

NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting  
University Inn  
Lafayette, IN  
1:00 p.m., July 19, 2000

1. Call to Order. President J. Kells presiding.
2. Roll Call by C. Boerboom. Quorum present.  
Board members present: J. Kells, D. Rathmann, D. Peterson, C. Boerboom, R. Hartzler, M. Horak, B. Young, K. Harrison, T. Peters, P. Orwick, R. Schmidt, C. Lee, and R. Smeda. Also attending D. Doran and B. Pringnitz.
3. Agenda. J. Kells added the topics of election of new state directors and nomination committee report to the agenda. P. Orwick moved to approve the agenda. K. Harrison seconded the motion and the motion passed.
4. Minutes of the December Board Meetings. The minutes were presented and reviewed by C. Boerboom. K. Harrison moved and D. Rathmann seconded the motion to accept the minutes of both meetings as written. The motion passed.
5. Treasurer's Report. R. Schmidt reviewed income and expenses against the 2000 budget. Individual membership dues are near projected levels, but sustaining member dues are about \$5,400 less than projected. Expenses for the Research Report and Proceedings exceed income by about \$1,700 and \$3,400, respectively. Income from the annual meeting will be about \$13,000 less than projected. The potential gain for the year may only be \$2,000. J. Kells will contact D. Nicolai as Chair of the Industry Committee to make follow up contacts with sustaining members who have not renewed their membership.
6. Summer Contest. D. Doran reported that 11 graduate and 10 undergraduate teams and 20 individuals, totaling 104 students, will be competing in the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest. Fifty three volunteers from 9 companies will provide assistance. The schedule of events was reviewed. It was questioned if two-year colleges should be allowed to participate in the contest. Items discussed were the potential need to limit the number of contestants per school, if there are any NCWSS members at the school, and that the number of volunteers may limit the number contestants that can participate. J. Kells requested an estimate of the number of students that can be handled. R. Smeda will have a proposal for the December Board meeting.
7. Executive Secretary Report. R. Schmidt reported in 2000 there are 769 members, which is down 30 from 1999. Sales of the 1999 Proceedings, 1999 Research Report, and the Weed Seed Manual are 389, 324, and 370 copies, respectively. Attendance at the 1999 annual meeting was 611 and the net gain was about \$9,000. There was discussion of the spouses program and the associated losses. There was consensus that NCWSS support for the spouse breakfast be withdrawn, to cease spouse registration, but to keep a table with information of local activities for spouses and other members near the registration desk.
8. WSSA Report. K. Harrison reviewed the memorandum of understanding (MOU) among the weed science societies for the Director of Science Policy (DSP), especially in regards to the DSP's communication to the societies, the responsibilities of the Washington Liaison Committee (WLC), and the responsibilities of the societies. K. Harrison reviewed WSSA's survey the found members favored Monday through Thursday annual meeting dates and the use of common names in *Weed Science*. J. Kells noted that C. Eberlein requested a member for the WLC. J. Kells asked D. Peterson, as Vice President, to chair the Legislative Information Committee and serve as the NCWSS representative to the WLC. J. Kells will request a change to the MOP to include these as responsibilities of the Vice President. D. Peterson moved to approve the draft MOU on the DSP, Relationships, Roles, and Responsibilities of Participants and D. Rathmann seconded the motion. Discussion on the potential need for a stipulation of the DSP attending the NCWSS annual meeting concluded that it would not be a problem. Attachment 1, a fee structure to support the DSP was anticipated by WSSA to be adequate for the next four to five years. The motion passed.
9. Washington Liaison. D. Peterson reported that R. Hedberg was doing an excellent job, has prominent role as an

information source in DC, has been communicating back to the societies regularly, and is a very worthwhile investment. He has several priorities established, which have been reported in the newsletters. Of note, Hedberg was a member of a committee that planned an ARS meeting seeking input on priorities for the next 5-years.

10. CAST Report. T. Peters reported that the Council for Biotechnology Information provided funding to CAST to support a biotechnology information director who will act as an information source or direct inquiries to appropriate scientists. CAST will also have a new publication on endocrine disruptors available next week.
11. Proceedings. R. Hartzler suggested that contributions to the Proceedings be made as an electronic submission to a web site this year. There was discussion on the submission date and the potential delivery date of the Proceedings. R. Hartzler suggested that the format be changed from a two column format to full page format and that only text abstracts (no tables or figures) be accepted. He noted that many of the "full" papers that are currently submitted could be submitted for publication in the Research Report. M. Horak moved and P. Orwick seconded a motion that the Executive Committee endorse the three changes to the Proceedings suggested by R. Hartzler. Motion passed.
12. Research Report. B. Young reviewed the survey of member preferences on the media type of the Research Report and the costs to publish it as a book (about \$9,000), CD (\$1,500), CD and book (\$7,900), and book and web. T. Peters moved and M. Horak seconded the motion to discontinue the hard copy publication and convert to a searchable CD format and keep the price the same as the current Research Report. The motion passed. R. Schmidt will send a complimentary Research Report CD to NCWSS Fellows. B. Young will try to have the CD available at the annual meeting.
13. Distinguished Achievement Awards. P. Orwick reported that there were two nominations carrying over from last year and he will work with the committee to encourage nominations.
14. Fellow Award. J. Kells reported that A. Dexter is requesting names of potential nominees. Dexter will then try to find nominators for these individuals.
15. Kansas City Meeting. D. Peterson reported on the Hyatt Regency facilities after a walk-through, which was headed by J. Bloomberg of the LAC. The facilities are excellent with a large room for the poster session, an area for sustaining member displays in the foyer that will allow good visibility and traffic, and many restaurants. D. Rathmann reviewed the program. There was discussion on the necrology report and many felt it may be more appropriate at the banquet than general session. There will be four symposia and the afternoon poster session will be canceled. T. Peters moved and P. Orwick seconded the motion to approve up to \$1,500 and approve up to three complimentary room nights per symposium. The motion passed.

B. Pringnitz reviewed the web survey results of the use of multimedia projectors at the annual meeting. A high percentage of respondents preferred LCD projectors and Powerpoint software. B. Pringnitz outlined a proposal for use of multimedia projectors at the 2000 annual meeting. Two sessions were proposed (the Extension session, which had volunteered plus a session that did not have graduate student papers in the contest), which did not overlap in time. Equipment requirements were reviewed and are included in the title submission information in the newsletter. There was consensus that the second session should be a large session such as the corn session on the second day. P. Orwick moved and D. Rathmann seconded the motion to approve the use of multimedia projection for the Extension session and a corn session, which does not have graduate student papers in contest, per the memo from the Electronic Communication Committee Chair Pringnitz. In discussion, D. Rathmann noted that use of other LCD projectors in other sessions or symposia should be coordinated by those session chairs. The motion passed.

R. Schmidt provided a registration fee summary for recent years of the annual meeting. Discussion ensued on the appropriate registration fees for the 2000 annual meeting. T. Peters moved and K. Harrison seconded the motion that registration of full members increase from \$125 to \$135, graduate student registration remain at \$40, and the banquet tickets increase from \$32 to \$40. Motion passed. There was discussion on setting a one-day registration fee for the noxious weed symposium. M. Horak moved and P. Orwick seconded the motion to

set the one-day registration at \$30. Motion passed.

16. Other Business. J. Kells noted that directors whose terms are expiring have been notified to elect new directors and that nominations for vice president are needed. D. Johnson should be contacted with potential candidates from industry.

17. Adjourn. P. Orwick moved and R. Hartzler seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed at 5:08 p.m.