

Block & Bridle Advisors' Meeting at the  
American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) Convention  
Wednesday, July 28, 2004  
Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri

Advisors present:

Debra Aaron, University of Kentucky  
Ed Brokaw, Abilene Christian University  
Josie Coverdale, University of Georgia  
Dustin Dean, Louisiana State University  
Don Ely, University of Kentucky  
Jessica Gentry, Middle Tennessee State University  
Joe Hancock, Kansas State University  
Jacquie Jacob, University of Minnesota  
Dan Kniffen, Penn State University  
Jeannette Moore, N.C. State University (B&B President)  
Dan Rule, University of Wyoming  
Scott Whisnant, N.C. State University  
Brett White, Nebraska  
David Zartman, Ohio State University

The meeting convened at 12:05 p.m. in the St. Louis "A" room.

1. All present introduced themselves.
2. Everyone was reminded to check the website for current information:  
[www.blockandbridle.org](http://www.blockandbridle.org)
3. Minutes from the last business meeting were distributed; the minutes did not need to be approved because this will be done at the Denver convention.
4. Officer reports were all given by Jeannette Moore

President = Jeannette Moore, North Carolina State University

Outstanding Senior Nominations (n = 9)

Scrapbook reminder: Bring scrapbooks to the convention in Denver

If your chapter will not be bringing a scrapbook, please consider volunteering to serve as a judge for the scrapbook competition. Let Jeannette Moore know if you are willing to be a judge at the convention.

Vice President = Cindy Wood, Virginia Tech University

Junior Scholarship (n = 14)

Sophomore Scholarship (n = 2)

Chapter Activities (n = 11)

Editor = Nevil Speer, Western Kentucky University

Published Chapter Yearbook (n = 7)

Chapter Web Page (n = 9)

Chapter Abstract Reminder: Be sure to submit your 2003/2004 abstract!

Only six are posted as of July 24th:

Kansas State University

Mississippi State University

Oklahoma State University

Pratt Community College

The Ohio State University

University of Wisconsin River Falls

Chapter abstracts can still be emailed to Nevil Speer for posting

Secretary / Treasurer = Jodi Sterle, Texas A&M University

Treasurer's Report for the first half of 2004 was presented

Reminder: Please submit chapter membership each year

#### 5. Collegiate Livestock Leaders

There has been no change since the last update in San Antonio

Status: still dormant

Ten students each year were selected in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 (beef)

Attended ASAS meeting, NCBA summer conference

ASAS has been and still is supportive, but the CLLI can't be held without the financial contribution from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

#### 6. National Conventions

Summary of San Antonio 2004

52 chapters, 929 people attended

Overall excellent; some concern over noise in hotel rooms

There will be a Code of Conduct form for the Denver convention

Draft version was discussed with all advisors

Convention comments/suggestions:

- \*A suggestion was made to provide a gathering room for students to use

- \*Advisors feel it is important to ban the carting in of beer into the hotel

- \*It is also considered to be important to ban alcohol in public areas of the hotel

- \*Minimizing free time at the convention is desirable

Update on Denver 2005

see: [www.bandbdenver.com](http://www.bandbdenver.com)

January 12 through 16, 2005

National Western Stock Show

[additional info: registration will be due November 1st]

## Subsequent Conventions

Columbus, Ohio (Quarterhorse Congress) October 2005

Orlando, Florida January 2007

### 7. Discussion on formalization of relationship with ASAS

The American Dairy Science Association has SAD (Student Affiliate Division)

Block & Bridle is an affiliate of ASAS, but not "officially"

Jeannette Moore was invited to speak at the ASAS Board of Directors' meeting immediately prior to the B&B Advisors' meeting. Jeannette requested that ASAS make B&B more visible by putting the B&B link under the "student info" link instead of the "other links" section on the main ASAS website. The Board thought this would be a good idea.

Discussion ensued about the relationship between B&B and ASAS. The B&B Outstanding Senior has been a part of the ASAS Awards Ceremony for many years, and the top three B&B Outstanding Seniors for each year are listed in the ASAS Awards Program going back to 1974. Block & Bridle has long been considered the student affiliate division of ASAS by many, but this relationship is not a formal one. The question was raised as to whether or not B&B can put "a student affiliate of ASAS" on the B&B website. Jeannette expressed a desire to strengthen the relationship between B&B and ASAS. The ASAS Board of Directors said the relationship will be discussed at their next meeting (in January).

The B&B advisors discussed the changes that have occurred in Animal Science since B&B was formed. Should B&B be changed to include Companion Animals? The general consensus was to "let sleeping dogs lie" and to not change B&B. Many schools have separate Companion Animal clubs; others incorporate companion animals as a subdivision of the Block & Bridle chapter. It was announced that there is a new national horseman's club being formed.

### 8. Discussion on making the summer advisor meeting be "virtual" instead of "in person"

Fewer advisors can attend the ASAS convention each year, and with budget constraints becoming more prohibitive each year, this trend is likely to continue. The advisors who were present at the meeting all felt the B&B Advisors' meeting is beneficial and expressed a desire to continue with these B&B Advisor meetings at future ASAS conferences. A suggestion was made to put a speaker phone or web link in the room so advisors who could not attend the ASAS meeting would be able to participate in the meeting.

### 9. Discussion on changing the due date for Outstanding Senior from June 1 to June 15

The due date had been earlier so the top three could be selected and be announced at the summer ASAS meeting. In 2003, ASAS met in June, and it was not possible to announce the top three Outstanding Senior nominations. Now the winners from the past convention are announced at the ASAS award ceremony, and all of the nominees for the current year are announced. This means it is no longer necessary to have the due date for Outstanding Senior be earlier than June 15.

The advisors who were present unanimously supported a change in due date from June 1 to June 15 for the Outstanding Senior nominations. (All other awards and entries are due on June 15.)

10. No other business was announced.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm