

WSSA Business meeting minutes, February 9, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Derr at 5:18 PM

Jeff Derr moved, John Jachetta seconded to approve agenda. Motion passed

David Gealy moved, Mike Owen seconded to accept minutes from 2008 meeting. Motion passed but Tom Mueller dissented.

David Shaw provided the 2009 program report, made reference to the program booklet and discussed some of the issues with development and the many people who helped make the meeting a success.

John Jachetta provided the 2010 program report for the joint meeting with the Society of Range Management (SRM) in the downtown Denver area. His report has been posted on the web. Some format changes are planned for this meeting. John meets monthly with SRM board members. SRM is a fundamentally different organization than WSSA. There will be up to 2,500 attendees with 28 different sessions. Some activities are a trade show, music band, dance, mixers, tours, and many symposia. The meeting will end on the Thursday of the conference dates.

David Gealy provided the treasurer's report. His report has been posted on the web. He reported on dollar amounts in the different categories such as investments, money market, money withdrawn, and non-investments. He was optimistic for a better financial outlook for the future.

Dick Oliver provided the endowment report, and thanked those that contributed. He reported a 65% increase in contributions and asked more members to contribute. The contributions were able to fund five graduate student fellowships.

Vince Davis reported on the Graduate Student Organization. His report has been posted on the web. Jason Weirich will be the incoming president with Jonathon Huff as secretary. New officers will be elected at the next committee meeting. A key success was the creation of graduate student travel grant. The GSO will sponsor a symposium on Ethics and there will be quiz bowl. There has been a 62% reduction of graduate student membership and Vince invited all WSSA members to more actively welcome and help graduate students be more active in the society.

Jim Anderson reported on publishing activities. His report has been posted on the web. Royalties from journals amounted to \$80k which is also the expected loss from the new IPSM journal. Jim presented specific details about Weed Science, Weed Technology, and the new journal, Invasive Plant Science and Management (IPSM) with number of submissions, acceptance rate, number of days to acceptance, impact factors, rankings, and names of Editors. Jim reported that all previous issues of Weeds, Weed Science, and Weed Technology are now available on line through the JSTOR system.

Lee Van Wyche gave an update on Washington and other matters. His report has been posted on the web. He recommended that members incorporate biofuels and climate change into their research objectives.

Jill Schroeder reported on her liaison activities as the EPA subject matter expert. She recognized the important work that Steve Dewey did as previous expert and thanked Don Stubbs and Don Kinney from EPA that helped create the position. Jill discussed many new things for her to become proficient in the position, including learning the many acronyms. She also asked members to help her develop a network of WSSA members as resources to help her with different areas of weed science.

Jill Schroeder reported on election results, including Mike Barrett as vice president, Ann Legere as member at large, and Anita Dille as treasurer.

Wesley Everman provided the necrology report, including George Kapusta of North Dakota State University and Southern Illinois University, Larry Burrill of Oregon State University and several international positions, and Paul Ogg with American Cyanamid.

Old business - none.

New business – Carol Malory-Smith complimented those involved with developing a new meeting program and asked that the membership be polled about their opinion on the changes.

Derr expressed appreciation for the service and dedication of former board members, including Jill Schroeder (Past President), David Gealy (Treasurer), Clarence Swanton (CWSS-rep), Anita Dille (NCWSS-rep), Toni DoTomaso (NEWSS-rep), and Mike Barrett (Member-at-large).

Derr recognized new board members – Peter Sikemma (CWSS-rep), Shawn Askew (NEWSS-rep), Mike Barrett (Vice President), Anita Dille (Treasurer), Kevin Bradley (NCWSS-rep), Ann Legere (Member-at-large), and Jason Weirich (GSO-rep).

Derr passed the gavel to David Shaw. Shaw presented a plaque to Derr and expressed appreciation for all his efforts.

Ralph Whitesides moved, Mike Owen seconded to adjourn meeting. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned 5:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Zollinger
WSSA secretary