

MINUTES – WSSA Board Meeting

Thursday, February 6, 2014

11:45 – 1:00 PM

Call to Order – Joe DiTomaso

Pres. DiTomaso called the meeting to order at 12:10 and welcomed new member Eric Palmer.

13 voting members present at meeting and 7 of 7 executive board members so quorum met.

Conference Status, Updated Report – Joyce Lancaster

1. Around 500 attendees
2. Met room block threshold – no meeting penalties
3. Overall came in good shape monetary wise on meeting.

Feedback from Board members on conference, hotel, AV, etc. – Joe DiTomaso

Positives

1. Logistics were very convenient to access papers
2. Poster session not conflicting with papers was well received as was the coffee.
3. Overall very positive comments in general for conference

Suggestions for improvement

1. Comments on room size for Agronomy section needing to be larger.
2. Noon end time too late to get back home on Thursday

Budget, proposed budget for 2014 – Ian Burke

1. Ian Burke presented proposed budget and explained various line items.

Approval of budget

Jim Kells moved to approve budget and Andrew Kniss 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous approval.

Discussion about extending the Penton CEU contract for one year.

Andrew Kniss moved to extend contract, seconded by Less Glasgow. Unanimous approval.

Update of graduate student meeting on poster contest for 2015 – Alex Knight

1. 84 graduate students in attendance.
2. Students were very positive about establishment of a poster contest for the 2015 WSSA Conference.
3. Ideas for next year symposium

4. Bill Vencil suggested a Graduate student symposium on writing and reviewing manuscripts in the 3 WSSA journals. Editors of 3 journals speak about writing manuscripts, pit falls, why papers are rejected, how to review manuscripts, etc.

Recommendation on press release process – Sarah Ward

Discussion.

1. Editor is to notify authors selected for press release. Then authors work with Linda to make draft that goes through public relations committee

New WSSA Weed Science Advocacy and Public Service Award – Joe DiTomaso

Discussion.

1. Some clarification was asked for on how this proposed award will differ from Extension award?
2. It differs in that this is not for career recognition but something above and beyond what is expected of someone's position.
3. Weed Science Public Service Award was set upon as title for award.

Less Glasgow moved to approve establishment of a Weed Science Public Service Award, seconded by Dallas Peterson. Unanimous approval.

Letter to USDA on importance of weed science in ARS 5-yr plan – Joe DiTomaso

1. Weed science should prepare letter (NP304) to USDA/ARS on maintaining a strong weed science presence in their new 5 year plan.
2. Jill, Mike and Joe drafted letter and WSSA board asked to edit.
3. Pres Joe DiTomaso will send out edited letter to region and aquatic weed societies to edit and then send within 2 weeks.

Mark Bernards motion to expedite 3 days discussion and 3 days to vote for the NP304 letter. Seconded by Andrew Kniss. Unanimous approval.

Adjourn

Sarah Ward Motion to Adjourn, seconded by Kevin Bradley. Unanimous approval.

Addendum

Feb 14, 2014 - Ian Burke moved to approve content of board members' vetted letter to USDA on importance of weed science and Cody Gray 2nd. Unanimous approval.