

WSSA Board Meeting
Hilton Waikoloa Village
February 9, 2012

ATTENDING:

Board Members and Ex Officio: Jim Kells, Mark Bernards, Peter Sikkema, Ian Burke, Peter Propiglia, Sarah Ward, Joe DiTomasso, John Madsen, Rod Lym, Mike Barrett, James Anderson, Lee Van Wychne, Darrin Dodds, Rachel Bethke, Kate Counter, Cody Gray, Les Glasgow.

Non-Board Members: David Shaw, John Jachetta, Vanelle Peterson

CALL TO ORDER

President Rod Lym called the meeting to order at 3:30

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

REVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

Rod Lym - 2012

Poor attendance at the business meeting, good attendance at the conference.

Discussion of where to place the business meeting on the agenda.

Jim Kells - 2013

Met during the conference with NEWSS program committee to discuss format and agenda for next year's conference.

Poor attendance at this year's poster session, discussion on how to schedule the poster session

APPROVAL OF THE WSSA ANNUAL BUDGET (Ian Burke)

Budget has a deficit of \$103,000

Total operating revenue is \$632,000

Expenses are \$650,000

DSP, Undergraduate Research Awards are pending costs.

Recommendations on meeting expenses included:

- 1) Increase spouse charges to what guests actually costs - \$100 rather than \$50
- 2) Food and entertainment costs considered
- 3) Consider other sources of revenue, like electronic products
- 4) Audio / video equipment provided by hotel is expensive

Ian Burke moved to accept the budget as proposed, seconded by Mike Barrett.

Unanimously accepted by the board.

Peter Sikkema requested an executive summary of the budget.

OLD BUSINESS

I. APHIS II Paper Discussion (Mike Barrett)

Mike Barrett introduced the idea that the executive summary be adopted as the official WSSA position on herbicide resistance. The APHIS II paper has been accepted for publication to Weed Science.

APHIS is interested in having the position paper accepted as the position of the society at large.

Action will be taken in the near future, response from members to Pres. Lym by Feb 27.

II. S71 Website Content Editor (Sarah Ward)

Review and return using the stage gate process, discuss as soon as possible.

Finance committee (FC) discussed the website editor position, had trouble identifying funds for this in website. FC suggests \$7,500 for a website content editor stipend.

No board action is required.

III. Spanish Abstracts (Jim Anderson)

Jim Anderson and publications had the following recommendations:

- 1) Keep Spanish Abstracts as an experiment in Weed Technology for 2 more years;
 - 2) Develop a proposal for a Spanish Abstract Editor with a stipend of \$2,500; and
 - 3) Revoke the \$20 fee to authors of Weed Technology for the Spanish abstracts.
- Currently still not enough evidence to properly evaluate the effect of Spanish abstracts.

No board action is required.

IV. Book on Weed Science Methods (Jim Anderson)

More discussion among proposed authors and committee is required before bringing this to the Board.

No board action is required.

V. Adjuvants Book (Jim Anderson)

Proposal was turned down for an adjuvants book since it has been too long since approval; a new proposal is needed to be brought to the publication committee.

No board action is required.

VI. Herbicide Handbook (Jim Anderson)

The current editor of the Herbicide Handbook has stepped down, and a new editor and chair will be selected.

Jim Anderson has ten people on his list of possible chairs and editors of the Herbicide Handbook, and will work to select a new chair as soon as possible.

No board action is required.

VII. Special Committee for Delivery of Herbicide Handbook

A chair will be selected and committee formed for considering delivery systems for the Herbicide Handbook. Rod Lym will identify a chair and committee members as soon as possible.

No board action is required.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Summer board meeting (Rod Lym). Board meeting is Saturday Aug 18th and half-day on the 19th. Travel in on the Aug 17th (Friday), and do not leave until after noon on the 19th. Summer board meeting in Baltimore.

Consider not holding board meetings over the weekend.

No board action is required.

II. Science Policy Report and update (Mike Barrett).

- 1) Interest in approaching APHIS concerning how to select and evaluate species for use in biofuels, or other applications, for introductions. Consider potential invasiveness.
- 2) CAP program grant (\$10M over 5 years), with WSSA as lead PI, to examine herbicide resistance.

III. Education Committee Report

- 1) Ambassador Program. WSSA will provide materials so that Weed Scientists can speak about weed science to grade-school groups.
- 2) Education chair has resigned. Some individuals have been approached to be chair, but no commitments have been made. Unclear if Education Committee will adopt Ambassador Program as part of their activities.

IV. Terminology Committee (Cody Gray)

Discrepancies have appeared between names used in Weed Science and in the Herbicide Handbook. Terminology Committee should resolve discrepancies with the Director of Publications James Anderson.

V. Committees and MOP

Peter Propiglia will draft recommendations for alterations in the Manual of Operating Procedures (MOP) including alterations in committee structure.