**MINUTES**

WSSA Summer Board Meeting

Hilton Waikoloa Village

July 30, 31, August 1, 2011

Attending:

James Anderson (Director of Publications)

Rod Lym (President elect)

Jacob Barney (NEWSS Rep)

Kevin Bradley (NCWSS representative)

Anita Dille (Treasurer)

John Jachetta (Past-President)

Joyce Lancaster (Executive Secretary)

Anne Légère (Member-at-Large)

Tim Miller (WSWS Representative)

Mike Barrett (President)

Sarah Ward (Member-at-Large)

Lee Van Wychen (Director of Science Policy)

Trey Cutts (GSO Representative)

Dave Vitolo (Secretary)

Cody Gray (APMS)

Les Glasgow (Member at large)

Jim Kells (Vice President)

Darrin Dodds (SWSS)

**Saturday July 30**

Call to Order 8:00

**Approval of Agenda:**

Moved: Vitolo, 2nd Jachetta. Approved.

Review of WSSA Major Projects/Investments

Mike reviewed the MAPLE process.

Projects will be evaluated according to:

1. MAPLE indicators:

M = Membership; what is the benefit to members of WSSA?

A = Articles; what is the effect on WSSA publications?

P = Policies; does this effort impact policies related to weed science?

L = Legislation; does this effort impact legislation related to weed science?

E = Education; what is the benefit to educational goals of the society?

2. Alignment of the project with WSSA goals.

3. Estimated draw on financial and member resources

4. Probability of success versus the expected impact of the project.

5. Risks versus potential rewards to the society and membership.

6. Will the success of this project make the society stronger?

7. Is there a better project in the queue?

8. Urgency – some projects may get fast-tracked

9. What are the risks to committing to the project, and the risks in not doing the project?

New project proposals will be evaluated at the board meeting that immediately follows each annual meeting. Continuing projects will be evaluated at the summer board meetings on a rotating basis; projects at stage gates 2 through 4 will be evaluated yearly. Once projects have been launched, evaluation will occur every one to three years.

Director of Science Policy – **Barrett**

We have had 2 DSPs. Role: Research outreach, monitor and interact with Washington DC scene. Long-term activities and efforts. Assessing impact is difficult as the activities cross over years. WSSA pays 60%, member societies the rest. >100k.

Core Activities of the DSP:

* To monitor and report on activities in Washington D.C. that are relevant to the societies
* To make the expertise of the societies readily accessible to the legislature and administrative agencies
* To comment on specific science issues that are of concern to the societies or where the societies have specific competencies
* To pursue specific interests of the societies as a group, or as individual societies, when there is a compelling need

The DSP reports directly to the chair of the WSSA Science Policy Committee

Discussion: If we want to have impact in DC, this is what we need to do. If we don’t look out for ourselves, no one else will. Funding efforts have been very effective. Too much to do. Discussion around priority setting. Directly reports to Don Schilling. Committee sets priority. Role is vital.

Do we need to replicate in Canada? It would be extremely valuable. Has spillover affect in CA. Could we sponsor some effort in Ottawa? Discuss prior to Vancouver meeting. If CWSS has idea come to board with a proposal. Peter Sikkema will discuss. Do other societies have similar role? : Hort, ASP, Tri-Societies…yes.

**EPA Subject Matter Liaison – Jachetta**

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Steve Dewey 1st. Jill S 2nd. .Partnerships, 3 key issues for 2011.

Both organizations need to learn from each other, and how they operate. Provide expert advice.Now they have an educational tool they can rely on. Education focus.

Need to offer interns (Point 4 page 11)

It is about what the agency wants. Need to be responsive. This provides an independent review, opposite the Industry. Any pushback from companies? Sometimes. They don’t get everything they want, ..so. Expert provides valuable input to various committees. Needs to be a long-term commitment by an individual, but not permanent one.

**Public Awareness Committee – Jachetta**

Takes strong leadership. Janis, Carol. Next?



Objectives: Raise public awareness of weeds. Guidance to regulators. Awareness as a career

Activities: Press releases. Education of the masses. Very effective committee.

**WSSA Website – Ward, Cutts, Lancaster**

Website dated. Keeping content updated is an issue. Website redesign committee: Ward, Cutts, Greg McDonald, Everman, Sarah True, Derr, Barney, Jim Anderson, Lee VanWychen, Dave Krueger.

1st: redesign the site .Look, connections, …easiest task at hand

2nd: How to update content? Current model not meeting our needs. Needs to be the go-to site for info on weeds. Content editor: Job role, time, budget, Who do we want? Passionate,knowledgeable. Need a filter for cost of adding things to the site.

Clear process needed. Timelines and specific goals needed. Action plan for new web design. Link to broader social media.

