

WSSA Business meeting minutes, February 6, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Schroeder at 5:32 PM

Jeff Derr moved, Al Hamill seconded to approve agenda. Motion passed

Dick Oliver moved, Jim Barrentine seconded to accept minutes from 2007 meeting. Motion passed.

Dale Shaner reported on IWSS meeting, with goal of having 600 presentations in Vancouver, Canada in June 2008. He encouraged WSSA members to attend.

Jeff Derr provided the 2008 program report, with 309 total presentations, with 107 posters, 157 oral talks, and 45 symposium presentations. Thanked local arrangements committee and section chairs and Monsanto for sponsoring keynote speaker, Orion Samuelson.

David Shaw provided the 2009 program report for the joint meeting with SWSS in Orlando, February 2009, Hilton property near Disney. Asked for suggestions to program, and said he plans to be family friendly. Dan Reynolds shared SWSS perspective on potential tours and other ideas. Rod Lym reported on the joint meeting in 2010 with the Society of Range Management (SRM) in Denver in downtown area. Some format changes are planned for this meeting, and he shared ideas about the meeting.

Anita Dille provided treasurer's report on behalf of David Gealy. Account balances stable, checking account balance at \$35,000; investment income during 2007 helped minimize overall budget deficit.

Phil Banks provided the endowment report, and thanked those that contributed. He verbally announced those members that contributed \$100 or more. He stated a goal of the endowment to fund graduate activities.

Wade Givens reported on the Graduate Student Organization, with 45 in attendance at the luncheon, and provided an update on the symposium. Informed those present of incoming officers, including Vince Davis as president (Purdue), Jason Weirich as Vice President, and Jonathan Huff as Secretary.

Mike Foley reported on publishing activities. Joe DiTomaso appointed as the editor for the new journal, Invasive Plant Science and Management (IPSM). Mike presented specific details about Weed Science and Weed Technology, with declining impact factors for both journals. New Weed Technology editor is Neil Harker. Informed those present that all previous issues of Weeds, Weed Science, and Weed Technology are now available on line through the JSTOR system. Informed those present that the WSSA board had approved a new book on adjuvants, with Rich Zollinger as the lead contact person. Foley has completed his 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term, and announced Jim Anderson as his replacement. Schroeder presented a plaque to Foley to show WSSA's appreciation. Lars

Anderson presented update from IPSM roundtable discussions. Janet Clark reported on marketing activities for IPSM, with emphasis on institutions and individuals. Currently, WSSA members receive IPSM as a member benefit.

Lee Van Wychen updated those present on Washington and other matters.

Nelroy Jackson updated those presented on National Invasive Weed Awareness Week (NIWAW) to be held on February 24-29, 2008, and he provided some specific changes in the program to allow for more interactions.

Steve Dewey reported on his liaison activities as the EPA subject matter expert; where he works in Washington about 1 week/month. He thanked those EPA personnel in attendance for their support and interaction. He said a summary of his activities is on the WSSA website.

Sarah Ward provided an update on Professional Development Activities, and stressed the interaction with the Graduate Student Organization, and also with all WSSA members throughout their career. She shared potential ideas for the 2009 meeting.

Photo contest award. Schoeder announced that the awards will be postponed and announced in a later newsletter, due to travel challenges of several of the judges.

Brent Sellers provided the necrology report, including Don Davis of Auburn, William R Furtick of Oregon State University and several international positions, and John Wilcut, North Carolina State University. Wes Everman is the incoming chair of this committee.

Dale Shaner reported on election results, including John Jachetta as vice president, Mike Owen as member at large, and Rich Zollinger as secretary.

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Schroeder expressed appreciation for former board members, including Mike Foley (Director of Publications), Dale Shaner (Past President), Tom Mueller (Secretary), and David Jordan (SWSS representative).

Schroeder passed the gavel to Jeff Derr. Derr presented a plaque to Schroeder and expressed appreciation for all her efforts.

Meeting adjourned 6:36 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Mueller  
WSSA secretary