Thank you for your support and confidence in me, from the time you elected me ADSA vice president to now in my role of past president. My year as president flew by quickly and it was definitely a bittersweet moment to hand the gavel to our very competent President Dahl. I am sure we will have another busy and exciting year as an organization. However, I appreciate this opportunity to highlight a few events that occurred during my presidency.

According to Clarivate Analytics’ *Journal Citation Reports* (2017), the *Journal of Dairy Science* (JDS) ranked fourth of 60 journals in the Agriculture, Dairy, and Animal Science category by Impact Factor and fourth by 5-year Impact Factor, with an 11% increase in Impact Factor. Furthermore, JDS ranked fourth by Eigenfactor score and first by total citations. In the Food Science and Technology category (and using the same Impact Factor), JDS ranked 35th of 133 journals by Impact Factor and 5-year Impact Factor, fourth by Eigenfactor score, and third by total citations. Thank you to editor-in-chief Matt Lucy, section editors, reviewers, and authors, as well as the FASS editorial staff—all have been critical in the journal’s success.

The December 2017 issue of JDS included a 550-page special issue to celebrate 100 years of continuous publishing. The ADSA Foundation partially supported this project, for which we are very grateful. At the 2017 ADSA Annual Meeting, Matt Lucy inducted the first class into JDS Club 100 (which includes authors who have published 100 papers or more in JDS), creating another celebration milestone for the journal and a way to recognize our most prolific authors.

The JDS endowment (the “superfund”) exceeded its stated goal of $8 million early in 2017; thus, we were able to reduce member page charges from $85 to $65 per page in 2018.

The Searchable Proceedings of Animal Conferences (S-PAC) continued to grow in 2017, both in content (conferences and proceedings) and subscribers. All attendees of the 2017 ADSA Annual Meeting received a free 90-day subscription, an offer that was repeated for 2018 ADSA Annual Meeting attendees.

During the 2017–2018 year, DiscoverSM Conferences 32 (Dairy Replacement Heifers: Transitioning from Weaning Through First Lactation) and 33 (Integrated Solutions to Fiber Challenges) occurred, and post-meeting survey results indicated very successful and meaningful gatherings on these topics. My sincere thanks to Larry Miller, Molly Kelley, the ADSA and FASS staff, and ADSA volunteers and support teams for their work to ensure the success of these unique research exchanges.

In 2017, ADSA had its own standalone annual meeting, the first in 17 years. The Pittsburgh meeting was very successful, attracting more than 1,900 attendees from 45 countries and netting the organization $120,000. I would like to thank the ADSA and FASS staff and volunteers for delivering such an outstanding meeting. More importantly, this momentum carried through to the 2018 meeting in Knoxville, thanks to the hard-working, diligent, and determined members of the Program Committee, chaired by Cathleen Williams. However, the success of the meeting was also a function of all committees and their members, symposium organizers, speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, and attendees. Thanks for your contributions!

The 2017–2018 ADSA board, which I can never recognize sufficiently for their work, efforts, thoughts, and unique sense of humor, served the membership effectively this year. Our professional member survey indicated that 86% of our respondents were either extremely or somewhat satisfied with the organization. FASS continues to be a strong asset for the ADSA organization by providing high-quality services to the ADSA organization. Our preliminary financials indicate that the ADSA total assets grew by 13.8% last year.
Finally, we have a strong, vibrant organization that is willing to make ADSA the main source for the global dairy industry. Our professional members are engaged, and both student organizations are enthusiastic, dynamic, energetic, and ready for the future challenges that we will face. Nevertheless, I know that the successes this year would not have occurred without you, the members, who provide countless hours reviewing articles, chairing committees, serving as committee members, advising student clubs, sponsoring activities and exhibits, and providing relevant, significant internships and future jobs in the dairy industry. As I end this recap, I acknowledge and thank our ADSA executive director, Peter Studney, and our ADSA executive assistant, Morgan Montgomery. Their contributions are too numerous to count, but they have been key to us accomplishing our goals to maintain and grow our organization. Additionally, thanks to Jeremy Holzner, executive director of FASS, as well as all of the FASS staff, who continue to make our visions a reality for ADSA. It has been a pleasure to serve in this capacity and I look forward to the future—I am sure the best is yet to come!