Ward: to provide job description by February meeting, and website proposal. Use Stage gate plan to provide quality control.

**Annual Meeting – Lym, Lancaster, Counter**

Joyce provided # of attendees. 265 last year. 300-350 average.

408 was Orlando with SWSW.

Annual meeting serves purpose, but only for a 1/4 of our membership. How to we involve those who do not attend? We try to break even. Is annual meeting worth it? Yes is consensus. Location is important. San Antonio vs Gander. Westerners getting tired of the west. But Easterners like it.

Video symposia? Costly. Are there newer better ways? Put slides and audio. Podcast to meeting. Record speakers, post with slides. Charge ? possibly. Technology exists. Beltwide does it. SWSS thinking of it. Can add check-off to give permission when posting.

Barrett: Record Symposia would be a good start – Goal is to record Symposia for the 2012 meeting

Barrett: Investigate Concept – of Slides + Audio recording and posting.

Kells: Note to David on Committee sign-up tool on site. Do not add committees under review.

Mike Barrett: to ask each committee to justify their existence

**Analysis of WSSA Committees**

Consensus: Serious look of committees is a good idea. Many are inactive or barely so. A regular review of committees is needed. Every committee should have a sunset clause. A new vision statement may bring new enthusiasm. Standing committee vs ad-hoc committees (interest group) may be way to organize. Permenent vs rotationally reviewed committee (terminology needs to be sorted out).

**E3 Cast**

In practice venue to interact at WSSA meeting doesn’t happen. They do meet at the CAST meeting. Not needed.

Ward: Discuss need for committee with Chair E3

**E11 Weed-loss**

Should be ad hoc, as opposed to standing.

Ward: Discuss need for committee with Chair E11

**W4 Weed Bio**

Few attend. Do we need it?

Barney: Discuss need for committee with Chair W4

**Education**

No reports, important area, needs strong leader. Overlapping roles and coordination between committees is an issue and opportunity.

Liaison- A liaison of liaisons. Rather than a committee, just a list of societies with which we wish to have links, find the individual, and have them redo the list. report or provide info. Need a mechanism to prompt information exchange about other society activities.

**E2 Science Policy – Jachetta**

Leadership comes from Lee, and is fed back into regional societies. Feedback: 1.More communication needed. 2.ID and separate reporting vs. leading activities.

**E6 Research and Competitive Grants – Miller**

Developing Matrix of opportunities. They get stale quickly, therefore we need a mechanism to provide timely info.

1. Finish opp matrix,
2. 2. Define success
3. Training in how to for new faculty

**E10 Herbicides for Minor Uses – Miller**

Very active. No change

**E13 Public Awareness – Jachetta and Barrett**

Barrett: discuss shared leadership plan.

**P22 Terminology – Gray**

Active. Functional. Effective. Essential. Serve as needed.

Group 3 Rod Lym leading, Les Glasgow, Kevin Bradley, Darrin Dodds, Anita Dille, Trey Cutts, Pete Porpiglia

**E4 Noxious Weeds – Lym**

Active, but don’t do anything in their MOP.

Jachetta: E4 Need to redo MOP

Jachetta: W13 does similar work. Discuss with chairs combination of E4+W13.(weed alert)

**E8 Environmental Aspects – Glasgow**

No Change

**E14 Website – Bradley**

Disjointed, need direction.

Porpiglia: E14 Website Committee Update MOP

**F3 Endowment – Dille**

Committee not needed. An individual could do the work.

Dille: Set up ad-hoc Committee under the finance committee for educating members on estate planning. F3 chair move to finance

**W11 Extension – Bradley**

Functional. No Change.

What does it mean to be a liaison: Encourages committee to be active. Brings info from to board.

History: Board member reports back, rather than committee chair reporting

Discussion around board members acting as committee chairpersons. Discussion around workload

Barrett: organize Orientation for committee chairs

Porpiglia- Edit MOP to exchange term committee liaison instead of the current term committee coordinator.

**P6 Herbicide Handbook – Legere**

Revise MOP. Need to understand financial model, audience and format before decision is taken on committee. In future needs and organisation may be quite different.

**W16 Biocontrol – Vitolo**

Lydon/Vitolo: Committee chair to poll members if committee W16 needs to remain in existence. Will report back in February to board.

**W20 Sustainable Ag – Legere**

Active,committee. Good turn out, discussion. Overlaps with Ed, PAC., MOPs need tweaking.

**W21 Professional Development – Ward**

Ad-hoc in 2007. See continuing need. Has become less active.

Barrett: to speak to current chair about activities of committee W21.

**P8 Newsletter – Ward**

Do we need a newsletter in its current form? Could information be provided by revised website? Need to sort out how to archive posted material. Some members are quite fond of the newsletter in its current form. Does it need to continue as a committee? - No, but ask editor.

