

**Minutes of 47th Annual Meeting
Southern Poultry Science Society
January 27, 2026**

- I. With ~100 members present, President Dianna Bourassa called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared. Greg Engelke was appointed Parliamentarian. Tellers were Ahmed Elsayed (UGA), Caitlin Harris (USDA-ARS), and Muhammad Naeem (Auburn). The minutes from the previous meeting on January 28, 2025, were presented via QR Code and posted on the SPSS website. No corrections were offered and the minutes were accepted as posted.

- II. Dr Bob Buresh presented the financial report for the 2024-2025 fiscal year (Attachment 1).

The 2024-2025 Financial Report was reviewed. The beginning balance in all three accounts on 10/1/2024 was \$138,694.51 and the ending balance on 9/30/2025 was \$150,094.58 for a net gain of \$11,400.07. Sponsor income for the 2025 meeting was \$28,999.00; Morgan Stanley income was \$6,103.49; with miscellaneous interest and reimbursements of \$186.38, for a total of \$35,288.87. Expenditures were as follows: Student Awards, \$11,100.00; Judges/Moderators Gift Cards, \$4,150.00; PSA Sponsorship, \$2,500; Administrative Costs, \$2,637.38, and ES Travel, \$3501.42; for a total of \$23,858.80.

There were no questions and the finance report was accepted as presented.

- III. Dr. Bob Buresh, Chair of the Audit Committee, presented the report of the Audit Committee. (Attachment 2). Everything looked good and all expenses/receipts were for the legitimate business of the society. There were no questions and the report was accepted as presented.

- IV. President Bourassa presented the Resolutions Report (Attachment 3); the report is entered into the minutes and only the resolutions of remembrance were read at the meeting, with a moment of silence following.

There were no questions and the report was accepted as presented.

- V. The Program Report was presented by 2nd VP Laura Ellestad (Appendix 4). There were 416 abstracts for a record high (228 orals (+2) and 188 (-7) posters) and 1365 registered attendees. Undergraduates presenting: 28 (+5; 11 orals, 14 posters) and Graduate Students 148 (-4; 104 Orals, 44 posters).

There were no questions and the report was accepted as presented.

- VI. First Vice President Jarred Oxford expressed appreciation to the judges and presented the student awards. Each graduate student received a certificate and check for \$500; the top two grad student winners received an SPSS travel award for \$500. Each undergraduate participant received a certificate; the top u.g. oral and poster presenters each received the Don R. Sloan award and \$250. Each session chair and judge received a \$50 gift certificate.

2026 SPSS STUDENT AWARDS

Nutrition

Raquel Horn, UFRGS
Addison Elstner, TAMU
Hansol Kim, UKY
Waqas Ishaq, UGA
Olanrewaju Ayinde, UGA
Christian Crabtree, PSU
Maria Alvarenga, Clemson

Machine Learning/AI

Brendan Heinichen, PSU

Environment & Management

Kassim Sulleyman, Auburn

Welfare & Behavior

Anusha Gautam, UGA

Food Safety

Indira Neupane, UGA

Thomas Stokes, Auburn

Processing & Products

Afsana Munmun, NCSU

Physiology

Coleman Hatmaker, UGA

Deependra Paneru, UGA (Woo Kyun Kim)

Pathology

Justin Lowery, NCSU

Posters

Grant Bennett, UGA

Marco Reina, UGA

Samin Dahal, UGA

Sujitha Veeraganti, UGA

Ashir Atoo, SDSU

Hanseon Ko, UGA

Ruth Wallace, MSSTATE

Manhong Wang, MSSTATE

Colin Barcelo, UGA

Rishav Kumar, Auburn

Emily Jiral, TAMU

Grad Student Travel Awards

Grant Bennett, UGA

Manhong Wang, MSSTATE

Addison Elstner, TAMU

Christian Crabtree, PSU

Alltech Manuscript Award

Joseph P. Gulizia, Auburn

Don R. Sloan Undergraduate Research Award Winners

ORAL: Evangeline McGargle, PSU

POSTER: Kalyn Nelson, MSSTATE

Undergraduate Research Award Participants

Gabriele Jardin Kinchin
Artur De Freitas Rebeiro
Lily Luther
Chloe H Sanchez
Kortney Martin
Kandi Ann Henry
Luana Alves Lopes da Cunha
Ashton Michael Croudep
Julianne Kay Stiles
Eleanor Grace Tipton
Evangeline Grace McGargle
Savannah L Webb
Ryan Mitchell

Kalyn Nelson
Gabriele Lum
Annabelle Biggins
Jayton Glenn
Haley Rose Blades
Ellyn Gricell Caceras
Macy Keeton-Reddix
Fatima Yohana Araujo Caldas
Ashton Rose Ramirez
Aden Smith
Emily Eunha Shin
Gabriella S Pryde

- VII. Past President Roshan Adhikari presented the report for the nominating committee. The nominating committee submitted the following slate of officers in nomination:

President:	Jarred Oxford, Cargill Animal Nutrition
1 st Vice President	Laura Ellestad, UGA
2 nd Vice President	Robert Van Wyhe, CSA Animal Nutrition Rob Shirley, Adisseo
Executive Secretary	Mary Beck, MSSTATE (ret)
Assoc. Exec. Secretary	Jeanna Wilson Greene, UGA (ret)

Nominations were requested from the floor. None were presented and it was moved that the nominations be closed and the four unopposed officers be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded. These nominees were elected by acclamation.

