



Fellows Nomination Site Closes Nov 13th

Time is running out to nominate your colleague or others you deem worthy for the distinction of a PSA Fellow.

The distinction of Fellow is awarded to those who, in accordance with Article 6, Section 1, of the PSA Constitution, have achieved significant "professional distinction" and who have provided significant "contributions to the field of poultry science without regard to longevity."

The Fellows Nomination

site opened September 7th and will close on Friday, November 13th at 11:59 pm CST.

The Fellows Nomination site is located at www.poultryscience.org/awards.asp.

The following documentation is required for nomination: a nomination letter together with a biographical and professional summary (800 words or less) covering activities, accomplishments, and recognitions, emphasizing contribu-

tions to poultry science. Up to three (3) letters of support may be submitted but are not required.

The Fellows Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors, who may elect no more than five (5) members as Fellows at any one Annual Meeting. The vote requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Board.

The Fellows Committee is not obligated to recommend any nominees to the Board of Directors.

Mary Swenson Appreciation Gift

The Board of Directors has chosen to provide **Mary Swenson** with a monetary gift as a Token of Appreciation for her many years of service to PSA. In addition, a book of well-wishes from the membership is being compiled for her.

If you would like to contribute monetarily or share your memories of Mary, please contact Jon Cole, PSA Asst. Executive Director, at 217-356-5285 or jonc@assoqh.org.

Legacy Project to Fund Digitizing Back Issues

Bill Saylor, President of the PSA Foundation Board of Trustees, announced that the Foundation has initiated a capital project to fund online access to "back issues" of Poultry Science; those volumes not already available electronically.

Specifically, the goal of the **Legacy Project** is to fund the digitizing and indexing of issues of the Journal from 1906 to 1996 and to provide online access along with the current issues already available electronically. The price tag is estimated at \$60,000.

The PSA Foundation has

designed their campaign around three suggested levels of donor support:

- Issue — \$100**
- Volume — \$1,000**
- Decade — \$5,000**

PSA Members are encouraged to sponsor issues in which their particular papers were published.

"We trust that our membership will generously support this project and that many members will consider a gift in honor, recognition, or memory of one or more of their mentors, students, or loved ones." said Saylor.

The Foundation was pleased to announce at the

recent PSA Annual Meeting, held in Raleigh, that **Novus International** has committed to a "Challenge Grant" of up to \$30,000 to match contributions of member donors. PSA thanks Novus for their generous support and acknowledges the efforts of **Drew Giesen** and **Scott Carter** in securing this funding.

PSA Members wishing to donate may mail a check or donate online at: secure.fass.org/product_detail.asp?prodcode=PS%2DFND%2DLE-GACY&scat=PSA&tcat=&filter=&page=1.

Nicholas Turkey Award Congratulations

Congratulations to Kellie O'Meara, Ohio State University, recipient of the 2009 Nicholas Graduate Student Paper Award for Turkey Research.

The Award will continue to be presented under the new title, Aviagen Turkeys Communications Award.

Update: Federation of Animal Science Societies

by Maynard Hogberg, President, FASS Board of Directors

NOTE: The Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) was formed on January 1, 1998 by mutual consent and for the mutual benefit of three founding Member Societies: the American Dairy Science Association, the American Society of Animal Science, and the Poultry Science Association. Currently, FASS provides services to over 10,000 professionals from animal agriculture.

The Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) has two primary functions. One function is to manage association services for the three founding societies and other clients that is more efficient and of higher quality than each society can do on their own. To accomplish this takes a lot of communication on the part of the FASS staff with the individual societies to meet the needs collectively. FASS, led by our Managing Director, Jamie Ritter, has a very dedicated staff that works hard to meet these needs.

The second function is to provide that unified voice of science as it relates to animal agriculture. We have been without a scientific liaison or public policy program for several years. This has been a shortcoming. Science advocacy is an important function that we need to provide as a service to our member societies and their membership. This past spring we completed a contract with Lowell Randel and Walt Smith to provide that function of representing the advocacy of science in public policy decisions and supporting the need for

research funding to find solutions to those questions. Both have extensive experience within USDA and have strong connections with federal agencies and advocacy groups.

This is a different model from what FASS had in the past in that we have not hired a professional animal scientist to work in the public policy area and represent FASS. Instead we have contracted with experienced professionals to provide those services to FASS.

To provide guidance to Lowell and Walt, FASS has established a Science Policy Committee to work with Lowell and Walt to set priorities and serve as a sounding board for direction and areas that serve the needs of the three founding societies. Gary Hartnell has been selected to chair this committee. They will be meeting in Washington, DC in October to develop a plan of work for the FASS Science Policy area. From their work we also hope to give new direction to the Science Advisory Committees as well as tap into the resources of members to provide the science background that can be used for policy decisions.

A new Strategic Plan was developed last spring to guide FASS for the next 3-5 years. From this came the following:

- The core purpose of FASS is to support the development, dissemination, and use of science-based knowledge in policy and practices related to food animal production.

- FASS is a collaboration of societies and organizations commonly dedicated to advancing the sciences relevant to effective food animal agriculture.
- FASS fulfills its mission by facilitating:
 - 1) a unified science-based voice.
 - 2) effective programs, publications and initiatives' for founding societies.
 - 3) effective administrative and operational services.

The core values speak to commitment, respectfulness, trustworthiness, scientific integrity, responsiveness and transparency. As each new President of FASS takes office they will be expected to articulate their priorities for the year that align with the strategic plan.

FASS has relocated to a new home. Last year we were approached with the option to exchange our property at 1111 N. Dunlap in Savoy for a new facility to be located at 2441 Village Green Place, Champaign. The property surrounding our old location was being bought for a larger development leaving us in an isolated situation. The new location provides us with more space and considerably more value which gives more equity to the founding members.

It has been a pleasure to serve FASS and its founding members and societies as President this past year. My hope is that we continue to look for ways to work together to better serve animal agriculture.

2010 International Poultry Scientific Forum

Jan. 25-26, 2010
Atlanta, GA

2010 International Poultry Expo (IPE)

Jan. 27-29, 2010
Atlanta, GA

2010 National Turkey Federation Annual Convention

Feb. 13-15, 2010
San Antonio, TX

2010 Midwest Poultry Federation Convention

March 16-18, 2010
St. Paul, MN

Poultry Science Association 99th Annual Meeting

July 11-15, 2010
Denver, CO