**P22b Plant Names – Gray**

Functional committee. No Change

Porpiglia: Need an MOP for P22b

**W15 Formulations – Sikkema**

Functioning well. No Change. Perhaps committee could keep eye on Wind tunnel technology

**S69 Title and Abstract Submission – Jachetta**

Jachetta: Ask David K what is left to be done? Question as to if it needs to continue.

Jachetta: Ask Abstract editor if role needs to continue

**S71 Herbicide Resistance Education – Jachetta and Barrett**

Jachetta: Does S71 need to be permanent? Ask Shaw. If yes, add to MOP.

**E12 – Herbicide Resistant Plants – Barrett**

Functioning committee. No change

Barrett: Ask Ian for info on suspects and what’s new report

**W17 Integrated Weed Management – Dodds**

Dodds: Redo MOP. Discuss with Chairs Combine with W20 (sustainability)

**F2 Finance – Dille**

Very active. No Change

**P11 Abstracts – Dodd**

Not really a committee. Combine or eliminate. See action to ask editor if role is needed.

**W13 Weed Alert - Barney**

Barney: Discuss combination of committees with chairs for committee with Chair. Combine with E4 (noxious weeds)

**Move that Liaison committee be eliminated and removed from MOP. The committee is to be replaced by a list of active org’s and liaisons. This list is to be maintained by the VP. Kells. 2nd Lym. Passed**.

**Note: Discussion On Sunday that this Motion was Out of Order according to our MOP**

**F4 – Membership - Barney**

Recommendation: Combine with Prof Dev or PAC.

Porpiglia: edit MOPs to indicate that Local arrangements and Board Liason don’t need a board liaison.

Barrett: Note goes out to Committee chairs re mergers and elimination

**Adjourn: Moved Porpiglia, 2nd Jachetta. Approved**

**Sunday July 31**

Meeting called to Order at 7:57

**Approval of Minutes – Vitolo (5,6,11 February,2011)**

Motion to Approve- Porpiglia, 2nd Dille. Approved as amended.

**Approval of Reports on the Consensus Agenda**

NCWSS Report

NEWSS report

WSWS Report

E1 Liaison

E4 Federal Noxious Weeds

E6 Research and Competitive Grants

E10 Herbicides for Minor Uses

E11 Weed Loss

E12 Herbicide Resistant Plants

E13 Public Awareness

P11 Abstracts

P3 Weed Technology

P4 IPSM

P22b Standardized Plant Names

W3 Parent Awards

W3a Fellows and Honorary Members

W3b Extension Award

W3d Teaching Award

W9 Necrology

W11 Extension

W13 Weed Alert

W20 Sustainable Agriculture

F4 Membership and Affiliation

Motion to approve Lym, 2nd Miller. Approved unanimously.

**President’s Report – Barrett**

**Vote to discontinue Liaison committee was out of order. Need two week written notice per MOP.**

Barrett: will send out and call for vote after 2 weeks

Barrett: to contact committee chairs with board recommendations for comments.

Lym: Room requests for committees will go out in Sept-Oct

Discussion re B. Glenn’s presentation in February. Mike would like someone to propose a symposium to discuss 3rd world ag

Attended: Lunch and learn – WSU talk on invasive grasses. House hearing

Attended: WSWS – Morning business breakfast, and dinner with students were well run and perhaps a model for WSSA.

Healthy Habitat discussion. Wanted to take funding from research. We have severed relationship.

Dave Krueger: Excellent service.

Bugwood project: Weed ID pictures. Waiting for new web design.

Army CE – Aquatics lab. Unlikely to be funded. Resigned to be zeroed out.

August 30 – Weed Loss funding discussion In DC. 20 different organizations planning to attend.

American Soc Plant Biology summit – Jill S and Mike B to attend.

Jill S. – Would like to serve until resistance labeling issues are resolved. Will let us know 6 mo in advance. Very effective.

APHIS II being circulated for comments

2 weeks- EPA tour of Weed resistance sites. NCWSS supporting

Weed contest well run, attended.

Motion: WSSA should officially recognize Greg Armel and UT staff. A letter of commendation to be written by the President and sent to Greg and UT staff with copies to respective supervisor.

Jachetta, Bradley 2nd approved unanimously

Barrett: to draft letter to Armel and team thanking them for Weed Contest. Copy superv.

