

**WSSA Board Meeting
Hyatt Vancouver, BC
July 9, 2013
APPROVED MINUTES**

ATTENDING:

Board Members: James Anderson, Jacob Barney, Ian Burke, Pat Clay, Joe DiTomaso, Darrin Dodds, Les Glasgow, Cody Gray, Jim Kells, Alexandra Knight, Andrew Kniss, Dan Kunkel, Rod Lym, John Madsen, Dallas Peterson, Peter Porpiglia, Sarah Ward

Ex Officio: Kate Counter, Joyce Lancaster

Non-Board Members: David Clements (substitute for Hugh Beckie as CWSS Representative, current President of CWSS), Victoria Brookes (CWSS Local Arrangement Chair), Michael Barrett (EPA Liaison). By telephone (for S-71 discussion): Harold Coble, David Shaw, Michael Owen, John Soteres, and Jill Schroeder.

CALL TO ORDER

President Jim Kells called us to order at 8:00 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

Agenda was reviewed and approved. Motion to approve agenda by Ian Burke, seconded by Sarah Ward. Approval of agenda was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pre-conference and postconference board meeting minutes and e-votes.

Motion to approve Feb 2 minutes by Les Glasgow, and Dallas Peterson seconded. Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Feb 7 minutes by Joe DiTomaso, seconded by Dan Kunkel. Approved unanimously.

E-vote approval – motion to approve by Jacob Barney and seconded by Andrew Kniss. Unanimous vote.

Executive Secretary Report

Joyce Lancaster reported on her activities. Membership numbers are lagging from previous years. Sustaining memberships in particular are slow to come in, but this is typical. Database conversion is ongoing; it is likely that some glitches will occur no matter how much planning and preparation occurs.

Finance Committee / Treasurer's Report

Reminder that WSSA uses the accrual system of accounting, which makes the budgeting process somewhat difficult to explain.

Investments in general fund is going well, up about \$50,000.

Endowment fund is up about \$30,000.

Endowment fund investments may change if interest rates go up.

Finance committee met by telecom to discuss registration and membership rates.

Revenue and expense over time was presented by Ian Burke.

Discussion on revenue and expenses over time ensued.

General fund investment is currently \$884,741, as of 1st qtr.

Endowment fund investment is \$557,000, as of 1st qtr.

Do we want to use investments to offset costs of new initiatives, or look to others to partner on some initiatives?

2014 Joint Meeting Symposia – Joe DiTomaso

Graduate Student Organization proposal – had an honorarium, which is usually not paid, but sponsorship can pay the honorarium.

Workshop proposal on nonlinear regression; participants pay. WSSA will not subsidize attendance or cost, but it can proceed.

Five proposals left.

Discussion of the parameters for giving funds for a symposium, and selection of topics.

A lot of discussion on a proposed webinar; the timing, costs and capability.

Symposia selection is the purview of the program chair, but the discussion was helpful to Joe for deciding on symposia.

John Madsen made the motion to budget \$20,000 for symposia, including a potential resistance webinar not necessarily held at the annual meeting; Peter Porpiglia seconded. Motion passed with one opposing vote.

Local Arrangements Committee for 2014 Meeting - Victoria Brooks

Two pre-conference tours: 1) Winery Tour and 2) UBC Garden tour.

Possible Museum of Anthropology tour.

Both would be on Sunday afternoon.

Weather is mild all year long. Weather in February is around 55F, and often drizzly rain in February.

USDA-NIFA Subject Matter Liaison Proposal – Mike Barrett

The proposal entitled USDA-NIFA Fellow from WSSA.

Who represents Weed Science at USDA and NIFA?

NIFA program manager is a plant ecologist. Not a member of WSSA.

Harold Coble, a weed scientist, is in program of pest management.

Weed science needs to be represented at NIFA

Weed Science foundational program was axed, and eventually was reinstated.

