

WSSA Business Meeting

February 2, 2023

Call to Order

Stanley Culpepper at 6:50AM EST.

Approval of Business Meeting Agenda

Motion to approve the Business Meeting agenda made by Carroll Moseley at 6:53AM.

Seconded by Cara McCauley. Motion passed.

Approval of Previous Business Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the WSSA 2022 Business Meeting minutes by Greg Dahl at 6:55AM

EST. Seconded by Karla Gage. Motion passed.

Finance Committee: Greg Elmore

Financial Health:

Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2022:

- 1) U.S. Bank \$265,428.91
- 2) General Fund \$1,507,659.73
- 3) Endowment Fund \$462,920.80
- 4) CD Account \$225,664.27
- 5) Inventory Asset \$596.37
- 6) **Total Assets \$2,462,270.08**

Total WSSA assets are \$2.5M compared to \$2.3M at the end of September 2022, \$2.4M at the end of July 2022 and \$2.7M at this time last year. The market is down significantly but our defensive position has reduced the negative impact on our investments. Interest rates obtained by new CD's are delivering some positive value. Net revenue for the 2022 fiscal year (Dec. 1, 2021, through Nov. 30, 2022) was negative \$65,170. Based on the Statement of Activity as of December 2022 – Total Revenue was \$199,184; Total Expenditures were \$110,421 and Net Revenue was \$88,763.

Innovative grants program update

Nine proposals were received by the October 1, 2022, submission deadline. The proposals and a sheet to rank and indicate to fund each proposal or not was sent to WSSA Executive Committee members on October 3, 2022. Several Executive Committee members were excluded from ranking/voting on proposals because they were either principal investigators or co-authors. Proposals were ranked by the WSSA Executive Committee, and a recommendation was provided to the WSSA Board of Directors for approval. The WSSA Board of Directors approved the recommendation, and three grants were approved for funding in 2023, for a total of \$73,776.

Endowment Update: Anita Dille

The endowment committee receives funding/donations to support undergraduate students. Five undergraduate students received an award this year. The current balance is \$463,139. Anita highlighted several people who went above and beyond with contributions.

Nominating Committee: Anita Dille

The vice president position on the WSSA BOD was open this past year and Hilary Sandler was voted in. Four positions will be open for next year: secretary, treasurer, member at large, and vice president.

Publications Committee: Chris WillenborgFinancial Reports

Cambridge University Press has been invoiced for the following amounts for 2023 as per our contract: Support for journal editor stipends: \$52,500 and Sponsorship Fee (for support of Outstanding Paper awards): \$6,000. As of February 2, 2023, we are waiting for the finalized 2023 royalty forecasts from CUP.

WSSA journals in 2022 (2021 figures in parentheses)

2022 was the sixth year with Cambridge University Press as our WSSA publishing partner. We continued working with CUP editorial and production staff to update WSSA journals based on current publishing practices. This now includes inclusion of the journals in the Plan S process (initiative for open-access publishing and more transparent publishing/data procedures). As part of this, we engage in the Transformative Journals process, with a commitment to transitioning to open access in the future. Significant discussion will take place in the coming year on transitioning the journals to open access.

Clarivate Analytics impact factors released in 2022 showed a slight improvement in impact factor for IPMS and Weed Technology, and a slight decline for Weed Science. It was expected that impact factors would rise or fall slightly this year given the large increases last year that were due to changes in the calculation of impact factors. 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.

Numbers of published articles increased slightly compared to 2020 for Weed Technology and IPSM and declined slightly for Weed science. The increase for IPSM reverses a decline in the number of published articles in IPSM over the past couple of years. Further to this, as part of ongoing efforts to improve recognition for reviewers, three Outstanding Reviewer awards were given out for 2021, one for each journal.

Weed Science

Manuscripts submitted: 160 (183)

Acceptance rate: 40% (39%)

Total page number for 2021 volume: 714 (729)

Number published articles: 77 (77)
Mean time from submission to first decision: 41 days (40 days)
Impact factor 2.58 (2.71)
a. 29/90 Agronomy Journals
b. 103/259 Plant Sciences Journals

Weed Technology Manuscripts submitted: 160 (191)
Acceptance rate: 59% (56%)
Total page number for 2021 volume: 739 (1038).
Number published articles: 98 (137)
Mean time from submission to first decision: 49 days (49 days)
Impact factor: 1.81 (1.70)
a. 53/90 Agronomy Journals
b. 141/259 Plant Sciences Journals

IPSM Manuscripts submitted: 42 (60)
Acceptance rate: 59% (59%)
Total page number for 2021 volume: 159 (281)
Number published articles: 26 (32)
Mean time from submission to first decision: 51 days (40 days)
Impact factor 1.333 (1.273)
a. 189/259 Plant Sciences Journals

The current Herbicide Handbook is available on the website and the new version is still being worked on. Chris recognized two people in recognition for their work as Associate Editor in Weed Technology.

Science Policy Update: Lee VanWychen

The 2022-2023 Science Policy Fellows (SPFs) were Taylor Randell-Singleton at the University of Georgia (advisor: Stanley Culpepper) and Navdeep Godara at Virginia Tech (advisor: Shawn Askew). After 2+ years of virtual meetings with the previous SPFs, both Taylor and Navdeep were able to travel to Washington DC during the week of November 14th for meetings and networking that coincided with the weed science society presidents' Congressional visits. Taylor will be finishing her Ph.D. this spring, while Navdeep is in the first year of his Ph.D. program. Lee will advertise for the 2023-2024 Science Policy Fellows after the WSSA annual meeting with a tentative application deadline of Monday, April 3, 2023.

Lee highlighted the three weed science liaisons in DC: Mark VanGessel, Jim Kells, and Bill Chism. He thanked them for all their work. Lee also highlighted the current Senate and House Ag Leaders in both the Ag Committees and the Ag Appropriations Committees. Several WSSA members attended several congressional visits in DC with Lee. Lee gave an update on the FY2023 USDA-NIFA appropriations and the historical funding of various programs. The Endangered Species Act is still being pushed and to look to your state level personnel on specific regulations.

Program Committee: Carroll Moseley

About 580 people registered for the meeting with 50 gratis registrations for various government personnel to join the meeting. The dessert social was a success. Carroll thanked the IMI team and the hotel staff for all their support during the meeting. Carroll thanked the sustaining members for their support of WSSA. The executive committee was also highlighted and thanked for their service. Monthly meetings are scheduled to begin planning the 2024 joint meeting with SWSS.

Future Meetings: Greg Dahl

The 2024 annual meeting will be a joint meeting with SWSS in San Antonio, TX on January 22-25 and the 2025 joint meeting with the Canadian Weed Science Society will be held February 24-27 in Vancouver, BC.

In Memoriam: Wesley Everman

In 2022-2023 WSSA lost eight members of the WSSA community that Wes is aware of: Jack Barnes, William Bruckart, Albert Fischer, Gavin Graham, William (Bill) Molin, Mike Newton, Scott Parrish, and Jerome (Jerry) Weber. A moment of silence was held in remembrance.

Old Business: Stanley Culpepper

None.

New Business: Stanley Culpepper**Passing of the Gavel**

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

Carroll introduced the new BOD members (Hilary Sandler, VP; Peter Dotray, SWSS rep; Ben Sperry, APMS rep; Pamela Carvalho, GSO rep) and thanked the members wrapping up (Anita Dille, past president; John Byrd, SWSS rep; Rob Richardson, APMS rep; and Sarah Kezar, GSO rep).

Motion to conclude the Business Meeting made by Greg Elmore at 7:40AM EST. Seconded by Janis McFarland. Motion passed.