

Equine Science Society  
Minutes from the General Meeting  
May 31, 2009  
Keystone, CO

The meeting was called to order by Mark Arns at 4:12 p.m. (Mountain time).

**Officers, Board Members present:**

Mark Arns, Paul Siciliano, Brian Nielsen, Martha Vogelsang, Arno Lindner, Sarah Ralston, Robert Coleman, Lori Warren, Jason Bruemmer, Steve Cooper.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

William Shurg motioned for approval of the minutes from the June 5, 2007 General conference call and Ken McKeever seconded. Motion passed.

**II. Secretary/Treasurer and Audit Reports**

Nielsen reported that according to the Accountant's Report dated April 14, 2009, ESS has total assets of \$146,214.46. Of this, the majority was in Checking & Savings (\$75,167.36) and Investments (\$66,336.56). Final receipts and expenses from the 2009 meeting are not included in that sum but it is expected that the society will be able to cover the expenses of the meeting. Dave Freeman motioned for the approval of the report and Lance Baker seconded. Motion passed.

Lance Baker reported that the audit committee had reviewed the Accountant's Report and found it to be in order. Dave Freeman motioned to approve the report. Dennis Siegler seconded. Motion passed.

**III. Committee Reports**

Local Arrangements

Jason Bruemmer reported that there were 305 registrants. Mark Arns thanked the local committee for their efforts in hosting the meeting.

Program Report

Paul Siciliano reported that individuals representing 67 institutions from 7 different countries were in attendance. Total submissions were 161 with 123 papers and 38 posters. There were 27 more papers than at the last meeting – primarily in the student competition. There were 42 travel scholarships that were presented to individuals that competed in the student competition.

Mark Arns thanked the section chairs for their work in coordinating the review of the abstracts. It was recognized from the floor that Mark Arns was responsible for getting JEVS to publish our proceedings and his efforts were appreciated.

**IV. Nominations**

Kenneth McKeever of the nominating committee suggested Paul Siciliano move up to president and Brian Nielsen move up to vice president. Other nominations were solicited

from the floor. Being there were none, Betsy Greene motioned that the suggestions of the nominating committee be approved and Amy Burke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The nominating committee suggested Lori Warren and Jason Bruemmer be nominated for the Secretary/Treasurer position. Don Topliff motioned to close nominations and Betsy Greene seconded the motion. Nominations were closed. Jason Bruemmer was elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

For the Board of Directors, Mary Beth Gordon, Rhonda Hoffman, and Jason Turner were nominated by the Nominating Committee. Kenneth McKeever, Burt Staniar, Carey Williams, and Betsy Greene were nominated from the floor. Jason Turner and Burt Staniar were elected. To replace Jason Bruemmer on the Board of Directors for the remainder of his four-year (two term) position, the Nominating Committee nominated Mary Beth Gordon, Rhonda Hoffman, Betsy Greene, Kenneth McKeever, and Carey Williams. Colleen Brady motioned for the nominations to close. Betsy Greene seconded the motion. A run-off vote was needed between Kenneth McKeever and Rhonda Hoffman. Kenneth McKeever was elected.

Arno Lindner and Sarah Ralston were recognized for their service on the Board.

### **New Business**

Newly elected president Paul Siciliano recognized the efforts of outgoing president Mark Arns for his years of service, especially for his efforts in having our proceedings in the Journal of Equine Veterinary Science.

Paul Siciliano reported that the Board changed the eligibility of students in competition so that students graduating within the previous semester or quarter at time of submission be allowed to compete in their respective competition. Additionally, though students competing in competition will still be given free registration, they need to be members of ESS to receive free registration. It was also reported that the requirement for submitting a six-page paper for the student competition was removed and that only the extended abstract will be used for judging the written portion of the student competition.

The NRC workshop on supplements conducted by Lori Warren and Pat Harris was reported on by Lori Warren. The definition of a supplement was viewed favorably by those in attendance. It was also recognized that an officially recognized category for supplements should be established and that it was important to conduct studies to determine the safety of the supplements. Likewise, when efficacy studies were done, any evidence or measurements of safety that were determined in a study should be reported. It was felt that ESS should form a committee to determine if such a category can be formally established.

Pat Kaiser reported on the 2011 Equine Science Society Meeting that will be hosted by Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. It is tentatively scheduled for the first week of June at the Embassy Suites and Convention Center.

A proposal was also received by Sul Ross State University to host the 2013 ESS meeting in San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mexico. The Board is tentatively considering this as the 2013 location, but it has not been confirmed.

Karin Bump thanked ESS for allowing the inaugural meeting of the National Association of Equine Affiliated Academics (NAEAA) to be held in conjunction with ESS. There were 80 individuals from 45 institutions in attendance.

Jessica Suagee of Virginia Tech proposed having a graduate voice on the board from each of the various regional sections to help organize various aspects of the meeting that would pertain to graduate students. A proposal will be sent to the ESS board.

Kenneth McKeever motioned for the adjournment and Mark Arns seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m. (Mountain time)

Respectfully submitted,

Brian D. Nielsen