Proposal is for \$25,000 per year for three years, the cost set at housing subsidy for a university faculty member on sabbatical. Initial idea is for a full-time sabbatical.

WSSA strategic plan indicates that WSSA is to promote Weed Science research. This position has the potential of influencing the direction in weed science at the major funding agency.

EPA Liaison Report – Michael Barrett

EPA Pesticide Registration Branch is very open and cooperative with this position.

The total number of people in EPA in this area is quite small. Ten or so people review all of the herbicide label revisions.

Some other societies have followed the lead of WSSA to have representatives with EPA.

EPA Subject Matter Expert meets with individuals across agency, and even with other agencies.

The liaison is to be a resource to EPA, not an advocate for any specific issue.

Finance Committee Recommendation on Conference Rates, Membership Dues, and Herbicide Handbook Cost – Ian Burke

Committee recommended increasing the conference registration rates increase for each category (table included in report)

Membership dues recommendation was more difficult to decide based on a lack of information.

Herbicide handbook pricing was not discussed by the committee. Finance committee decided to let the board debate the cost. Previous printed copy was \$95.

Dues alone will not pay for the services of the society.

Joyce pointed out that we have in the past paid the additional cost of publications for international members without increasing their dues.

S-71 Herbicide Resistance Education Proposal – S-71 Committee

(Telecon – Coble/Shaw/Owen/Soteres/Schroeder)

Jill Schroeder introduced the committee members on the call.

David Shaw presented background information on the proposal from S-71.

We need to expand adoption of pest management and herbicide resistance stewardship programs.

Rationale for specific proposal – wanted to cover the bases to have a conference proposal to USDA and have a broad funding base to support of a broader workshop. Would like to have WSSA be lead on the next meeting.

Their request is that: 1) WSSA provide \$10,000 toward the next workshop, 2) WSSA act as the “banker” for donations from third parties to the effort, 3) act as the lead organization for proposals to NIFA and other organizations; and 4) nominate a person to act on the advisory board for the supporting organizations.

The S-71 representatives signed off on the call at this point, and the board discussed this proposal among themselves. Discussed a plan of action on these new initiatives and then discuss the fees as a second step.

1) S-71 Proposal

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Discussion ensued.

I moved that: 1) WSSA provide up to \$10,000 of their funds toward the next workshop, 2) WSSA act as the “banker” for donations from third parties to the effort, 3) WSSA act as the lead organization for proposals to NIFA and other organizations; and 4) WSSA nominate a person to act on the advisory board with the supporting organizations. These actions are subject to oversight by the executive committee, particularly any proposals submitted in the name of

WSSA. Any remaining funds from the planning meeting will be held over for the second Herbicide Resistance summit.

Motion by John Madsen, seconded by Pat Clay.

In favor: 15

Opposed: 2

Motion passes.

Board discussed a representative from board to the workshop planning meeting. Dallas Peterson was selected by the President to act as the representative from WSSA to the steering committee for the planning meeting.

Sarah Ward pointed out that not all of the members of the S-71 committee knew of the proposal, and that four of the members are not involved.

2) NIFA Fellow Proposal

Rod Lym indicated a reluctance to spend \$25K per year for three years (or \$75K) without a better idea of the job description. We need at least some specifics on the activities of the individual.

Board is generally supportive of the idea, but we need more information on what this person will be doing.

The consensus of the board was a request for a more refined proposal, with more specifics on what the Fellow would do at NIFA, how they might work more broadly within NIFA and USDA, and a definition of desired outcomes for WSSA.

The board is looking for: 1) what will WSSA get out of it, 2) specific outcomes for WSSA, 3) NIFA desired outcomes, and 4) other programs to be included in the effort.

The board suggested that he could have a new revision to the board by September 1 to give board the opportunity to respond before the next board meeting.

No motion.

3) Registration, dues, and herbicide manual price.

a. Meeting registration rates. Committee recommended the highest option presented for rate scenario provided by Joyce.

