

**MINUTES – WSSA Board Meeting**  
Tuesday July 8 - 9, 2014  
7:30 AM

**Call to Order – Joe DiTomaso**

Pres. DiTomaso called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

18 voting members present at meeting and 8 of 8 executive board members so quorum was met.

**ATTENDING:**

**Board Members and Ex Officio:** Hugh Beckie, Mark Bernards, Prasanta Bhowmik, Ian Burke, Joe DiTomaso, Eric Palmer, Les Glasgow, Cody Gray, Jim Kells, Dan Kunkel, Andrew Kniss, Dan Kunkel, Dallas Peterson, Peter Porpiglia, Sarah Ward, Kate Venner, Kevin Bradley, Les Glasgow

**Ex Officio:** Joyce Lancaster, Lee Van Wychen

**Guest:** Mike Barrett

**Absent:** Pat Clay

**Approval of Agenda – Joe DiTomaso**  
**CALL TO ORDER**

Joe DiTomaso called the meeting to order at 7:45. He began with introductions of the attendees.

Joe DiTomaso called for additions or changes to the agenda. He presented some corrections of his own.

No other items for agenda were proposed.

Motion to approve the agenda by Les Glasgow seconded by Mark Bernards.

Motion was passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes – Larry Steckel**

Larry Steckel sent out minutes for Feb 1 board meeting, motion by Les Glasgow to approve and seconded by Mark Bernards. Motion passed unanimously.

Larry Steckel sent out minutes for Feb 6 board meeting, motion by Dallas Peterson to approve and seconded by Mark Bernards. Motion passed unanimously.

## **President's Report – Joe DiTomaso**

Joe DiTomaso discussed his visit to Washington DC with Donn Shilling, Mike Barrett and Lee Van Wychen. They visited with the new National Program Leader, Rosalind James and also Marty Draper at USDA. At the end of the day they visited with EPA and it was clear to him that the EPA really valued the input from WSSA and that Jill Schroeder and Mike Barrett had done a very good job.

Joe DiTomaso brought up that it is time to develop a new strategic plan for the society. Committee established to start a draft on strategic plan. Vanelle Peterson has been named as Chair of that committee.

## **Executive Secretary Report - Joyce Lancaster**

Joyce Lancaster relayed to board that a new person is on board as an association management assistant.

Regular members have declined. Student membership increased several years and has remained steady.

Joyce Lancaster stated that membership committee may need to be developed to help increase membership. Peter Porpiglia added that the decrease in membership needs to be addressed in strategic plan. Joe DiTomaso will contact Vanelle Peterson and make sure this is part of their plan.

Joyce Lancaster relayed data base conversion went fairly well with few issues.

General discussion on why membership has declined and action that could be taken to increase membership. When institutions stopped paying membership dues WSSA took large drop in membership. There was discussion about increasing the value of membership by greatly increasing the cost to non-membership for meetings and information. The primary focus needs to be on making sure that there is high value to membership and that value is communicated.

## **Finance Committee Report – Ian Burke**

Ian Burke sent finance report. General fund is near \$1,000,000 after 14% interest earned in the last fiscal year. Endowment fund is now near \$400,000.

There was a recommendation from finance committee to keep membership dues at the same rates as last year of \$175 regular North America member electronic access; \$200 for regular member North America print and online, \$250 for print and online Non-North America; \$75 Student Print and Online; and \$50 Student online only access.

Motion by Kevin Bradley to accept finance committee's recommendation to remain the same on membership dues and seconded by Sarah Ward. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a recommendation from finance committee to set the meeting registration rates as provided in Ian's report.

Motion by Prasanta Bhowmik seconded Eric Palmer to set fees for Lexington meeting as recommended by finance committee. Motion passed 15 for with 3 opposed.

### **WSSA Strategic Plan Committee update – Joe DiTomaso**

Discussed previously.

### **WSSA Fellow to USDA-NIFA Approval – Mike Barrett**

Committee tasked to review applicants interested in this position. To date one application has been sent in and two others have expressed interest. The deadline for submission in September 1. The committee will make a recommendation at that time and we will likely hold a e-vote with the Board on the recommendation.

### **EPA Liaison Report – Mike Barrett**

### **Resistance monitoring and mitigation ad hoc committee update and resistance summit update – Mike Barrett**

The EPA has a concern on what would we do if resistance was found with Enlist Duo with respect to registration of this technology. He crafted a letter with input from a committee presenting WSSA's view on resistance management that is to be listed on proposed label.

He set up meeting with BT resistance management folks with registrants and EPA with Enlist Duo. How does retail follow up on non-performance? Sat in on science advisory panel meeting on RNAi technology on pest management. EPA wants a list of resistance terms across pest management complex. Carol Mallory-Smith is in working group to help them come up with a list of bullet points to address this.

Endangered species is having a big impact on new registration herbicides and traits.

Summit is a call to action with presenters to address how farmers could be encouraged to implement resistance management.

### **2014 Meeting Survey – Kevin Bradley**

Kevin Bradley relayed some of the highlights of the survey from the Vancouver meeting. Ratings for sessions at Vancouver meeting were very positive. They like split poster sessions for posters Tue and Wed. 48% said they prefer electronic format for journals. The three most important WSSA activities included the EPA Liaison, the WSSA Fellow to NIFA, and the Director of Science Policy.

### **2015 Meeting symposia, meeting program, and electronic technology for smartphone – Peterson**

### **2015 Meeting Program – Dallas Peterson**

Meeting set for Feb 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be two facilities involved with rooms and committee meetings at Hilton and sessions will be held in convention center. Mike Barrett is local arrangements chair.

Pre conference tours will be horse farm and distillery. The general session followed by awards will be Monday. Symposia are set with one on OMICS and the other on the Herbicide Resistance Summit II.

