

WSSA Business Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2010

Meeting called to order by President David Shaw at 5:31 PM

Jachetta moved, Shaner seconded to approve agenda. Motion passed.

David Shaw informed us that the 2009 minutes were posted on the web site, and corrections should be forwarded to the Secretary.

Owen moved, Barrett second to accept minutes from 2009 meeting.
Motion passed.

John Jachetta provided the 2010 program report. His report has been posted on the web. His comments were met with enthusiasm.

Mike Barrett provided the 2011 program report. His report has been posted on the web. Mike discussed the display in the trade show. Raffle had over 300 entrants, including over 100 students. The list of entrants will be made available to members. 2011 Program will be more traditional than this year. Call for symposia will come out in the next Newsletter.

Anita Dille provided the Treasurer's report. Her report has been posted on the web. She reported on dollar amounts in the different categories such as investments, money market, money withdrawn. The WSSA investments saw a 14% increase in the General Fund, and a 28% increase in the Endowment Fund.

Greg Armel provided the endowment report, and thanked those that contributed. His report has been posted on the web. Forty five members donated in 2009. He reported a 69% increase in contributions and asked more members to contribute. The committee goal is \$400,000, to honor Roy J Smith. The Endowment was able to fund eight undergraduate student fellowships.

Greg Armel reported on the Weed Olympics 2011 in Knoxville to students of all regional societies. Goal is a positive educational experience and a good networking event.

Jason Weirich reported on the Graduate Student Organization. His report has been posted on the web. Sarah True, NCSU, was elected as the new Graduate Student Representative.

Jim Anderson reported on publishing activities. His report has been posted on the web. Jim presented specific details about Weed Science, Weed Technology, and, Invasive Plant Science and Management with number of submissions, acceptance rate, number of days to acceptance, impact factors, and rankings. Royalties from established journals was estimated at \$72k. The expected loss from the new IPSM journal is ~\$50k, for a net profit of ~\$22k.

Lee Van Wychen gave an update on Washington and other matters. His report has been posted on the web. His top five activities and challenges:

1. Research Funding: New money, new opportunities
2. Herbicide resistance management policy
3. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
4. Spray drift labeling
5. National invasive species awareness week (NISAW)

Jill Schroeder reported on her liaison activities as the EPA Subject Matter Expert. Her quarterly reports are posted on the WSSA web site. Jill will continue in her role for an additional year.

Jeff Derr reported on election system and results, including Rod Lym as Vice President, Sarah Ward as Member at large, and Dave Vitolo as Secretary.

Wesley Everman provided the necrology report, speaking eloquently on the life of Dr Ellery Knake.

Old business –

None

New business –

Dirk Drost: Spoke about the “Weed Science Q and A” video and thanked all those who participated in making the video at this year’s WSSA Public Awareness Booth.

David Shaw passed the gavel to John Jachetta. John presented a plaque to David and expressed appreciation for all his efforts.

John Jachetta declared the Business Meeting adjourned 6:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Vitolo

WSSA Secretary