

WSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 12, 2015

Call to Order, Introductions – Dallas Peterson

Pres. Dallas Peterson called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM and introductions were made.

18 voting members present at meeting and 8 of 8 executive board members so quorum met.

Motion to approve agenda for meeting was made by Cody Gray and seconded by Dan Kunkel. Unanimously approved.

Herbicide Resistance Education committee report – David Shaw and Michael Barrett

Michael Barrett has been asked by EPA for help with monitoring and mitigation wording on new labels. Mike asked for 2 ad hoc committees on herbicide resistant issues (1 on mapping and the other on mitigation of herbicide resistance).

Proposed committees memberships:

Mitigation of herbicide resistance committee: Mark Peterson, Arlene Cotie, Stanley Culpepper, Larry Steckel, Bill Johnson (Kevin Bradley), Amy Asmus, Mark Van Gessel, Andrew Hulting, Bill Vencill, Jill Schroeder, Michael Barrett

Monitoring committee: Les Glasgow, Ian Heap, Carol Mallory-Smith, Bill Vencill, Michael Horak, Andrew Kniss, Bob Nichols, Jason Norsworthy, Andrew Hulting, Jill Shroeder, Michael Barrett

Janis McFarland feels this is a great opportunity for WSSA to have an impact helping EPA in crafting the new labels going forward. Everyone on board was in support of this and President Dallas Peterson will form the 2 ad hoc committees.

David Shaw - herbicide resistance education committee had formed a subcommittee chaired by Wes Everman to form a WSSA website clearing house on information on managing herbicide resistance. This got complex due to how to list herbicides without perception of bias to certain products or companies. Wes Everman stepped down from chair of this effort. Dallas suggested that WSSA list links that others could go to with some wording that WSSA does not endorse any certain company or product. Sarah Ward concurred and had some experience going about linking to companies. David Shaw is now looking to find a new chair of subcommittee.

Dr. Shaw also reported that there will be a meeting in St. Louis with USB on take action and how to link WSSA to this group.

Action plan specialty section of CCA for herbicide stewardship training.

David Shaw reported that herbicide resistance symposium went well with one exception. Break in meeting lost quite a bit of attendance.

Conference Status, updated report – Joyce Lancaster

Ended the meeting with 395 attendees and 15 guests. Revenue from meeting was \$164,275. Expenses were \$125,500. Food and Beverage cost was much less than usual even though WSSA provided two drinks per person for the member reception on Monday evening.

Feedback from Board members on conference, hotel, AV, etc. – Dallas Peterson

Dallas did not hear many complaints. The app was well received. Facility personnel were very responsive to our requests. A few complaints that we were not in Hyatt, but Hilton paid for \$15,000 convention center fee. Hilton staff was very helpful. Joe suggested that big award recipients should be given some time to say thank you. One section chair did not have papers loaded on computer in one session which caused delay. It was suggested that section chairs receive another reminder on this issue.

Cody suggested app would have presenter and affiliation along with title. A few other suggested tweaks of app were also discussed.

Proposal from NCWSS to buy projectors and computers for use at meetings – Dallas Peterson

The board with few exceptions was negative to this idea. Logistics of storing, tracking, maintenance of them all came up as reasons that this idea was problematic.

Executive Session

Cody Gray made motion to go into executive session and seconded by Eric Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.

Joe DiTomaso made motion to end executive session and seconded by Kevin Bradley. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget, proposed budget for 2015 – Rick Boydston

Proposed 2015 budget total revenue \$695,940 and expenses \$763,573. Joe DiTomaso made motion to approve 2015 budget. Motion was seconded by Peter Porpiglia and unanimously approved by board.

Extension committee MOP change – Dallas Peterson

Mark Bernards made a motion to replace the 3rd MOP for Extension committee which states “**Determine publication needs and assign priorities for the preparation of new publications as well as updating of reprinting outdated or out-of-print state, regional and federal bulletins, or brochures to help meet extension needs. Develop recommendations for satisfying those needs.**” With *Discuss current weed science issues and provide suggestions for symposia, public awareness, press releases, working groups, and other collaborations.* Seconded by Larry Steckel. Unanimously approved.

Sustainable Ag and Placement Committee discussion – Joe DiTomaso

Andrew Kniss makes motion to remove sustainable ag and placement committee from MOP. Seconded by Cody Gray. E-vote to be conducted after 2 week discussion period.

Graduate student report and contest review – Kate Venner and Darrin Dodds

Kate Venner reported very good attendance at luncheon and participation by students at workshop.

Poster contest: Suggested changes for 2016: Standard size 48" by 48"; 1 poster entry; minor formatting changes. Improve abstract formatting. Need to add room for judges to tabulate scores and reorder posters so all students are on one day.

Strategic plan and mission statement – Joe DiTomaso

Joe DiTomaso will be taking new strategic plan and mission statement to regional presidents.

Andrew Kniss offered these mission statement edits for consideration:

A modified 3-point version, which inserts "serves its members by" into the first section:

The Weed Science Society of America, a non-profit professional society, serves its members by promoting research, education, and extension outreach activities related to weeds; provides science-based information to the public and policy makers; and fosters awareness of weeds and their impacts on managed and natural ecosystems.

A 4-point version, which leaves the current mission statement intact, but adds an inwardly focused statement at the end:

The Weed Science Society of America promotes research, education, and extension outreach activities related to weeds; provides science-based information to the public and policy makers; fosters awareness of weeds and their impacts on managed and natural ecosystems; and facilitates professional development of its members.

Board generally favored the 4-point mission statement version for consideration in the new strategic plan.

Future site selection – Dallas Peterson

Discussions with Joyce Lancaster and regional Presidents. Decision made to have Joyce explore Savannah, San Antonio, Orlando, Oklahoma City, and New Orleans.

Joint meeting with SWSS and summer board meeting plans – Kevin Bradley & Joyce Lancaster

Graduate Student award ceremony Wed night. Summer meeting dates: Sheraton - fly in July 6. Board meeting all day July 7 and half day for July 8.

New Business

Andrew Kniss suggested that WSSA board put the monarch butterfly issue on the agenda this summer.

Adjourn

Andrew Kniss made motion to Adjourn and seconded by Joe DiTomaso. Motion approved unanimously.