The highest registration fee option offsets the expected expenditures of the annual meeting. This option is an increase of \$75 for most categories.

Rod Lym moved to accept committee recommendation of \$75 increase in registration fees over last year (see report), second by Andrew Kniss.

Vote of the board:

In favor: 14

Opposed: 3

Motion passes

b. Membership dues.

Discussion of not changing current membership dues.

Further discussion on having a higher rate for international print copy subscriptions. International shipping costs almost \$50 per subscription for print copies. International online does not cost an additional amount.

Motion:

Rod Lym moves that membership dues remain the same, with the exception that international non-North American print subscriptions pay a \$50 surcharge for shipping. Late fee for renewal will be dropped from the subscription fee structure.

Joe DiTomaso seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Herbicide Handbook pricing.

Herbicide Handbook last version was \$95 for print.

Joe DiTomaso suggested going out to bid for print job on the Herbicide Handbook.

More discussion on the value of the handbook, pricing issues, and other matters.

Joe DiTomaso volunteered to check on possible range of printing costs and pricing. Joyce needs a price for the book by the end of August. Ian and Sarah volunteered to help Joe with this committee. An e-vote will follow.

Nominating Committee Report – Rod Lym

Committee made up of past-presidents of the regional weed science committee. This coming years, WSSA will be selecting president and secretary offices. Rod discussed the slate of candidates for the two positions.

Secretary: Larry Steckel Univ. of Tennessee and Joel Felix from Oregon State.

President: Sarah Ward from Colorado State and Kevin Bradley from the Univ. of Missouri.

Publications – Jim Anderson

Impact factors are holding steady.

BioOne revenue reported.

Royalty payment to WSSA is over \$83,000.

President has signed a three-year contract with Allen Press for the three journals.

Literature cited section reformatting was approved by the board.

Nelda Burgos has a special publication in the process of being written. No one has volunteered to write a chapter on herbicides in waters.

Jim recommends that the board solicit a replacement for Director of Publications, as he is stepping down at the annual meeting in February.

Constitution and Operation Manual – Peter Porpiglia

There is a discrepancy between how we often do business, and the Operating Manual. We either need to modify the MOP, or modify how we operate to match the MOP.

Graduate Student Organization – Alexandra Knight

Alexandra discussed her report.

There was a discussion of why WSSA does not have a graduate student paper contest. Much discussion ensued. Some board members asked that the membership be surveyed on this option, as opposed to the vocal objections of a few individuals. Either posters or oral papers would be suitable.

No action was taken.

It may be too late to have a contest this coming year, but a survey question could be added on this topic on the next post-meeting membership survey.

Website Committee (Sarah Ward) – nothing has happened, according to Sarah Ward. Sarah does not believe we have an active functioning website committee, other than Muthu is actively working on the webpage.

One role of this committee should be to support Muthu and his questions on the webpage.

Jim Kells will ask Muthu if he is getting adequate support.

2013 Meeting Survey – Dallas Peterson

General consensus among membership is that the membership is satisfied with the operation of the WSSA and with the annual meeting.

Discussion about the problems with LCD projectors at the 2013 meeting.

More than half indicated they do not need a hard copy of the program mailed to them before the meeting.

End of meeting for 7/9/13; 4:30 pm.

July 10, 2013

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President Kells called the meeting to order at 7:57.

Director of Science Policy – Lee Van Wychen

US EPA approved Arundo and napiergrass for biofuel production, with a supplementary rule to require a Risk Mitigation Plan. Lee thinks we should not continue to fight this, but rather work with EPA on the RMP component.

APHIS will require additional EIS on 2,4-D and dicamba GMO plants.

Weed Science national program leader – USDA is not planning on re-hiring for this position. WSSA is generating a letter for signature by regional and national WS societies, to encourage re-hiring this position.

Pesticide Safety Education Program is developing a stakeholder funding program.

