarding if we want to move forward with these changes.

After discussion the following suggestions were made:

- ✓ **Change in the Honours and Awards committee:** Effective in 2012, all CSAS executive members should be part of the Honours and Awards committee, with the exception of the secretary/treasurer, given the amount of work that this position represents. Moreover, it was further suggested that executive members should not be nominated for major Awards. A notice of the above proposed changes to the constitution and by-laws shall be sent, in writing, by the Secretary-Treasurer at least thirty days (30) prior to the next AGM, in Halifax 2011, and will be voted by CSAS members attending the AGM.

- ✓ **Major Awards:**

The names of the major Awards will remain the same.

We will keep the same number of Awards:

- Canadian Society of Animal Science Fellowship
- Award for Excellence in Nutrition and Meat Sciences
- Award for Technical Innovation in Enhancing Production of Safe Affordable Food
- Canadian Animal Industries Award in Extension and Public Service
- Young Scientist Award

- Honorary Life Membership

M/S/C/ Marina Von Keyserlingk/Ermias Kebreab/All

g. Nominating committee (Johanne Chiquette)

The Nominating Committee for 2009-2010 consisted of Marie-France Palin (Secretary-Treasurer), Kim Ominski (CSAS member), Bart Lardner (past Director at large) and Johanne Chiquette (Chair and Past-President). I would like to acknowledge the help provided by all members of the Committee and also thank Mrs Frances Rodenburg and Ellen McWeeny from AIC for their precious help with administrative work.

Biographies were posted on the CSAS Website in April and ballots were sent to each member with a note to consult CSAS Website for the biography of each nominee. A total of 103 ballots were returned and all were counted by Marie-France Palin and Johanne Chiquette.

We are pleased to present the new members of the 2010-2011 CSAS Executive:

Vice-President: Luigi Faucitano

Western Director: Jon Meadus

Eastern Director: Candido Pomar

Director at large: Daniel Lefebvre

I would like to gratefully acknowledge those who nominated their colleagues for these positions and especially to thank Ermias Kebreab, Denis Krause, Paul Luimes, Ranjana Sharma and Daniel Ganesh for their willingness to serve the Society.

M/S/C/Johanne Chiquette/Shannon Scott/All

8. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2010.

Karen Schwartzkopf-Genswein asked for volunteers to serve on the next 2010 CSAS Nominating Committee. Special thanks to Drs Tim McAllister and Chantal farmer who accepted this task.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Drafting of MOU with ASAS for joint conferences every 2 years

ASAS is currently going through a strategic planning with ADSA. This process should take about a year before being completed. It was suggested that an official MOU (between ASAS and CSAS) could then be signed with CSAS afterwards.

Meanwhile, CSAS continues to have joint meetings with ASAS every two years.

b) Hosting World Congress on Animal Production 2018.

ASAS is interested in presenting a bid jointly with CSAS for the 2018 World Congress on Animal Production (WCAP). They also agree on the location (Vancouver, Canada). The

WCAP would then be joined with CSAS and ASAS Annual meetings. If the bid is rejected, the 2018 annual joint meeting (CSAS and ASAS) would still be located in Vancouver.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 14:30 pm

M/S/C: Johanne Chiquette/ Kendall Swanson/All.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie-France Palin, Secretary/Treasurer CSAS
April 7th, 2011