

## **Minutes WSSA Board of Directors**

7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Friday, February 8, 2008

Waldorf, Hilton Chicago, Chicago, IL

Meeting began at 7:30 am

Board members introduced themselves. Those present: Mike Barrett Member-at-Large, Jeff Derr President, Anita Dille NCWSS representative, Toni DiTommaso NEWSS representative, David Gealy Treasurer, John Jachetta Vice President, Joyce Lancaster Allen Press, Joe Neal Member-at-Large, Linda Nelson APMS representative, Vanelle Peterson WSWS representative, Jill Schroeder Past President, David Shaw President Elect, Clarence Swanton CWSS representative, Lee Van Wychen Dir. of Science Policy, Ralph Whitesides Constitution/MOP, Jason Norsworthy SWSS representative, Vince Davis GSO representative, Mike Owen Member-at-Large, James Anderson Director of Publications, and Rich Zollinger Secretary. Peter Porpiglia Member-at-Large, was unable to attend.

Agenda was approved with the addition of new business and expense or funding items for new budget. Motion to accept by Mike Barrett, Second by Linda Nelson. Motion passed.

Summer Board meeting at Orlando, July 18-20.

Travel on 17<sup>th</sup>, Board meet all day 18 and 19 then conclude at noon on 20th.

Program Committee - Shaw and Jachetta

Many members gave good ideas to Shaw for next meeting in 2009. There is a good working relationship with SWSS.

### **Finance (Group F) – Gealy**

F2 Finance: Gealy and Lancaster

Itemized budget - given to Board members for review.

Projected expense over Revenue - estimated at over \$75,807.99.

IWSS exchange rate (Canadian) may also impact amount.

Refund to those that did not attend - Lancaster will follow MOP and will continue to use discretion.

Web site committee expenses - clarified in the Budget report.

IPSM Journal - Whitesides made motion to amend budget to approve \$40k to support a project manager and operating expenses for one year. Jill Schroeder seconded. Motion passed.

Regional Graduate Student Summer Competition – Is financially difficult for any organization to host regional contests.

Motion to approve budget as amended made by Peterson. Seconded by Dille.

F3 Endowment (Gealy)

New Chair - Dick Oliver.

F4 Member and Affiliation (Barrett)

Web survey - being developed to allow members to evaluate WSSA issues.

F5 Sustaining Membership (Norsworthy)

New Chair - John McGregor.

New/Renew Membership - Closer detail will be made to inviting all potential sustaining members.

F8 International Affairs (Barrett)

Committee met and discussed issues.

Graduate Student Activities Report (Davis)

Symposium - successful.

Student night out - will resume if possible at next meeting.

Student Competition - not supported if conducted the way regional societies conduct their contests.

Possible Student Travel Awards - various qualification criteria discussed including service to society.  
Award amount – possibly award less money to more students or payment for part of hotel costs.  
Special distinction and evaluation of awardees were discussed.  
Will develop a proposal for summer board meeting.  
Secretary - Jonathon Huff  
Vice President - Jason Weirich

Whitesides and Derr recommended that minimum number to constitute a quorum (BOD) be defined and MOP be revised to reflect that definition.

### **Reports from External Activities (Group E) – Schroeder**

E1 Liaison Committees, key reports (Shaw)  
No new business.

E2 Science Policy (Schroeder)  
Priorities from committee:  
1. Maintain support of ARS Program Leader Position.  
2. Written support for position from all organizations.  
Time constraints of Van Wychen need to be considered.

E3 CAST (Neal)  
Gealy – was a contributor to a 2007 CAST paper.  
Jim Kells - last year as WSSA rep to CAST – will need to find a replacement.  
A new position paper on Pest Resistance in development to come forth in future.

E4 Federal Noxious and Invasive Weeds (Jachetta)  
Committee met and is active.

E6 Research and Competitive Grants (Peterson)  
Adam Davis - New Chair.  
Good working collaboration by committee members.  
Charge to submit Weed Science journal paper in 2008 from survey results.  
Michael Bowers from USDA-NRA desires to have a perpetual role on the committee.

E8 Environmental Quality (Jachetta)  
Reported that committee is somewhat dysfunctional.  
The committee needs to focus on the objectives and goals and consider training and symposia. .

E10 Herbicides for Minor Use (Peterson)  
No report.

E11 Weed Loss (Neal)  
Working on template for each state to provide data on weed loss.  
IR-4 to get some waiver of new pesticide registration

E12 Herbicide Resistant Plants (Jachetta)  
Bill Vencill - New Chair.  
Update Weed Resistant Web page.

### **Reports from Publications (Group P) – Anderson**

P2 Weed Science (Anderson)  
Impact factor (IF) - was major discussion issue  
Possibly 400 pages down from previous year.

P3 Weed Technology (Anderson)

IF - major discussion issue was on changing the policy to not accept manuscripts that only contain visual ratings.

Publication Timing - Discussion to publish 6 times per year to decrease size of each book.

P4 Invasive Plant Science and Management (Anderson/Peterson)

IF was the major discussion issue.

Suggestions to improve the IF for the three journals:

1. Expedite the journal publishing process to help scientist's research cited quickly.
2. Get all papers posted on-line before hard copy printing to increase speed of availability.
3. Require quantitative data in addition to visual ratings before paper is accepted. This was discussed with an ambivalent consensus.

Anderson made motion and seconded by Swanton to provide papers of all three journals on-line prior to hard copy printing with expenses to come from WSSA for future articles accepted in 2008. Motion passed.

MOP mandates that all issues dealing with publications, such as per page charges, should go through Publications Committee.

Robert Blackshaw - will retire as Editor of Weed Science at Annual Meeting in 2009. Ideas for replacement should be forwarded to Jim Anderson.