Climate change policy statement by Science Policy Committee is being drafted and approved.

Aquatic Plant Control Research Program is still funded in 2013; House and administration does not request funds in FY 2014 and Senate has \$4M.

2014 Budget numbers. USDA AFRI increase in funding planned for 2014. Administration is planning to consolidate some programs into a crop protection program. IR-4 will not be a part of that consolidated program.

2013 Farm Bill was not passed by House, but was passed by Senate. Current talk is for house to separate nutrition programs from the other programs. NPDES fix language was in house bill, but not in Senate bill.

2013 Meeting Survey – Peterson

Detailed discussion on the 2013 Post-conference membership survey.

2014 Meeting Program – DiTomaso

Attendance should be 400-500. General session on Monday. Presidential addresses will be at the business meeting. Welcome by the Lieutenant Governor of BC. Sam Chan, Oregon State Univ., will give the keynote address on tsunami transport of invasive species. Should be an interesting talk. WSSA awards.

Tim Miller is bringing 7 projectors. Session chairs bring laptops. Session chairs should make sure that laptops work with projectors before the session.

Poster session will be 8:00 – 10:00. Coffee will be brought during the poster session.

Program is coming along.

Plan is to end at Thursday noon, but that depends on the number of submissions.

2015 Meeting Program – Peterson

Dallas is open to any suggestions for speakers, topics, and so on. There will be a meeting in 2015 in Lexington.

2016 Joint Meeting – Kells

Joint meeting with the SWSS.

Item for a vote:

We would need to add hotel rooms and meeting rooms to accommodate SWSS. SWSS is requesting a \$50,000 revenue-sharing package for holding a joint meeting.

All future meetings, we get a 10% commission back to WSSA on sleeping rooms. That alone will generate \$30,000. We also get a 5% rebate on the total bill, which will generate additional revenues. Commissions and rebates will generate at least that amount.

Revenue-sharing with NEWSS was \$35,000.

Discussion on an equitable cost-sharing arrangement.

Rod Lym made the motion that WSSA pay SWSS \$200 per SWSS member up to 250 members for their joint meeting in Puerto Rico as their revenue-sharing for that meeting. Seconded by Cody Gray. (Members of both WSSA and SWSS would count towards this total).

Vote: (out of 17 BOD members, not including President)

In favor: 17

Opposed: 0

Motion passed.

Herbicide Handbook Electronic Delivery – Ward

This committee was formed ten days ago, so not much has yet been done. A brief meeting was held at this BOD meeting. They will set up a conference call next week to discuss things further. The preliminary thought is to have an annual subscription for a handbook that is constantly under revision. Questions remain are how updates are handled, who is responsible for the updates, and how is the subscription information delivered (what do you get).

Need to discuss the subscription cost, and if WSSA members get a reduced rate.

Electronic Technologies for Annual Meeting – DiTomaso

The estimated cost of a smartphone app for the conference starts at \$399.

Joe does not think an app can be developed in time for the Vancouver meeting.

Joe has used a web-based program to develop a personalized agenda.

Discussion of moving to PDF presentations rather than Powerpoint to avoid the problems with differing versions and operating systems.

Jim Kells brought up recording specific sessions or presentations, as NEWSS did last year. Cody suggested that some symposia might benefit from recording presentations and displaying them on the webpage.

David suggested that we add a survey question regarding the interest in having videos of presentations. Dallas indicated that 48 presentations were downloaded from the 2013 NCWSS meeting.

Discussion of photographs of the presentations during oral paper sessions by the audience using smartphones or tablets.

Motion made: The statement “No unofficial photography, audio, or video recording during the oral paper sessions” will be included in the program and announced by session moderators. Motion by John Madsen, seconded by Dan Kunkel.

Vote (out of 16):

For 16

Against 0

Motion passed.

Darrin Dodds moved that we be adjourned, seconded by Cody Gray. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.