

WSSA Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Barrett at 6:34 AM.

J. Jachetta moved, J. DiTomaso seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes – David Vitolo

Secretary Vitolo informed us that the 2011 minutes are available in the room, and will be posted on the web site, once approved

J. Derr moved, A. Dille second to accept minutes from 2011 meeting. Motion passed.

2012 Program Report – Rod Lym

President-elect Lym provided the 2012 program report. His report has been posted on the web. Over 450 posters and presentations were given. Turnout for the meeting was excellent. Puff run was successful and enjoyable. Rod asked us to please provide suggestions for improvement to Jim Kells.

2013 Program Report – Jim Kells

Jim Kells reviewed dates and activities for the 2013 53rd Annual WSSA meeting to be held at the Baltimore MD Hilton. It will be a joint meeting with the NEWSS. Dwight Lingenfelter will be co-chair along with Jim Kells. Scott Glenn will chair local arrangements.

Treasurer's Report – Anita Dille

Anita Dille provided the Treasurer's report. The report has been posted on the web. She reported on dollar amounts in the different categories such as investments, money market, and monies withdrawn. For the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 2011, our budget had revenue over expenses of (\$2,254). As of 30 November, 2011, WSSA has 1,161,000 in assets. As of 31 December, 2011 the WSSA had \$768,572 in general fund investments and \$306,530 in endowment fund investments. The WSSA investments saw a 0.6 % increase in the General Fund and a 7.9% increase in the Endowment Fund. Anita recognized the good work of Jamie Breuninger in increasing the number of sustaining members. Anita also recognized Gylling Data Management for 30 years as a sustaining member.

Endowment Report - Greg Armel

Greg Armel provided the Endowment report, and thanked those that contributed. His report has been posted on the web. Donations totaled \$3,160 in 2011. He reported a 17 % increase in contributions and asked more members to contribute. Current assets of the Fund are \$305,000.

Graduate Student Organization – Trey Cutts

Trey reported on the Graduate Student Organization. His report has been posted on the web. 12 pairs took part in the *Take a graduate student to lunch* program. Rachael Bethke was elected as the new Graduate Student Representative. A GSO executive board will be formed.

Publications – Jim Anderson

Jim Anderson reported on publishing activities. His report has been posted on the web. Jim presented specific details about Weed Science, Weed Technology, and, Invasive Plant Science and Management with number of submissions, acceptance rate, and number of days to acceptance, impact factors, and rankings. Projected estimates for 2011 indicate that WSSA will receive a revenue share of approximately \$82,000 for Weed Science and Weed Technology, whereas IPSM finished the year with a loss of approximately \$40,000. However, IPSM is expected to break even sometime between 2015 and 2017.

Science Policy, NISAW – Lee Van Wychen

Lee Van Wychen gave an update on Washington and other matters. His report has been posted on the web. His top activities and challenges:

1. Research Funding: USDA
2. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
3. Army Corps of Engineers – funding restored in 2012 for aquatic weed research
4. National invasive species awareness week (NISAW)
5. EPA Subject Matter Expert
6. S-71 Herbicide resistance management policy APHIS papers I&II

EPA Subject Matter Expert – Jill Schroeder

Jill Schroeder reported on her liaison activities as the EPA Subject Matter Expert. Her quarterly reports are posted on the WSSA web site. Jill will continue in her role for an additional year.

Jill thanked the EPA for their dedication, care and hard work. Her key activities in 2011 centered on herbicide resistance, the EPA staff resistance field tour, and follow up opportunities resulting from the tour. Jill gave a brown bag seminar on the resistance training modules.

She has requested a meeting with WSSA officers and the DSP at the National Resistance Summit.

S-71 Sub-committee - David Shaw

Dave thanked all involved for a phenomenal team effort. APHIS II has been accepted, and will be published special issue of WS. APHIS I we hope to publish by May 10. David thanked members for all the feedback the committee received. APHIS II document is the jumping off point for the national summit. Be sure that you attend and participate in the discussion. Economists, sociologists, bankers and new technology experts will present. Save the Date! David reported that a separate group in S-71 worked on the training modules. There have been over 500 downloads of the modules. David thanked John Soteres for his leadership. Next steps: a request to membership to comment on need for new modules as well as output from the summit. A sub-group put together an issue paper on conservation tillage, and this document has been downloaded over 600 times since Monday.

Election Results – John Jachetta

John Jachetta reported on the election system and the election results.

Our new officers are:

Vice President.....Joe DiTomaso

Secretary.....John Madsen

Treasurer..... Ian Burke

Member-at-Large.....Dan Kunkel

Constitutional amendment passed (IPSM as official document)

Necrology Report – Wesley Everman

Wesley Everman provided the necrology report, speaking eloquently on the lives of five departed members. His full report is posted on our website

Mark Casini

Jackie Driver

Walt Gentner

James “Jim” Helmer

Russell “Red” Richards (A charter member of the WSSA)

Old Business

None

New Business

IWSS Report - Nilda Burgos

Nilda reminded us of the International Weed Science Congress to be held in China. 28 Feb is the deadline for Abstracts. An election of a new set of officers is planned, 1 March as the deadline for nominations. Early registration for China is also 1 March. Nilda reminded us to apply early for your Visa, as it takes 2-3 weeks at a minimum. Nilda announced that travel awards will be granted to 25 students.

Mike Barrett thanked members rotating off the Board of Directors for their service:

Anita Dille

Dave Vitolo

Mike Owen

Tim Miller

Kevin Bradley

Passing of Gavel

Mike Barrett passed the gavel to Rod Lym. Rod Lym presented a plaque to Mike Barrett and expressed appreciation for all his contributions.

Motion to adjourn Glasgow, second Lingenfelter. Passed

Rod Lym declared the Business Meeting adjourned 7:53 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Vitolo

WSSA Secretary