**Executive Secretary Report – Lancaster**



We have exceeded our membership totals for 2010 and 2009 and are within reach of our membership total for 2008 (1352). Two major contributing factors for this increase. The biggest factor was including student online membership with the meeting registration. Our student membership went from 91 to 148. The other factor was re-establishing the associate member category and making it available to certain targeted groups. This offer went out to the NAWMA members in March and these numbers reflect the response to that initiative. In suggesting this initiative Joyce was after two results – increasing membership and increasing the readership for IPSM – and it appears that this is exactly what is happening. Joyce also plans to offer the associate membership to the members of the California Invasive group. One option at this point in time would be to offer them half-price for 2011 if they’ll go ahead and pay for both 2011 and 2012.

Jachetta: to contact NRVMS , and MWESA re membership.

**Publications**

You’ve already received notice from James Anderson, Director of Publications, about the inclusion of our new Invasive Plant Science and Management journal in the Thomson Reuters Journal Citation Reports and that it will receive an impact factor in the future.  They plan to go back to Vol.1, Issue 1 (2008) for reporting purposes. This is just terrific news – perhaps even more significant than the increased membership numbers. The Board at the time was willing to take a risk with this new journal but we’re now beginning to see valuable results from this venture.

A big thanks needs to go to the original planning committee chaired by Vanelle Peterson; to James Anderson for his leadership throughout the process; to Joe DiTomaso for his outstanding work as editor of the journal and all of the associate editors and reviewers associated with producing exceptional content; and to Tracy Candelaria as managing editor and Karen Ridgway as publisher for guiding us through this process to this exceptional result in just three years and in our very first attempt at inclusion in the journal citation system. If you were a member of the Board of Directors at the time the original decision was made – pat yourself on the back.

**Financial**

We received $85,157.79 in revenue sharing from Allen Publishing for 2010, an increase from the amount of $76,445.39 received for 2009. We have an independent accounting firm do an audit every three years. We have the same firm do an annual review in the other two years of the cycle. The 2010 review is complete, and there are no outstanding or problematic accounting issues.

Overall, our cash position is decent for this time of year. Although we have reserved $60,000 in cash in the general fund to use for operating expenses if needed.

**Finance Committee Report – Dille and Lancaster**



2011 end of first and second quarter balances are summarized below, together with year-end balances for 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date |  | General Fund | QTD | YTD | Endowment | QTD | YTD |
| 12/31/08 | End year | $645,139 |  |  | $207,436 |  |  |
| 12/31/09 | End year | $739,889 |  |  | $263,274 |  |  |
| 12/31/10 | End year | $813,983 |  |  | $291,095 |  |  |
| 3/31/11 | End 1st quarter | $838,743 |  |  | $293,980 |  |  |
| 6/30/11 | End 2nd quarter | $847,736 | +1.1% | +4.2% | $298,535 | +1.6% | +5.0% |

Dille: Finance committee to discuss ways to revamp the current reg form to encourage endowment donations, and draft letter to request donations.

Dille: to look into ways to encourage estate planning.

Finance Committee discussions and recommendations:

1. CAST 40th Anniversary. They are seeking sponsors for various functions / activities as part of their upcoming 40th Anniversary celebration, October 18-21, 2011 in Des Moines, IA.

**The Finance Committee recommends that we would provide $1000 sponsorship for a ‘concrete’ and educational item (not food) such as for the “Food Safety and Security Panel” or publication of their 40th anniversary booklet.**

**Motion**: **WSSA provide a $1000 sponsorship for the publication of the CAST 40th anniversary booklet.**

**Moved by Dille, 2nd Jachetta. Approved unanimously**

1. The IWSS will once again be offering competitive graduate student travel awards for the upcoming conference in China in June 2012. The WSSA was approached to help fund some of these awards.

**The Finance Committee recommends that we provide $12,000 to the IWSS for these graduate student awards. It was suggested that we might work through our own Professional Development committee to financially support other WSSA-student members that are planning to attend the IWSS conference.**

**Motion: The WSSA provide $12,000 to the IWSS for graduate student awards to the 2012 China conference. Moved Dille, 2nd Gray. Approved unanimously.**

1. This year the WSSA will be recognizing a team (2 individuals) for the Honorary Member award. The current cash award is $1000, but will not substantially cover the cost of our two guests to attend the 2012 conference.

**The Finance Committee recommends that we award $1000 per person, for a total of $2000 in 2012. It was also suggested that this should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis in the event of another team winning the Honorary Member Award. It will also depend on how many members of the team would actually attend the WSSA annual meeting.**

Motion: **The** **WSSA Honorary Member Award be set $1000 per person, for a total of $2000 in 2012 only .**

**Moved: Dille 2nd: Glasgow. Approved unanimously**

1. The National Research Council is organizing a summit “National Summit on Strategies to Manage Herbicide-Resistant Weeds” to be held in Washington DC, hopefully in November 2011. Several WSSA members have participated in the writing, reviewing, and planning for this upcoming summit. At this time, the estimated cost of the summit is $150,000 and they are seeking sponsorship from numerous organizations.

