

## **Minutes - WSSA Business Meeting**

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President John Jachetta at 5:34 PM.

S. Clay moved, M. Barrett seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

### **Approval of Minutes – David Vitolo**

Secretary Vitolo informed us that the 2010 minutes will be posted on the web site, once approved.

D. Shaw moved, K. Bradley second to accept minutes from 2010 meeting. Motion passed.

### **2011 Program Report – Mike Barrett**

President-elect Barrett provided the 2011 program report. His report has been posted on the web. More than 490 attendees registered. Of special note was the attendance of one of our charter members, Robert Schieferstein.

### **2012 Program Report – Rod Lym**

Rod Lym entertainingly informed us that attendees to the 2012 meeting won't need hats, gloves, western apparel, ties, nor pearl button shirts. Hawaiian shirts, please! A Kona historical tour is planned. Rod suggested that attendees rent a car. The hotel has a dolphin encounter, make registrations soon as they sell out.

### **Treasurer's Report – Sharon Clay**

Sharon Clay 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 She reported on dollar amounts in the different categories such as investments, money market, monies withdrawn. As of 30 November, 2010 the WSSA had \$155,770 cash in bank. The WSSA investments saw a 9% increase in the General Fund, and a 12.5% increase in the Endowment Fund.

### **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 \$2,790 in 2010. He reported a 12.4 % increase in contributions and asked more members to contribute. The committee's goal is to reach \$400,000 in order to sponsor a graduate student scholarship in honor of Roy J. Smith.

### **Weed Olympics – Greg Armel**

Greg Armel reported on plans for the 2011 National Weed Olympics in Knoxville, TN. Visit [www.weedolympics2011.com](http://www.weedolympics2011.com) for more info. Over 150 students are expected to participate.

### **Graduate Student Organization – Sarah True Meadows**

Sarah True Meadows reported on the Graduate Student Organization. Her report has been posted on the web. 80 graduate students and 2 undergraduate students registered. Trey Cutt was elected as the new Graduate Student Representative.

### **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, number of days to acceptance, impact factors, and rankings. WSSA will receive a revenue share of \$85,157.79 for Weed Science and Weed Technology, an 11% increase compared to 2009. IPSM finished the year with a loss of \$35,232.72, which is about 20% lower than we expected at the beginning of the year. Net profit should be ~\$49,925.

### **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-NIFA March 15th deadline
2. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
3. Herbicide resistance management policy APHIS papers I&II
4. National invasive species awareness week (NISAW)
5. Healthy Habitats Coalition
6. Army Corps of Engineers – Cancelled funding for aquatic weed research
7. Public Awareness Committee
8. EPA Subject Matter Expert

### **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 commented that hers is a volunteer position – the WSSA pays her travel expenses, New Mexico State University pays her salary. Jill informed us that both the ESA and APS both have initiated similar roles with the EPA.

## **Election Results – David Shaw**

David Shaw reported on the election system and the election results. Jim Kells was elected Vice President, and Les Glasgow elected as member-at-large. In addition, Peter Porgiglia was appointed by the President as Chair of the Constitution and Operating Procedures Committee.

## **Necrology Report – Wesley Everman**

Wesley Everman provided the necrology report, speaking eloquently on the lives of 9 departed members:

Laurel Anderson

William L. “Bill” Barrentine

Richard Behrens

Jack Best

Dwight Camper

Dick Ilnicki

John “Jack” May

Donald Moreland

Elroy Peters

## **Old Business**

President Jachetta thanked both Ralph Whitesides and Dave Shaw for their service to the society.

## **New Business**

None

## **Passing of Gavel**

John Jachetta passed the gavel to Michael Barrett. Michael Barrett presented a plaque to John Jachetta and expressed appreciation for all his contributions.

Michael Barrett declared the Business Meeting adjourned 6:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Vitolo  
WSSA Secretary