

Animal Science Graduate Student Association Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 22th **Time:** 5:00-6:00pm **Location:** Zoom

Call to Order: Kaitlyn Sommer

Attendance: ~10 members in attendance

- Speakers: Dr. Wulster-Radcliffe
- Topic: Graduate Opportunities at the American Society of Animal Sciences (ASAS)

Reports:

- Treasurer's report: No new updates
- Social report: No new updates

New Business:

- No new business

Next Meeting: USDA Career Exploration, November 9th, 5:00-6:00PM

Adjournment: Kaitlyn Sommer

Minutes compiled by: Leonardo Molina

Highlights from the presentation:

- The field of Animal Sciences is diverse – now more than ever. We observe this diversity mainly in the industry and less so in academia. However, as younger generations take over, this is likely to change.
- ASA is a professional organization that helps scientist grow and develop. For instance, it provides scientists with opportunities to publish in their journal, to attend regional and national meetings, attend workshops, and find jobs. They provide us scientist with a voice in DC to make real changes take place.
 - o There is a communications workshop that Dr. Wulster strongly recommended happening online on Wednesday February 23.
- Educating the younger generations early is crucial. ASAS has created a journal titled Junior of Animal Sciences that is targeted towards educating younger audiences.
- The current perception of us scientists, and animal agriculture is not good. We need to change that through educating the public and being transparent about our practices. Dr. Wulster claims, that we don't want to censor ourselves and the work we do if don't want to have people think we are hiding something. We need to become better communicators to help us do this.