Decided to continue the photo contest with Mike DeFelice chairing. Require at least five entries to have the contest.

Interest in adding a meeting app for WSSA meeting. Several Apps were demonstrated to the board by Tony Ballard. Felt that we needed to consult with David Krueger to find out which program was best compatible with our online system.

Jim Kells moved to approve the development of a meeting app with a cost of up to \$3,500 for annual meeting. Seconded by Dan Kunkel. Unanimous approval.

### **2016 Meeting Program – Kevin Bradley**

Puerto Rico meeting is on track to be jointly held by SWSS and WSSA. There was some discussion of the logistics between the two meeting groups. The summer board meeting will be held on July 7 and 8, 2015 at the Sheraton Hotel in San Juan. Both Boards will meet on those dates in Puerto Rico.

### **Science Policy Report – Lee Van Wychen**

Discussion on the national action plan for MP304 national crop protection quarantine. Chance that we can get a weed scientist on to this group. Discussion on the topic of the superweed stereotype is now the norm and how to address this. Oxford's dictionary defines superweed as "A weed which is extremely resistant to herbicides, especially one created by the transfer of genes from genetically modified crops into wild plants." This definition is very inaccurate and WSSA needs to address this issue.

Lee Van Wychen asked for a way to get an annual survey of worst weeds. He was referred to Ted Webster to start with his survey of Extension Weed Scientist on worst weeds by commodity in their states.

Board was updated on pollinator protection program as well as EPA defining what are waters of the US.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn by Eric Palmer, seconded by Andrew Kniss. Unanimous approval.

**July 9, 2014**

**Call to Order – Joe DiTomaso**

Pres. DiTomaso called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

16 voting members present at meeting and 6 of 8 executive board members so quorum was met.

**Board Members and Ex Officio Present:** Hugh Beckie, Mark Bernards, Prasanta Bhowmik, Joe DiTomaso, Eric Palmer, Les Glasgow, Cody Gray, Jim Kells, Dan Kunkel, Andrew Kniss, Daniel Kunkel, Dallas Peterson, Peter Porpiglia, Sarah Ward, Kate Venner, Les Glasgow

**Ex Officio:** Joyce Lancaster, Lee Van Wychen

**Absent:** Pat Clay, Kevin Bradley, Ian Burke

**Graduate Student Organization Report and Poster Contest Approval – Venner**

Kate Venner relayed idea on topics for Graduate student workshop on publishing manuscripts with editors from three WSSA Journals as well as speakers on how to prepare for jobs in academia as well industry and government.

Kate Venner – Asked for input on how to structure poster contest. President of graduate student organization will have the option to be one of the judges of this contest if they elect not to participate. The Board discussed the details of the contest and the scoring and Joe DiTomaso will appoint a chair.

Poster award presentations will be presented at the WSSA business meeting.

Motion to approve a student poster contest with an amount of \$3,000 dedicated for awards by Jim Kells, seconded by Mark Bernards. Unanimous approval.

**Nominating Committee Report – Jim Kells**

This fall we need to elect a new vice president and a new treasurer. Dr. Kells is in the process of identifying potential nominees to hold election with this fall.

**Publications Report, Website, Herbicide Handbook, IPSM Editor Approval – Sarah Ward**

Sarah Ward – The 10th Edition of the herbicide handbook is now ready for sale. Larger book orders get a discount. A hundred copy orders or more get a 40% discount, a 50 -100 copy order receives a 30% discount, 25-50 copy order receives a 20% discount, and 10-25 copy order receives a 10% discount. All orders 10 or less at full price of \$95 which includes shipping/handling.

Sarah Ward reported that journals are doing well and are bringing in good revenue. In BioOne Weed Science and Weed Tech are doing well above average of journals on income generated and number of hits.

Elizabeth Simpson was offered and accepted as newsletter editor.

Online special publication on research methods should be ready to be published this fall. Sarah Ward suggested that it be a reference dedicated to WSSA membership in future years. She also suggested that it could be published as an e-book as it becomes updated in future years.

All three journals now screen for plagiarism with software called CrossCheck.

Joe DiTomaso is stepping down as Editor for Invasive Plant Science and Management. After review and discussion of the applications, Sarah Ward moved that Tony DiTommaso be offered the Editor position for IPSM and Dan Kunkel seconded. Unanimous approval.

Sarah Ward suggested that the Herbicide Handbook be moved into the electronic format after this 10<sup>th</sup> edition. The 10<sup>th</sup> edition will also become available in electronic form. Several e-version formats were discussed including as an e-book, etc. Sarah will come back with several electronic format suggestions for next board meeting.

### **Weed Science Advocacy and Public Service Award update - Joe DiTomaso**

Dallas Peterson reports that John Soteres agreed to chair this committee as well as committee members Lee Van Wychen, Brett Miller and Doug Worsham.

### **Constitution and Operating, Approval of Changes – Peter Porpiglia**

Peter Porpiglia discussed the new PDF version of updated MOP. Website committee requested change in their structure from 8 members for 5 year term to 5 or more members for a 3 year term.

Board will vote on the two changes to MOP (adding the public service award committee and change requested by Website committee) in three weeks.

Peter also reminded board that we need to keep record of attendees to the board meetings.

### **2015 Summer Board Meeting Dates for Puerto Rico – Joe DiTomaso**

### **Other Business – Joe DiTomaso**

Dallas Peterson – Letter from ASA looking at doing a joint meeting with them for 2017. WSSA is already committed to Tucson in 2017. Joe DiTomaso will write the ASA explaining this issue and that the WSSA will not do a joint meeting with them in 2017.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Andrew Kniss and seconded by Less Glasgow. Unanimous approval.