

WSSA email motions and comments. Fall 2007

WSSA newsletter Editor

Trey Koger, Delta Research and Education Center, Stoneville, MS was approved as the new WSSA Newsletter Editor.

Editor, Weed Technology

On August 27, 2007, Foley moved that Dr. Neil Harker be appointed Editor of Weed Technology effective August 25, 2007 to complete the remaining term of the late Dr. John Wilcut and for a 3 year term effective February 2008 with a stipend of \$15,000 per year and pro-rated for the remainder of 2007. Shaw Seconded. Motion passed

XID project

A lengthy series of emails and some conference calls began in early September to address the XID Weed ID project. Much of the discussion was by the executive committee. Schroeder sent a letter to Rich Old on October 1, 2007 to express the desire of WSSA to terminate the XID contract effective January 1, 2008. Rich Old returned an email to Schroeder on Oct 4, 2007 stating several issues. A conference call was held on October 19, 2007. The Executive committee agreed to resolution of the remaining issues as follows: WSSA grants permission to XID Services to sell the remaining inventory of 1000 Weeds of North America CDs that contain the WSSA logo and to use the images of the CD and case currently displayed on the XID Services website until the remaining CDs are sold or January 1, 2009, whichever comes first. WSSA will send all remaining inventory of CDs to Dr. Richard Old when the contract ends on January 1, 2008, and grants permission to XID Services to market and sell this remaining inventory. WSSA will keep information for the XID CD on the WSSA web site, linking the information directly to the XID Services website until the inventory containing the WSSA logo is sold or January 1, 2009, which ever comes first. WSSA will direct telephone and mail orders for the XID CD that are received by WSSA between January 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009 to Dr. Richard Old, XID Services. XID Services will keep all revenues of the sale of any CDs returned by WSSA plus all revenues from telephone and mail orders forwarded to him. WSSA agrees that they do not have any rights to the content of future XID products. XID Services agrees that they do not have the right to use the WSSA name or logo on future products. WSSA grants permission to XID Services to contact purchasers of the 1000 Weeds of North America CD regarding discount offers for the upcoming DVD version of the product produced by XID Services. WSSA requested that Dr. Old sign and return the letter acknowledging agreement between XID Services and WSSA on how to conclude our association; the signed letter was received December 18, 2007. Dr. Old and WSSA have original letters; copies were distributed to Neal and Schroeder. The Executive Committee decided to contact WSSA members who donated images to the project to inform them of the decision and to request permission to use the images for educational purposes for members and the public.

Prior to the 2008 meeting, various emails discussed mechanisms to show appreciation for various WSSA members that worked on this project. Swanton expressed a desire to recognize Alex Ogg. On January 7, 2008; Shaner moved, Gealy seconded for the WSSA BOD to authorize the development of a Certificate of Merit listing the entire XID CD development committee (Alex Ogg, Horace Skipper, Wynn John, Rob Gallagher and Rich Old) in recognition of their efforts in the development of the XID plant key. This certificate is to be delivered to the committee members present at the 2008 National Meeting at the awards ceremony as a special form of recognition and mailed to those not present with a personal message from the

president. This will replace the honorarium approved by the BOD for Alex Ogg at the summer board meeting. Motion passed

Herbicide Handbook

9th edition came out, editor Scott Senseman did a great job (board consensus). Senseman requested a copy be sent to Dr. Marie Hatzios, since the book is dedicated to her late husband. Shaw made the motion, Dille seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

EPA SME request for volunteers from the membership

Steve Dewey requested WSSA members to volunteer to serve as experts in various technical areas. Steve has had limited success assembling a list of names. Mueller instructed to establish system at WSSA meeting (and other avenues) to allow WSSA members to sign up for service in a technical, advisory role to the EPA Subject Matter Expert.

WSSA Research Priorities

Jeff Derr informed the BOD that Adam Davis had requested information on priorities in weed science research, education, and extension topics. BOD answered individually.

Proposed MOP for WSSA project review process

Jachetta, Barrett and Schroeder revised information from summer board meeting related to a comprehensive review process for BOD to conduct business. On November 7, 2007 Shaw moved, Dille seconded to accept the MOP language. Motion passed. Mueller volunteered to present this information to the WSSA membership as a poster. Peterson requested same poster to be presented at WSWS meeting.

Joint meeting with SRM

Schroeder forwarded in November 2007 to executive committee a draft contract and minutes of committee discussions about the contract for the 2010 meeting of WSSA with Society of Range Management . After discussion, consensus was that the contract was good for WSSA and it was approved. Schroeder urged committee members to include all appropriate language as to the responsibilities for all parties in contract addenda.

Award Winners

On November 27, 2007, Barrett moved to accept the award committee recommendations for 2008. Nelson seconded. Motion passed, although Neal questioned the timing of the call for nominations for the honorary member. Shaw and Shaner clarified the procedures for selecting the recipient of this award; it is awarded one year in advance to allow time for international travel arrangements.

New officers:

Schroeder informed BOD about newly elected officers, including:

- Vice President: John Jachetta
- Secretary: Richard Zollinger
- Member at Large: Mike Owen

Flora ID Northwest, LLC contract

Jill Schroeder received a letter from Bruce S. Barnes dated January 21, 2008 giving notice that he was canceling the contract with WSSA to advertise products by Flora ID Northwest. The WSSA Board and Flora ID Northwest, LLC agreed to terminate the contract on March 31, 2008; WSSA would remove the web pages related to these products from the web site by that date. Bruce Barnes acknowledged the efforts of Alex Ogg, XID committee chair.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Mueller, WSSA Secretary