**The Finance Committee recommends that we provide $25,000 for the planning and executing of this National Summit.**

**Motion: WSSA provide $25,000 for the planning and executing of the “National Summit on Strategies to Manage Herbicide-Resistant Weeds” to be held in Washington DC.**

**Dille, Jachetta 2nd  Approved 17-1**

HRAC, Cotton Council, Soybean Board, and a Grant, makes up the remainder of total amount. Roll out of Aphis I&II papers. Open Meeting. Comments: this is our natural leadership role. Discussion around the cost for a 1 day meeting, and whether the publications will be completed in time. Video will be posted on line.

**Nominating – Jachetta**

List provided by committee for election to the BoD:

Member at large: Greg Armel (S), Dan Kunkel (NE)

Treasurer: Mark Czarnota (S), Ian Burke (W)

Secretary: John Soteres (NC), John Madsen (S)

Vice-President: Mike Foley (W), Joe DiTomaso (W)

**Motion to Approve the list provided by the Nominating committee. Jachetta, 2nd : Vitolo. Approved unanimously**

**Graduate Student Organization – Cutts**



Cutts: Determine if we can add grad student dining match-up to registration form

Student only mixer planned on Wednesday. Planning a strengths finder test. Conversations with Regional GS reps. Suggested that a committee of officers of regional WSS be formed, chaired by the WSSA student Rep. Is there an overlap of responsibilities with the GSO? Something for GSO to discuss.

Cutts: come to Board with a written request re new Grad Student special committee.

Cutts: Determine list of Grad students nationally, determine how to increase WSSA membership

Cutts: Duck Race for 2012 meeting possible? Investigate. GSO organize and run.

Counter: Duck races in future contracts

**2012 Summer Board Meeting Dates – Counter**

**17-19 August 2012 (Saturday-1/2 Sunday) Baltimore. Travel Friday-Sunday PM.**

**Publications – Anderson**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
| Impact Factor | WT | 0.626 | 0.858 | 0.854 | 0.749 | 0.925 |
| WS | 1.476 | 1.299 | 1.631 | 1.451 | 1.528 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | WT | 204 | 183 | 187 | 153 | 180 |
| Submissions | WS | 221 | 200 | 184 | 200 | 193 |
|  | IPSM |  | 61 | 83 | 114 | 101 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | WT | 81% | 76% | 65% | 81% | 63% |
| Acceptance Rate | WS | 69% | 71% | 67% | 54% | 50% |
|  | IPSM |  | 39% | 53% | 46% | 56% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | WT | $213,595 | $228,682 | $213,251 | $209,810 | $216,118 |
| Revenue | WS | $233,229 | $209,860 | $249,154 | $235,408 | $231,009 |
|  | IPSM |  |  | $37,075 | $46,160 | $60,713 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | WT | $170,671 | $179,082 | $156,123 | $130,990 | $139,455 |
| Expenses | WS | $214,108 | $169,772 | $201,966 | $176,257 | $139,484 |
|  | IPSM |  |  | $109,392 | $86,920 | $95,946 |

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|  | Actions in 2011 |
|  | BOD approved funding two invited reviews/journal/year at $2000 each; waiver of page charges; and open access for invited reviews in WSSA publications. |
| BOD approved $20 gift card awarded annually to associate editors, split 50:50 with Allen Press, and a letter of thank you from the WSSA President. In addition, all reviewers for WSSA will receive a letter of thank you from the WSSA president. |
| BOD approved recommendation to exclude “Sources of Materials” section from all WSSA journal articles and instead incorporate where appropriate in Materials and Methods section. These modifications to WSSA Publication Policy have been updated in the online Directions for Contributors. |
| Editor’s stipend increased from $15,000 to $17,500 per year. |
| Editor Note on Visual Ratings published in April issue of Weed Technology (Weed Tech 2011 25:177) and updated in online Directions for Contributors. |
| Allen Press applies for inclusion of Invasive Plant Science & Management in the Thomson Reuters Journal Citation Reports and is granted access. |

What are the committee’s remaining goals for 2011?

* Continue to track benchmarks for Invasive Plant Science and Management.
* Continue to monitor the impact of Spanish abstracts in Weed Technology and determine if Spanish abstracts should continue in Weed Technology, and/or if inclusion of Spanish abstracts will be expanded to Weed Science.
* Find replacement Editor for the journal Weed Technology. Neil Harker has formally submitted his resignation as the current Editor, effective after the 2012 annual meeting.

What is the current state of the committee’s projects and activities?

* Committee and Allen Press are monitoring success of Spanish abstracts in Weed Technology.
* Committee continues to monitor success of Invasive Plant Science & Management through quarterly reports from Allen Press.
* A list of potential candidates for Editor of Weed Technology has been assembled

Anderson: Review MOP for selecting a new editor of WT.