A ballot election was conducted of the voting members and Robert Van Wyhe was elected as 2nd Vice President.

- VIII. There were no items of Old Business, but several updates
- IX. Comments from the Associate Executive Secretary, Jeanna Wilson
- Please make every effort to comply with the letter of any request for documents or information from the IPSF organizers! The emergency reorganization of the meeting this year and the resulting requests for documents in different formats made it very difficult to deal with non-compliance.
- X. President Bourassa made the following closing comments:
January 25-26, 2027 – next IPSF
Abstracts Due: ~ November 8, 2026 – with the second Sunday in November as the permanent submission deadline going forward.
Alltech Manuscript Due: December 1, 2026
Next meeting of SPSS: January 26, 2027
Registration \$95.

- XI. President Bourassa turned the meeting over to President-elect Jarred Oxford for adjournment. President Oxford presented Past-president Bourassa her honorary rooster in appreciation for his service to the society.
- XII. It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Beck, Executive Secretary

Attachment 1

Southern Poultry Science Society – 47th Annual Meeting
Financial Report
10/1/2024-9/30/2025

STARTING BALANCE 10/1/2024		\$138,694.51
	Checking	34,961.43
	Savings	10,095.73
	Morgan Stanley	93,637.35
INCOME		
	Sponsorships Received for 2024 IPSF	28,999.00
	Interest-Savings	1.01
	Morgan Stanley	6,103.49
	Reimbursements	185.37
TOTAL INCOME		35,288.87
EXPENSES		
	Student Awards	11,100.00
	Judges and Session Chair Gift Cards	4,150.00
	PSA Annual Meeting Sponsor	2,500.00
	Executive Secretary Travel	3501.42
	Office Supplies, Postage, Board Expenses	285.38
	Judging - PSA	2352.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		23,888.80
ENDING BALANCE 9/30/2025		150,094.58.
	Checking	40,257.00
	Savings	10,096.74
	Morgan Stanley	99,740.84
NET CHANGE		11,400.07

Attachment 2

Audit Committee Report

- **The beginning balances at the accounts (10/1/2024):**
 - **Wells Fargo Checking** **\$34,961.43**
 - **Wells Fargo Savings** **\$10,095.73**
 - **Morgan Stanley Investment** **\$93,637.35**
 - **Total** **\$138,694.51**
- **The ending balances at the accounts (9/30/2025):**
 - **Wells Fargo Checking** **\$40,257.00**
 - **Wells Fargo Saving** **\$10,096.74**
 - **Morgan Stanley Investment** **\$99,740.84**
 - **Total** **\$150,094.58**
 - **Form 990N was filed with the IRS for 2024**

Everything looked good and all expenses/receipts were for the legitimate business of the society. – B.Buresh

**Attachment 3
Resolutions Committee Report**

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The resolutions report is as follows:

1. The members of the Southern Poultry Science Society thank the following for their efforts in organizing and conducting an excellent meeting

Dianna Bourassa, President
Jarred Oxford, 1st Vice President
Laura Ellestad, 2nd Vice President
Roshan Adhikari, Past President
Mary Beck, Executive Secretary
Jeanna Wilson, Associate Executive Secretary

2. The members of the Society thank the following companies for their support and financial assistance:



3. The Society is indebted to and thanks Nath Morris and Barbara Jenkins and their U.S. Poultry & Egg Association staff for their sponsorship of the meeting by providing facilities, publicity, registration, printing, mailing, accounting services, and website support.

4. The Society thanks the Moderators of the sessions who have contributed to a well managed meeting.

The Society thanks the Judges of the student presentations; we recognize this is a difficult and important function. Because of the emergency reorganization of the oral talks to Zoom webinars, and travel disruptions for attendees, names of final actual moderators and judges were not tracked.

5. The Society expresses its sorrow at the death of its colleagues:
Jack Fry
6. Special thanks are extended to Dr. Susan Williams of SCAD for coordinating this year's meeting arrangements.

The Resolutions Committee asks the Executive Secretary to enter these resolutions into the minutes of the business meeting,

Attachment 4

**Program Report 47th
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- Thank everyone that agreed to chair a session.
- This year there was a total of 416 (-3) abstracts, 228 (+2) oral presentations and 188 (-7) posters. There were 148 (-5) graduate student presentations, with 104 oral presentations and 44 posters in the student competition. There were 25 (+5) undergraduate presentations, with 11 oral presentations and 14 posters.
- This year's registration was 1365 as of noon on Tuesday, January 27.