P8 Newsletter (Neal)

No new business.

P11 Abstracts (Norsworthy)

No new business.

P22 Terminology P22b Standardized Plant Names (Nelson)

Name definitions - Handout was passed showing progress being made. All definitions will be reviewed by regional society committees before approval.

P23 Website (Swanton)

No new business.

AM&M and ACG Update - Lancaster

~25 people did not attend but ~30 people registered at the meeting.

~450 total attendees.

Laptop and projectors - Section Chairs are responsible to provide. WSSA has laser pointers.

IWSS 2008 Congress - Lancaster

There is still time to submit abstracts.

### **Reports from Internal Committees (Group W) – Whitesides**

W2 Local Arrangements (Porpiglia)

2009 Meeting - Shaw reported that proposals were made for symposia.

W3 Awards Parent (Whitesides)

Committee Member Replacement - those whose terms will expire will be replaced.

Possible New Award for Journal Paper - those historic papers that have been frequently cited/used over time.

Nomination submissions - discussed ways to encourage members to submit nominations.

W3g Graduate Student Award Subcommittee - discussed additional opportunities to recognize graduate

students and will work with Parent Awards Committee.  
Criteria for Nomination - guidelines for information required for WSSA awards could be brought more in line with the regional guidelines to increase submissions.  
Research Award - candidates should show more quality research than the award being a Career Award.

#### W4 Biology of Weeds (DiTommaso)

Report - made by Dille.

Dille reported that they will work through Public Awareness Committee

Handout - Proposal was given to Board by DiTommaso to update Bridge's (1992) survey of troublesome weed species in the U.S. Discussed feasibility and resources to accomplish the survey and sources to gather quality data.

#### W5 Education (Zollinger)

Report - made by DiTommaso.

Objective - Move XID onto WSSA web site.

#### W6 Nomination (Porpiglia)

Schroeder will handle this.

#### W7 Strategic Planning (Jachetta)

New life and direction from discussion at previous Sunday BOD meeting.

#### W8 Historic & Archives (Owen/Dille)

Iowa State University has high interest in archiving any weed science material.

#### W10 Constitution and Operating Procedures (Whitesides)

MOP and Constitutional Changes (Whitesides)

Jeff Stachler will replace Alan Dexter.

Changes from previous BOD meetings have been made.

#### W11 Extension (Dille)

Committee did not view extension to be a resource to support.

Committee discussed ways to make web based resources more available.

Inquired about funding sources to support those that make Web resources more available.

#### W12 Placement (Porpiglia)

No new business.

#### W13 Weed Alert (DiTommaso)

No new business.

#### W15 Formulations, Adjuvants, and Application Technology (Dille)

Mark Bernards - New Chair.

A new adjuvant book – "Adjuvant for Agrichemicals" was proposal to WSSA - strongly supported by committee members.

Adjuvant Symposia - authors of proposed book present at the next WSSA meeting after chapters are written.

#### W16 Biological Control of Weeds (Zollinger)

Neal gave report.

Should have a symposium proposal for the 2009 WSSA meeting.

#### W17 Integrated Weed Management (Norsworthy)

No new business.

W19 Resolutions (Schroeder)  
Tim Murphy resigned as Chair.  
No new business.

W20 Sustainable Agriculture (Barrett)  
Symposium - successful.  
No new business.

Reports from Special Committee (Group S) - Schroeder  
S62 Invasive Plant Science and Management Journal Committee  
Peterson made report.  
Possible collaboration with the Weed Alert Committee.  
Encourage more review articles and case studies.  
Compare different State Noxious Weed Lists and submit as a review article.  
Desire more library subscriptions.  
Anderson charged with documenting milestones with journal.

S64 Special Committee on Professional Development  
No new business.

S65 Public Relations Steering Committee  
No new business.

S67 Joint 2010 meeting with SRM (Peterson, Whitesides)  
Whitesides reported that SRM has established activities that WSSA can participate (Plant ID).  
Options - Several including no activities to avoid competition. WSSA might host similar but less competitive activities that are open to all attendees.  
Committee will discuss alternatives for next BOD meetings.  
Many volunteers will be needed to fill the joint WSSA/SRM planning committees.

New Business - Derr

1. Planning/facilitator for summer board meeting - Jachetta will contact Tom Sullivan.
2. ARS weed science program/leader - Identify many associated organizations for their support.
3. NIWAW/Special Committee - Shaw has addressed this in the 2009 agenda. Will be added as a committee.
4. RFP's (Neal)  
Should be updated periodically to reflect kind of meeting desired (ex. joint meetings).  
Committee has been updated with additional members.  
David Gealy has been asked to Chair committee.  
Review finalized by May 1, 2008 and sent out to companies.  
June 1 was decided as the deadline for submission responses.
5. Society Membership Brochure/Poster  
Membership and Affiliation Committee will develop.  
Mike Owen, Chair of committee - Draft by next Board Meeting
6. Member directory  
PDF version - strongly encouraged.  
Member email addresses changes often making current contact information difficult.  
Lancaster - given charge to explore costs, development, and possibility of this.
7. Former WSSA Presidents

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8. Board of Director Training

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Derr will confer with Schroeder

9. WSSA 2010 Meeting Dates

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4:00 Meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.

Rich Zollinger  
WSSA Secretary

Action Items:

1. Graduate Student Activities Report (Davis) - will develop a proposal for summer board meeting to address special distinction and evaluation of WSSA graduate student awardees.
  2. Whitesides and Derr recommended that minimum number to constitute a quorum (BOD) be defined and MOP be revised to reflect that definition.
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- Weed Alert Committee - possible collaboration.  
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Committee will discuss alternative activities from those planned by the SRM and will be prepared to report at the next BOD meeting.

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