Anderson : Provide the name of a candidate for Editor of WT to the President for appointment, with approval of BoD.

Barrett: Vote for new WT Editor electronically

Porpiglia: Remove Website (P23) from under Publication Board (P1) on Page 6 of WSSA Committees pdf; the website committee appears to have been changed to E14.

Porpiglia: All reference to “Allen Track” in the MOP should be changed to “Peer Track”.

Porpiglia/Lancaster/Anderson: Prepare for vote of membership to amend the constitution to add IPSM as official publication.

Anderson/Barrett/Lancaster: management proposals need to be in hand by Summer 2012 board meeting. Discuss how to achieve.

Legere/newsletter editor/Barrett/Jachetta/Dodds: Newsletter: take a hard look at format and content revision

**Addition of North American Weed Management Association and/or IWSS to Affiliate Society Membership and to BOD – Jachetta and Barrett**



Discussion: Opportunity for WSSA to grow: Members, societal growth, subscribers, bridge to practitioners. NAWMA’s average membership over the past five years is 270 members from the United States, Canada, Mexico, and England. 20 NAWMA members are WSSA Associate members for IPMS or Weed Technology Just a few (5) NAWMA members currently belong to WSSA. We would like to interact more and are seeking the best way to foster that goal.

**What would NAWMA get from this?**

A connection to the Weed Science research community,

Connection to the EPA SME, DC impact and updates through our DSP and research on areas of interest such as herbicide resistant weeds and NPDES

Can hold a practitioners forum at the NAWMA meeting if desired

Gets congressional support through DC presence

Some interaction already happening

Practitioners but perhaps with little advanced education

Would get an educational opportunity

Increases communication

**How comfortable would the NAWMA membership be?** We do address the same issues as in their constitutional bylaws. They would need to support a NAWMA member on the WSSA Board.

Jachetta/Barrett: Draft letter to NAWMA detailing process and timelines for becoming member society of WSSA.

Discussion around extending an invitation to the North America Weed Management Association (NAWMA) to become a conference member of the WSSA, provided NAWMA meets the criteria for conference affiliation specified in the MOP.

This must be put to a vote to the WSSA membership and approved by 2/3 of the WSSA members casting ballots.

Porpiglia: Clean up MOP to standardize affiliate member terminology and guidelines

IWSS: Do we want to extend an invitation to IWSS? Can we get information on demographics? Are there other ways to offer membership? Shouldn’t we be a member society of the IWSS?

Barrett - Meet with IWSS to discuss opportunities for a NA coordinator on the IWSS Board

**Meeting Survey – Kells**

Survey Monkey report

No consensus on presentation length. Need to look at how many papers are submitted. Need to be consistent across sessions. E mail to all authors ahead of meeting. Board evenly split between 20 min and no preference.

Kells: Survey -Should do this every year, as duty of the VP, at the end of that individuals term (end of meeting). Jim will do again in 2012. At some point add to MOP.



**2012 Program – Lym and Phil Motooka**

Anticipate 30% reduction in Attendance. 15 min talks. General session – Pres address, Phil will give a talk on history, Volcanism talk, then awards. Sunday meeting disrupts SuperBowl. Board meeting planned for Sat and Sunday AM. Tuesday PUFF (President’s uniform fitness forum) Short run or walk 1-2 mile. Sessions start 7:30 and done by 3:30-4. Wednesday papers stop at noon to accommodate tours. Business Breakfast meeting Thursday. Thursday full day. 3 Symposia: HTC & SA; No-Till; Drift

**2012 Registration and Membership Rates –** **Dille and Lancaster**

1. The current membership renewal rates for 2012 were reviewed as were the meeting registration rates for the 2012 WSSA annual meeting.

**The Finance Committee recommends that we increase membership renewal rates by $10 for regular members ($190, regular member print and online journals, and $170, regular member, online journal only) while keeping student renewal rates the same ($70, student member print and online, and $50, student, online journal only).**

Motion: **WSSA increase membership renewal rates by $10 for regular members ($190, regular member print and online journals, and $170, regular member, online journal only) while keeping student renewal rates the same ($70, student member print and online, and $50, student, online journal only).**

**Motion: Dille, 2nd:Vitolo ; Approved unanimously**

The Finance Committee discussed how to structure the meeting registration fees. The guest rate is to cover the cost of the reception that they attend (we need to review that cost / person).

