

## **WSSA Business Meeting**

**January 25, 2024**

### **Call to Order**

Carroll Moseley at 7:00AM CST.

### **Approval of Business Meeting Agenda**

**Motion to approve the Business Meeting agenda made by Todd Baughman at 7:02AM CST. Seconded by Alan Helm. Motion passed.**

### **Approval of Previous Business Meeting Minutes**

**Motion to approve the WSSA 2023 Business Meeting minutes by Anita Dille at 7:05AM CST. Seconded by Hilary Sandler. Motion passed.**

### **Finance Committee: Greg Elmore**

#### Financial Health

The financial health is improving.

Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2024:

U.S. Bank \$286,209.98

General Fund \$1,711,729.80

Endowment Fund \$482,182.88

CD Account \$157,979.21

Inventory Asset \$596.37

**Total Assets \$2,638,698.24**

#### Innovative Grants

Fifteen submissions were received and two were funded at \$82,080. Feedback was provided to all submitters. A few minor changes to the call for submissions have been made for clarity.

### **Endowment Update: Anita Dille**

The endowment committee receives funding/donations to support undergraduate students. This past year, the endowment fund had a contribution of \$3,155. Anita highlighted several people who went above and beyond with contributions.

### **Nominating Committee: Stanley Culpepper**

Stanley recognized the nominating committee. Four positions on the WSSA BOD were open this past year and the following people were voted in: Ian Burke Vice President, Kelly Backscheider Secretary, Laren Lazaro Treasurer, and Christy Sprague Member at Large.

## **Publications Committee: Chris Willenborg and Sarah Ward**

### 2024 Revenue Forecast from CUP

The forecast total income for WSSA journals in 2024 is \$143,273 (\$157,022 in 2023), with forecast royalties to WSSA (39%) of \$99,273 (\$113,022 in 2023). Guaranteed payment to WSSA (80% of forecast royalties excluding BioOne) for 2024 is \$79,778 plus \$6,000 award sponsorship fee and \$58,000 editorial stipend support less the \$20,000 hosting charge. CUP has been invoiced for \$79,778. The transition to Open Access may hurt the overall revenue some.

### WSSA journal metrics in 2023 (2022 figures in parentheses)

Clarivate Analytics impact factors released in 2023 (for the publication year 2022) showed a decline in impact factor for all WSSA journals, although only a very slight decline for Weed Science. Our journals remain well-positioned and highly regarded in all areas of weed science despite the competitive environment that exists in scientific publishing. We remain mindful of the fact that authors have more choice than ever when submitting manuscripts in the discipline of weed science, but the WSSA journals continue to offer high quality reviews in a timely manner. The number of published articles increased compared to 2022 for Weed Science and IPSM and declined slightly for Weed Technology. The increase for IPSM and Weed Science reverses a decline in the number of published articles over the past couple of years.

### **Weed Science**

Manuscripts submitted: 172 (160)

Acceptance rate: 46% (40%)

Total page number for 2022 volume: 614 (714)

Number published articles: 60 (77)

Mean time from submission to first decision: 44 days (41 days)

Impact factor 2.5 (2.58)

a. 26/88/90 Agronomy Journals

b. 102/239 Plant Sciences Journals

### **Weed Technology**

Manuscripts submitted: 154 (160)

Acceptance rate: 60% (59%)

Total page number for 2022 volume: 669 (739)

Number published articles: 91 (98)

Mean time from submission to first decision: 49 days (49 days)

Impact factor: 1.4 (1.81)

a. 58/88 Agronomy Journals

b. 160/239 Plant Sciences Journals

### **IPSM**

Manuscripts submitted: 60 (42)

Acceptance rate: 53% (59%)

Total page number for 2022 volume: 258 (159)

Number published articles: 25 (26)

Mean time from submission to first decision: 42 days (51 days)

Impact factor 1.1 (1.333)

- a. 182/239 Plant Sciences Journals

#### Herbicide Handbook

The Herbicide Handbook is still being developed and will not be published in 2024 likely. This will be an online resource.

#### **Program Committee: Greg Dahl**

Greg thanks the planning and local arrangements committees for both SWSS and WSSA. Nine symposia were submitted and four were selected. There are over 600 people registered for the conference with 200 being students.

#### **Future Meeting: Hilary Sandler**

The 2025 WSSA meeting will be held February 24-27, 2025, in Vancouver, Canada. This will be a joint meeting with the Canadian Weed Science Society.

#### **Old Business**

##### Recognition of Service (Lee)

Lee recognized Paul for his service on the USDA APHIS Biocontrol committee and Sarah Ward as his replacement. Additionally, Jill Schroeder is Amy's replacement on the EPA Pesticide Dialogue Committee.

#### **New Business**

None.

#### **Passing of the Gavel**

Carroll introduces Greg Dahl as the new WSSA President. Passing of the gavel. Greg thanks Carroll for his service. WSSA BOD recognized for their service. Congratulations to all the students for giving amazing presentations.

#### **Introduction of 2023 WSSA Board of Directors: Greg Dahl**

Greg introduces the new BOD members and thanks the previous BOD members for their service.

**Motion to conclude the Business Meeting made by Hilary Sandler at 7:38AM CST.  
Seconded by Alan Helm. Motion passed.**