WSSA Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 8, 2017

El Conquistador Hilton, Tucson, AZ

Call to order. 5:01 pm

Agenda approval. Larry Steckel motioned and Bill Curran second. Unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes from 2016 Business Meeting. Greg Dahl motioned and John Hines second. Unanimous approval.

**President’s Report (Kevin Bradley)**. Change is the theme. Publication transfer to Cambridge University Press is finished. We hired a new Executive Secretary, Eric Gustafson. We will be hiring IMI as our meeting manager. Seven (7) Herbicide resistance listening sessions are scheduled; a few have occurred and 2 more planned shortly.

**2017 Program Report (Janis McFarland)**. We met our room block early. We received extremely favorable feedback on symposia sessions, grad student, teaching and research funding workshops, posters and presentations. We had more than 490 meeting registrants.

**2018 Program Report (Scott Senseman)**. Meeting will be in Arlington, VA Jan 29-Feb 1, 2018 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. Please give thoughts for symposia and tours, and ideas to Scott.

**Treasurer’s report (Rick Boydston).** Dec 1-Nov 30 for FY. 2016 $767,767 revenues. $903,497 expenses. Meeting expenses a bit higher than the joint meeting with Southern. We are deficit spending for past 2 years. Performance is up 15.6% for the endowment and the General Fund is up 11.5%. 2017 Projected revenues: CUP contributions are already a larger proportion. $760,082 in revenues, $819,202 expenses projected. Overall in sound shape even with a possible decrease from sustaining membership and individual. Special thanks to Joyce!!

**Endowment (Anita Dille).** The endowment generated funds for education grants. Anita read the list of donors.

**Graduate Student Organization (Nick Basinger).** The annual student workshop was attended by 35 students. Sarah Glovo from Rarefied Media discussed development of an on-line portfolio. 51 students came to the luncheon meetings. Chase Samples incoming GSO President. Enrichment experience proposal for students was brought to Board.

**Publications (Sarah Ward)**. Transition to CUP was smooth and complete for Weed Technology and Weed Science; Invasive Management (IPMS ) journal’s fourth issue of 2016 will be coming soon by AP and that will be the last one for Allen Press. AP website staying live until end of March. Impact factors of journals went up. We are looking for new newsletter editor. We are looking for old copies of Weeds. CUP will be creating high-quality digitized copies of old journals.

**Science Policy (Lee Van Wychen).** This was the busiest year ever regarding federal rules with >97000 pages in Federal Register. NISAW (invasive species awareness) webinars coming up, DC; Troublesome weed survey is out. Comments on APHIS rule with risk assessments and GMO crops are due in June. Farm Bill debates start Feb 23. IR-4 budget support to hopefully be increase.

EPA Subject Matter Expert. They have been very responsive to training about weed science. We have 7 EPA staff at the meeting; most ever!! BOD to interact with EPA during July 2017 meeting. Mike Barrett requests replacement as Liaison and he will help with the transition.

**WSSA NIFA Fellow (Donn Shilling absent)**. Amended agenda regarding this omission.

**Election results (Dallas Petersen).** Our new vice-president is Larry Steckel. For Member-at-Large, Andrew Kniss’ term should have ended in 2017, but to get us on every other year election, so he agreed to stay on one more year to get us on cycle.

**Necrology (Wes Everman).** The WSSA lost several outstanding weed scientists in the past year. Summaries of obituaries were presented. Details are included in WSSA newsletters.

**Grad Student Contests (Darrin Dodds).** Many thanks to his committee and acknowledged judges (54 people). This is the first year for both oral presentations and posters. 80 students signed up; 70 participated representing 32 educational institutions.

**Old business**. Eric Palmer, Dallas Petersen, and Prasanta Bhowmik rotating off the Board.

**New business**. Mark Bernard to send out email ballot on MOP changes. Shout out to Joyce Lancaster for her years of excellent service!

John Byrd is joining the Board as representative of the SWSS.

Passing of the Gavel by Kevin Bradley to Janis McFarland. Janis gave Kevin a plaque for his service as President of WSSA.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:02 pm.