

MINUTES – WSSA Business Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

5:00 – 6:00 PM Key 10

Approved 2/4/2014

Call to Order – Rod Lym

Pres. Lym called the meeting to order at 4:59.

Approval of Agenda – Rod Lym

Joe DiTomaso moved to approve agenda, Anita Dille seconded. Unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes – John Madsen

Peter Porpiglia moved to approve minutes, seconded by Les Glasgow. Unanimous approval.

President's Report – Rod Lym

President Lym provided a brief report of activities of the society.

1. National Summit on Strategies to Manage Herbicide-Resistant Weeds was very successful.
2. Contracts for Association Management and Meeting Management have been renewed through 2016.
3. Contract for publishing the journals is still in negotiation.
4. Meeting sites selected for 2015 through 2017. Details on back of program.
5. WSSA sponsored an accredited online CEU course for herbicide resistance that had over 1000 people passing the course in less than 7 months (Penton Media record).
6. Muthukumar V. Bagavathiannan (Muthu) has been selected as a web content editor. A new look for the webpage will be launched by March 1.
7. Herbicide Handbook new edition in 2014, we are working on details for an electronic edition.
8. Jill Schroeder will be leaving as WSSA liaison to US EPA. A new liaison will be selected in March-April.
9. Kurt Vollmer stepped up as GSO representative.
10. Three constitutional measures passed.
11. Mike Barrett proposed a liaison position with USDA NIFA, similar to our liaison to US EPA.
12. Trey Koger will be stepping down as Newsletter Editor at the end of 2013.
13. Jim Anderson is stepping down as Director of Publications in February 2014.

2013 Program Report – Jim Kells

We are having a meeting. Joint meeting with NEWSS. 525 in attendance. 15 minute oral presentations, 240, 121 posters, Meeting will end at noon on Thursday.

2014 Program Report – Joe DiTomaso

Next year's meeting is a joint meeting with CWSS, Hugh Beckie is co-chair. They have two tours planned.

Treasurer's Report – Ian Burke

Total assets are \$1.77M in assets.

A review of the last five years was performed.

Revised the MOP to have an audit chair, to check expenditures authorized by Treasurer.

2012 Revenues of \$815,662.

2012 Expenses are \$736,689.

Consistently revenue exceeds expenditures slightly.

Increased general fund by 8.3% in 2012.

Endowment Fund – Anita Dille

Endowment increased by 9.4%, mostly through interest income.

Endowment contributions were only \$915 in 2012.

Her goal is to increase contributions in the next year.

Graduate Student Organization – Kurt Vollmer

Take-a-student event has been going on all week.

Professional development workshop on Wednesday, sponsored by Monsanto.

Incoming president and GSO representative is Alex Knight.

Publications – James Anderson

Publications are doing very well. Impact factors have been increasing for Weed Science and Weed Technology and IPISM is expected to receive an impact factor in June of 2013.

2012 net profit share to WSSA from Allen Press for Weed Science and Weed Technology is projected to be ~\$82,000. IPISM is projected to have a net loss of ~\$28,000 in 2012, which continues to reflect the downward trend in loss over time.

Director of Science Policy, NISAW – Lee Van Wychen

Five topics:

1. Excellent visit with Sonny Ramaswamy; Developing a white paper on funding
2. Biofuel is here to stay, trying to include the invasive species issue as related to biofuel crops
3. Pesticide Safety Education Program
4. NPDES – Senate legislation introduced
5. APCRP funding reinstatement
6. NISAW
7. Top priority to fill Dr. Lydon's position, need to have a national program leader for weeds.
8. Subject Matter Expert, Jill Schroeder, has decided to step down from that role. In the process of reviewing applicants for a replacement.

EPA Subject Matter Expert – Jill Schroeder

Reports are on the web

Report on the web regarding the most recent US EPA tour.

SME participated in the herbicide resistance summit.

Election Results – Mike Barrett

Nominating committee consists of the past presidents of WSSA and the regional societies.

Alex Kniss is the new Member-at-Large

Dallas Peterson is the new Vice President

Necrology Report – Wes Everman

Nine members have passed away in the last year:

John Ahrens

Richard Aldrich

Mark C Broyles

Ray Cooper

Robert Eugene Eplee

Marshal Dean McGlamery

Stanley Walter Pruss

Elena Raquel Sanchez Olguin

John Lydon

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of our colleagues.

Old Business

None

New Business

Carol Mallory-Smith requested that it would be helpful to know that the meeting will end well ahead of schedule. Joe DiTomaso said he would attempt to end at noon on Thursday.

Passing of the Gavel

Rod Lym passed the gavel to Jim Kells as President of WSSA.

Jim Kells presented Past President Rod Lym a plaque in appreciation of his service as President.

Adjourn

President Kells adjourned the meeting at 5:51pm.