WSSA Minutes documenting activity between summer board meeting (July 2008) and annual meeting (February 2009).

August 20, 2008. The board voted via email on the motion to fund Janet Clark's proposal to market IPSM. Voting ended on Monday, August 25. The motion to fund Janet Clark's $11,960 proposal to market IPSM passed unanimously. If Janet needs additional travel funds, she should send the board another request.

9/12/08 Vince Davis made a motion for WSSA to fund up to six grants to support graduate student participation at annual meetings. Linda Nelson seconded the motion. We will not use the 10 student discount hotel rooms for the awardees. Motion approved by unanimous vote on Sept 21, 2009. The award criteria were incorporated into the Manual of Operating Procedures.

Jeff Derr proposed to the board a procedure for handling email motions, which should be placed into the MOPs.

Manual of Operating Procedures - Motions Handled by Email
1. A board member develops a motion and emails it to the entire board. A second is needed from another board member to allow discussion and a vote.

2. The secretary will track all correspondence on the motion (initial motion, second, discussion, and vote). The secretary will prepare a set of minutes for the summer board meeting which includes all email motions made between the annual meeting and the summer board meeting. The secretary will prepare a set of minutes for the annual meeting which includes all email motions made between the summer board meeting and the annual meeting.

2. Board members must use "reply to all" when seconding, discussing, or when voting on a motion.

3. Once the motion is seconded, there will be one week allowed for discussion.

4. The voting period will be for five working days.

5. The secretary reports back to the board on the outcome of the voting.

Sept 21, 2008. Mike Owen seconded the motion. Vote on motion was unanimous in favor on Sept 28, 2008.

Nov 13, 2008. Jeff Derr sent the board a list of most awardees to be honored in Orlando, which needs to be approved by the board. Vanelle Peterson made the motion to approve and Linda Nelson seconded. Vote was unanimous in favor.

11/26/08 - Jeff Derr sent an additional list of awardees to the board for approval.
Mike Barrett made the motion to accept and Jim Anderson seconded. Vote on motion was unanimous in favor.

Dec 5, 2008. Jeff Derr sent a list of the 6 student travel grant awardees as decided by Sarah Ward and the Professional Development Committee for board approval. Clarence Swanton made the motion to accept and Anita Dille seconded. Vote was unanimous in favor.

12/12/08 - Jeff Derr sent the list of the two reviewer awardees for board approval. Mike Owen moved and Vince Davis seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous in favor.

12/15/08 - Jeff Derr shared the election results with the board. Here are the winning candidates:

Vice President - Mike Barrett
Treasurer - Anita Dille
Member at Large - Anne Legere

I would like to thank Jill for the excellent job she did running the election this year. She was able to develop a strong set of candidates. Jill informed me that we had better participation this year compared to last year, 355 cast ballots this year compared to 296 last year (336 were cast electronically and 19 mailed in ballots). Sending the logins along with the information on the election was obviously very helpful as was sending the reminder before Thanksgiving.

December 16, 2008. The following was from Jeff Derr to the board. Don Stubbs, Associate Director, Pesticide Registration Division, is retiring from EPA. Jill, John, and Steve Dewey have recommended that we thank Don for his support of weed science and WSSA by presenting him with a certificate from the society. Mike Owen moved and Linda Nelson seconded a motion to present Don Stubbs with a certificate from WSSA. Vote on motion was unanimous in favor.

Dec 19, 2008. The following was from Jeff Derr to the board. There is one final award to approve - Outstanding paper in IPSM. Motion moved by David Shaw and John Jachetta second. Vote was unanimous in favor.

1/14/09 - The following is from Jeff Derr to the board. We have an issue that requires immediate action. We need to change WSSA's resident agent in Illinois as we had a lapse in this registration. WSSA officers can be personally liable for any acts or omissions during this lapse. I will need a motion and a second to approve the law firm we are working with on the Chicago Marriott issue as our resident agent in Illinois. That firm is Howe & Hutton, Ltd., Suite 4200, 20 N Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60606-9833 and the attorney we are working with is Joshua W. Peterson. John Jachetta moved and Mike Owen seconded. Vote was unanimous in favor.
Jan 21, 2009. The following was from Jeff Derr to the board. Hopefully you have had a chance to look at the proposal from David Krueger, our webmaster, to develop title/abstract submission software. His estimate is $9,000 for the design of the software, plus $1,500 in yearly maintenance costs. The NEWSS board has agreed to be the test site for this software and they would use it for their 2010 meeting. The program will thus have been thoroughly tested prior to use for the 2011 WSSA meeting. Motion was made by David Shaw and 2nd by Linda Nelson. 1/29/09 Motion to fund David Krueger for development of title/abstract submission software is approved. 13 yes votes, 0 no votes.