**The Finance Committee recommended that meeting registration fees be as follows:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **type** | **early** | **late** | **on-site** |
| **member** | **$350** | **450** | **495** |
| **non-member** | **$400** | **475** | **525** |
| **student** | **$125** | **125** | **125** |
| **guest** | **$40** | **40** | **40** |

**Motion by Dille that meeting registration fees for 2012 be as follows:**

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**Friendly amendment Legere: Amended to $50 for guests from $40.**

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| **type** | **early** | **late** | **on-site** |
| **member** | **$350** | **450** | **495** |
| **non-member** | **$400** | **475** | **525** |
| **student** | **$125** | **125** | **125** |
| **guest** | **$50** | **50** | **50** |

**Motion Dille: 2nd Vitolo. Approved unanimously**

**2013 Program – Kells and Barney**

Local arrangements Chair needs to be appointed. Jim K and Dwight L. will sort. Planning is under control between NEWSS and WSSA. Symposia Idea: Policy (to involve DC members)

Tour ideas: Urban Ecology, Urban invasives, Chesapeake Bay, Aquarium, Groundskeeper turf tour\*\*\*, DuPont Screening facility.

**SWSS Report – Dodds**



**2011 SWSS Meeting – San Juan, Puerto Rico**

* January 24 – 26, 2011
* San Juan Caribe Hilton
* 401 Total Registration (388 full registrations; 13 one-day registrations)
* 80 spouses registered
* 245 Oral Presentations
* 115 Poster Presentations
* Total authors or co-authors represented: 585
* 59 students in student contest (40 oral; 19 poster)

**SWSS 2011 Summer Board meeting – June 28, 2011 – July 1, 2011**

* Discussion on pro’s and con’s of meeting in Puerto Rico
  + Expensive
  + Hotel tried to severely over charge for drinks in particular. Refunded SWSS $9500
  + Necessary to have one person serve as a point of contact for SWSS

**2015 Site Selection – Lym, Barrett and Counter**

Joint meeting possible with SWSS/WSSA, or local-ESA branch. January timeframe for decision. Will wait until February meeting, after discussions with SWSW.

**Director of Science Policy – Van Wychen**



DSP Action Items:

1. Continue to generate support for USDA research funding and fight against the closure of more ARS research labs
2. Continue to generate support for Army Corps of Engineers Aquatic Plant Control Research Program: will need another round of letters and visits on Capitol Hill
3. Continue to generate support for NPDES legislative fix bill, H.R. 872. We need to get 60+ Senators to vote yes. Current whip count in Senate is 45 yes, 12 leaning yes, 34 undecided, 4 leaning no, 5 no.
4. Finish the reporting and funds request paperwork for the APHIS II paper on Herbicide Resistance Management
5. Planning and organization of National Invasive Species Awareness Week with National Invasive Species Council. The next NISAW will be held Feb. 27 – March 2. 2012.
6. Continued herbicide resistance management education of agency and NGO stakeholders. Participation in the EPA Herbicide Resistance Tour in Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri in August and in the National Academies Herbicide Resistance summit in November.
7. Investigate Beachy Ag Research Coalition proposal.
8. Investigate and review any progress made by EPA, USDA and DOE in regards to their requirement under the Energy Independence and Security Act that requires a 3 yr review of the environmental and agricultural impacts of “cultivated invasive and noxious plants”.
9. Continue to monitor EPA spray drift and NMFS endangered species act consultation issues
10. Have discussion with WSSA Board about the Pesticide Safety Education Program

**APMS – Gray**



Jachetta/Gray: Request a press release from the WSSA Public Awareness Committee regarding the Endangered Species issues with the Snake Kite, Channel Apple Snail, and Hydrilla Management in Lake Toho, FL. Cody to provide name of expert in E mail

**Constitution and Operating – Porpiglia**

Barrett: Letter re: Board thanks Ralph Whitesides for his service to the society

Changes in the Manual of Operating Procedures can be proposed by the Constitution and Operating

Procedures Committee or any member of the Board of Directors. A change can be enacted provided it is

not contrary to the Constitution, provided the proposed change is submitted in writing to the Board of

Directors two weeks prior to any vote, and provided it is approved by a majority of the Board of Directors’

voting. The vote may be made by mail or electronic ballot or at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Porpiglia: will circulate his report as written notification for changes to the MOP, to be voted on by BoD.

Vitolo/Lancaster: Find wording for voting electronically in old minutes

Jachetta: PAC committee MOP needs to be written.

Ward/Barrett: follow up on MOP change with Chair of Prof Dev Committee.

Vitolo: Send Action list to Porpiglia re MOP changes

**New Business** ? No new Business

Adjourned 3:20

**Monday August 1**

8 am start.

**Proposal for Methods in Weed Science Book – Barrett**

Project run by Steve Duke. Graduate level text. Similar, updated version of SWSS Methods Book.

21 chapters proposed, 200 pg., perhaps more. $11000 estimated cost for 1000 copies. 200 copies @$70 is break even.

