

WSSA Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

5:00 – 6:00 PM

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Call to Order – Dallas Peterson called the business meeting to order at 5:00.

Approval of Agenda – Dallas Peterson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mike Owen moved to approve the agenda and Prasanta Bhowmik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes – Dallas Peterson asked for a motion from the floor to approve the meeting minutes from the last business meeting in Vancouver. Sharon Clay made motion to approve the old business meeting minutes. Seconded by Anita Dille. Unanimous approval.

President's Report – Dallas Peterson

President made short presentation highlighting the new items to the meeting which included: searching for new business manager with the pending retirement of Joyce Lancaster; WSSA finalized strategic plan headed by Joe DiTomaso; Donn Schilling started his new role with NIFA; Mike Barrett coordinated with EPA and has done a good job; Lee Van Wychen set up legislative visits with Dallas Peterson and Donn Schilling. Sarah Ward headed up an extensive review of publishing directions; WSSA is doing well but changes are on the horizon.

2016 Program Report – Kevin Bradley

WSSA had 564 presentations of which 252 were posters, and is a very successful meeting that was packed. Very good collaboration with SWSS but with some challenges.

2016 Program Report – Janis McFarland

Janis McFarland asked everyone to attend WSSA Tucson, AZ meeting Feb 6 to 9, 2017. Request for proposals are forth coming. Invitation for volunteers to serve on committees in the new year.

Treasurer's Report – Rick Boydston

We spent approximately \$656,500 this past year. Revenue for the past year was \$540,365. General fund and endowment fund went down due to the downturn of investments in the market. Not counting investments the WSSA is spending about what it is taking in. Reduction in companies due to recent mergers may impact support for WSSA programs.

Endowment Fund – Anita Dille

The goal is to generate funds for students. Those that donated \$100 or more were recognized.

Graduate Student Organization – Rand Merchant

170 registered students at the meeting. 76 have registered for the workshop. Working on developing oral contest in 2017. He thanks the society for sponsoring travel for Weed Olympic winners.

Publications – Sarah Ward

The BOD voted not to renew contract with Allen Press and now entering into a publishing partnership with Cambridge University Press. WSSA will still retain ownership of the society's journals. The official change over to Cambridge University Press will be in 2017 with the first Weed Science Journal of the new year.

EPA Subject Matter Expert – Mike Barrett

Dr. Barrett reported that the team effort with Jill Schroeder has been very productive. Mike Owen led tour in Iowa for 16 members from the EPA. It was very successful as the EPA members visited with farmers, dealers and consultants about weed management issues.

Bill Chism and have come to the WSSA before the open comment period. Mike Barrett has had good opportunities training EPA staff. This next year, EPA is looking more to document benefits from their decisions as opposed to just weighing risk. They are asking us to maintain a list of MOA for registrants to refer to. Endangered species and buffer zones will be large issues in the near future and WSSA is looking for review articles in these areas. EPA posted today on WSSA

website looking for two new positions. They are looking for weed scientists to fill these positions.

WSSA Fellow to NIFA – Donn Shilling

Dr. Shilling is the NIFA fellow and he is spending a couple days per week at Washington. Objective for NIFA fellow was to increase awareness of weed science at NIFA. The main goal was to increase weed science funding. There are 5 RFAs that are relevant to Weed Scientists. Of those 5 RFAs only 3 mention weeds. Don is doing a good job working with NIFA to make their process more user friendly for weed science.

Science Policy – Lee Van Wychen

Report 1 Pesticide applicator certification and training will change significantly.

Report 2. Federal budget is good news for research funding.

Report 3. National weed survey was very successful and is now going on a searchable website. Most common was common lambsquarters and most troublesome was Palmer amaranth.

Report 4. National invasive species awareness week is upcoming with a press release from WSSA.

Election Results – Joe Di Tomaso

New Vice-President is Scott Senseman, new secretary is Hillary Sandberg and member at large is Bryan Young.

Necrology Report – Wes Everman

Nine WSSA members passed away in 2015. Details of obituaries will be available in the WSSA newsletter.

Old Business None

New Business None

Leaving Board: Cody Gray, Larry Steckel, Peter Porpiglia, Hugh Beckie, Dan Kunkle, Rand Merchant and Joe Di Tomaso.

New members as well as the two newly elected officers, Scott Senseman and Mark Bernards, Rob Richardson, Rene Van, Bryan Young, Hillary Chandler.

Passing of the Gavel by President Dallas Peterson to new President Kevin Bradley. Kevin Bradley gave Dallas a plaque for serving as President of WSSA.

Joe DiTomaso moved to adjourn and seconded by Dallas Peterson. Unanimous approval.