

**2006 WSSA Business Meeting Minutes**  
**February 14, 2006**  
**Marriott Marquis Times Square**  
**New York, New York**

Call to Order and Announcements (Board Changes). Carol Mallory-Smith called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. She introduced board and recognized those going off and those coming on the board, which included Jeff Derr, Tom Mueller, Dave Gealy, Joe Neal, Vanelle Carrithers, Joe DiTomaso, Anita Dille, and Ann Légère.

Approval of the Agenda. Carol Mallory-Smith called for agenda approval. Phil Banks moved and Donn Thill seconded to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of 2005 Business Meeting Minutes. Greg MacDonald moved and Tom Mueller seconded motion to approve 2005 Business Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- presented by Reid Smeda. WSSA has \$211,881 in general fund. Endowment Fund interest was \$10,779.

Endowment Fund Report- presented by Phil Banks. This committee recommended 8 undergraduate research awards this year. He encouraged members to contribute to the WSSA Endowment Fund. This year members can bid on two prints in a silent auction. Recognized all members who gave \$100 or more in 2005. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee contributed \$1,000 to the Endowment Fund in honor of Arnold Appleby's history compilation of the WSSA. Endowment committee wants to get 200 donors.

Sustaining Membership Committee Report- presented by Jim Steffel. Have 35 sustaining members. Would like to seek out more members. Encouraged members to seek out potential members. Encouraged members to thank sustaining members.

Director of Publications Report- presented by Mike Foley. Board of Directors approved a co-publishing agreement for Weed Science and Weed Technology with Alliance Communication Group. WSSA will receive approximately 18% in royalty fees from this agreement. Publication Director would like feedback from members on republication of articles on the web. Would members be willing to pay a small fee (~\$25) to have this? Weed Science had 178 submissions, with a 63% acceptance rate. Bob Blackshaw will serve a second term as Editor. Weed Technology acceptance rate is 77%. Impact rating is 1.3 and 0.9 for WS and WT, respectively and this compares favorably to *Agronomy Journal*, *Crop Science* and *Weed Research*. ISI puts out a rating service to show how it compares to other journals. Impact numbers of 1.1, 1.2 etc. is good for our type of journals. Dick Oliver suggested including a picture of lead authors of articles submitted to the journals; similar to Weeds Today. Would like Publication Committee to consider this.

Director of Science Policy Report- presented by Lee VanWycken, new Director of Science Policy. Van Wycken was ill and unable to give his report. Mallory-Smith

explained Van Wychen's acceptance of this position and reminded membership of his availability.

Director of Education Report- presented by Gerry Stephenson. A number of educational developments are coming online. He discussed interest in making some WSSA materials available in Spanish. Also discussed some online courses being developed and IUPAC involvement (for glossary development). Funded Cornell University for Garden Mosaic Project and recognized elementary school children who helped present a poster at this meeting.

Local Arrangements Committee Report for 2006- presented by Brad Majek. He reported that all going smoothly.

Program Committee for 2007- presented by Jill Schroeder. Updated membership on plans for WSSA meeting in San Antonio.

Site Selection Committee for 2008- presented by Donn Thill. The 2008 meeting will be held in Chicago at the Marriott. Contract will be signed soon.

XID Committee Report- presented by Donn Thill. Total cost for the Weed ID CD project to WSSA to date is \$22,000. As of June 30, 2005 revenue from sales of XID weed identification CD is \$17,800 and revenue from sales of Flora ID NW CD and Aquatic and Riparian Weeds of the West is \$2,265 for a total of \$20,065. Committee is currently preparing a new color brochure and expect to have it ready for distribution by March 1, 2006. As of December 31, 2005, images of 260 species are needed, of which about 150 species do not have images.

IWSS Meeting Update- presented by Dale Shaner. WSSA, in cooperation with CWSS, will host the next IWSS meeting scheduled for June 23-27, 2008 at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver BC. Announcements for the meeting will be coming in fall 2006. Anyone interested in helping should contact Shaner.

Graduate Student Activities Report- presented by Whitnee Askew. Held a breakfast meeting and symposium on grants.

Necrology Committee Report- presented by Greg MacDonald for Brent Sellers. Recognized deceased members from 2004 and 2005. Those members included George Frisby Ryan, 2004. Leroy Holm, University of Wisconsin, 2004; Gail Wicks, University of Nebraska, 2005; Ian Morrison, University of Manitoba, January 2006, Jamie Williams, Purdue University, January 2006; and Tetsu Takamatsu, Japan January 2006.

Old Business-  
None.

New Business-

Encouraged all members to submit the meeting survey. Dow AgroSciences is giving \$100 away to someone who returns a survey. Other prizes are being given away too. Travel mugs or bags are available for purchase for \$5 each.

Mallory-Smith handed the gavel to Dale Shaner and Shaner recognized Mallory-Smith for her services as president of WSSA.

Adjourn. Phil Banks moved and John Jachetta seconded motion to adjourn. Motion carried.