Questions from BoD: Market analysis? Marketing plans? Need for this? Why is this different from what is out there? How long will it stay current? Have they looked at publishing on-line? Why not publish on demand? E book? Why is WSSA involved in underwriting this? Are they asking us to guaranty publishing costs? Will WSSA share in profits? Board has not had chance to review proposal, and will need to do so prior to any decision.

Barrett: Meth in WS Book chapter on field trial methods requested.

Barrett: Meth in WS Book bring questions from board back to committee

**Professional Development – Ward**

Discussions: See previous committee discussion. Grad students should have influence and impact on this committee.. GSO president is on committee. 1/4 updates from committee would be useful. Need to discuss board concerns with Chairperson.

**S-71 Herbicide Resistance Education - Jachetta and Barrett**



This committee is developing a comprehensive education strategy on herbicide resistance. The primary goal is to have WSSA seen as the go-to organization for science-based information on herbicide resistant weeds.

See attached report for details of extensive activities planned and nearing completion . A lot of activity around it. It will become a permanent committee.

**Education Committee – Vitolo**

Ambassador Program Proposal



Discussion: Special Sub-committee of Education committee. 2 people assigned to each module.Check with crop life re talks they have prepared. Members only, but can be useful for outside WSSA.WSWS did weeds in the classroom. BoD sense is that committee needs to become proactive in seeking venues, but we need to walk before we run. Looking forward to hearing from us in February as to where we have gotten to.

**W3J photo Contest – Approval of New Rules – Porpiglia**

Purpose: Pure fun. Could be considered for the journal. Structure proposal so WSSA has use of photos.

Sikkema: Add to proposal a release for use of photos by WSSA.

Motion that we accept the rule changes to Photo contest as presented with a modification that entrants agree that all photos entered may be used by the WSSA with proper credit to the photographer. Sikkema; Kells. Approved. 17-1

Sikkema: Mike Owen to send file to Joyce

**Use of Weed Photos by for Profit Organizations – Barrett**

WSWS policy:

Non-profits, with proper credit. For profit use is not allowed. We don’t own the photo. They need to go to the individual photographer, with no mention of WSSA.

Lancaster/Barrett - Create a WSSA policy on photo use

Glasgow – investigate reviving the calendar.

**P6 Herbicide handbook Report – Sikkema**



**Update of Herbicide Handbook – Legere**

Discussion: Concern voiced. Committee appears dead in the water. Currently 2 members on committee when there should be . Revenue model needs to be determined. Chair indicates his responsibility is content only, not business model. Do we want to add a stipend of $10k for new editor? TBD. Many great ideas for electronic content were discussed. Can we sell a subscription online? Current revenue from last edition is ~$125K. Content should be moving forward, regardless of the business model. BoD questioned why this was not happening. The project clearly needs a champion. Huge task is finding the right contact within each company.

Barrett: Re Herb Handbook Visit with current chair and make change in leadership

Barrett/Anderson/Sikkema/Legere: Set committee that will drive Herbicide Handbook

**Weed Biology and Ecology – Barney**

Attempt to breathe life into the committee. Wishes to add a clickable map for noxious weeds to the website

***New Busines***

* Mike Barrett – Thank you Kate and Joyce for last night’s dinner and organization of the summer meeting event
* PUFF (race) event could use a shirt. Could we do this? Could we have a check box on registration? No, difficult this year.
* Audit: went well, no issues.
* Request for a lifetime membership. How do we do this? How do we value it? Consensus of BoD is not to offer Lifetime memberships. But we could create a multi-year membership. Or lock in old rate or get a discount….Sign up for 5 years?

Dille: Have finance committee look into multi-year membership and report back in February.

* NCWSS has a check box for CAST membership. Can we do it? Maybe, but difficult..Consensus is no.
* Weed Olympics: do we have plans to support? Should this be our role? Someone should come with a proposal to the board. Request needs to be defined.
* BoD discussed the summer board meeting. BoD does not need to meet for summer board in the city where annual meeting is occurring. Telecon Meetings on a bi-monthly schedule may be very productive.We currently meet 3 times a year. Summer and twice in annual. Could we move the Friday after meeting to a conference call?

Barrett: Set up conference call before the meeting in February. To shorten the face-to-face meeting in Feb.

Lancaster: Joyce to look into effect of dropping Friday meeting on room count and beverage.

Porpiglia: to review MOP re Friday meeting and see if needs to be edited. None. We are good to go

* Anne Legere is working with GSO to improve communication skills re posters and presentations. Tool will be games. Consensus of BoD that this sounds great

Legere moved, 2nd Porpiglia that meeting adjourn. approved at 10:31.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Vitolo

Secretary

WSSA