

NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting
Hyatt Regency - Union Station
St. Louis, MO
1:02 p.m., December 2, 2002

1. Call to Order. President D. Peterson presiding.
2. Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer. Quorum present.
Board members present: D. Peterson, M. Horak, J. Doll, C. Boerboom, B. Hartzler, B. Johnson, B. Young, J. Martin, D. Rathmann, R. Schmidt, J. Daniel, A. Hager, D. Childs, D. Franzenburg, C. Thompson, M. Barrett, F. Breitenbach, T. Peters, W. Fithian, J. Harbour, B. Miller, C. Medlin, P. Sikkema, D. Deneke, T. Hartberg, C. Alford, J. Stachler, S. Nolte, D. Ruen, B. Starke, K. Al-Khatib.
3. Minutes. The December 10, 2001, December 12, 2001, and July 17, 2002 minutes were presented by the Secretary-Treasurer. C. Thompson moved the minutes of July 17 be approved. The motion was seconded by J. Martin and the motion passed.
4. Executive Secretary's Report. R. Schmidt gave the report and noted that membership is similar to last year, but preregistration is below previous years. A summary of income and expenses from publications and sustaining membership dues was distributed. A donation in memory of Jim Herron was also received.

(Officer and committee reports can be found in Summaries of Committee Reports, December 2002).
5. Proceedings Editor. B. Hartzler gave the report. Abstracts are available to be printed at the annual meeting. Otherwise, the Proceedings is scheduled to be distributed as a CD along with the Research Report.
6. Research Report Editor. B. Young gave the report. In addition, Young noted that the number of reports submitted is down 30% in the last 2 years.
7. Newsletter Editor. B. Johnson gave the report and detailed that future publication plans are to continue to print the summer issue of the newsletter in hard copy, but have the other two issues posted on the web site and email a notice to members upon posting. G. Nice will start doing the layout of the newsletter. R. Schmidt is still attempting to get the last email addresses for the database to enable email notification.
8. WSSA Representative. D. Peterson informed the Board that J. Retzinger resigned from the NCWSS and that his report is with the committee reports.
9. CAST Representative. J. Martin gave the report and asked the Board to welcome T. Gruber, Executive Vice Director of CAST, at the meeting.
10. Finance, Steering & Policy. C. Boerboom gave the report, which highlighted the net profit even though the year was budgeted for a loss. C. Boerboom presented changes relating to the Newsletter Editor, Newsletter Committee, Publicity Committee, and Site Selection Committee that should be updated within the MOP. C. Boerboom moved that a 30-day advance notice ballot be conducted to approve these changes. J. Stachler seconded the motion and the motion passed.

11. Fellow. D. Peterson reported for S. Miller that J. Kells was selected by the committee and approved by the Board.
12. Legislative Information. J. Doll gave the report and noted R. Hedberg's excellent efforts and that he will be presenting at the general session.
13. Local Arrangements. T. Peters gave the report, specifically noting the committee's effort to have all associated meals and beverages credited towards the meeting. The room take was expected to be close.
14. Career Placement. E. Spandl gave the report and noted that no positions or resumes were received this year. It was suggested that placement services may be better served by web resources. M. Horak suggested the committee consider if their focus and duties should be redefined in the MOP.
15. Membership. K. Carlson gave the report and requested the Board fully consider the recommendations submitted to the Board. D. Rathmann stated the need for CCA credits and suggested certain sessions could be stacked with eligible papers in high demand areas such as soil and water. Other meeting and membership suggestions included holding our meeting in conjunction with the No-till conference in January, greater promotion by state directors, and reduced cost for first year membership. J. Doll noted the meeting is reaching a large percentage of our current audience.
16. Nominating. D. Nicolai distributed biographies of the candidates for Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and WSSA Representative. There were no additional nominations from the floor. The elections were held by paper ballot. T. Peters was elected as Vice President, J.D. Green, was elected as Secretary/Treasurer, and C. Sprague was elected as WSSA Representative for a full 3-year term.
17. Extension. J. Stachler gave the report.
18. Program. M. Horak gave the report.
19. Publicity & Public Relations. J. Doll gave the report during the Legislative Committee report. Following a discussion on registration for media personnel, B. Johnson moved that media will be provided a press pass to attend sessions at no cost and that it is requested that drafts of all articles be submitted to the chairperson of the Publicity and Public Relations Committee for accuracy and clarity prior to publication. J. Stachler seconded the motion and the motion passed.
20. Resolutions & Necrology. R. Zollinger reported that an article on F. Slife's passing was in the NCWSS Newsletter and an article on J. Herron will appear in the next issue. Both will be acknowledged at the banquet.
21. Distinguished Achievement Awards. D. Rathmann gave the report and noted the solicitation of nominations could be a specific duty of the state directors.
22. Resident Education. K. Al-Khatib gave the report. Specific comments were made regarding the challenge for manpower and frequency of companies hosting the summer contest. Regarding the poster contest, it was suggested that having abstracts prior to judging would be beneficial for the judges. The potential for grading abstracts was also commented upon. Final action was not recommended.

23. Future Site. C. Slack gave the report with the recommendation to hold the 2005 meeting at the Kansas City Hyatt Regency on December 11 to 15. M. Barrett moved to accept the committee recommendation. J. Stachler seconded the motion and the motion passed.
24. Electronic Communications. B. Pringnitz gave the report and noted the 2001 Proceedings are on the website, that a new web editor is being sought and G. Nice is willing to serve, and that the committee needs a new chairperson. Discussion was held on if the web editor position should be a Board position or if a combined position of a Newsletter and Web Editor could oversee both forms of communication. D. Peterson recommended that the Committee bring a recommendation to the Wednesday Board meeting.
25. Herbicide Resistance. C. Thompson reviewed M. Peterson's report.
26. Industry. D. Ruen gave the report and noted the sustaining member links need to be updated on the website and recommended adding a new category for sustaining members whose sales exceed \$1 billion.
27. Regulatory and Crop Consultants. D. Peterson reviewed D. Bennett's report. It was discussed if the committee should be dissolved and removed from the MOP. Action was not taken.
28. Research & Publications. B. Starke gave the report and noted the committee's activities have been minimal because of electronic publication. B. Hartzler moved to dissolve the Research and Publications Committee and B. Johnson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued on making sure important duties are not lost or whether research directions could be a duty for the Long Range Planning Committee. The motion did not pass. The committee was charged to re-evaluate their activities and duties.
29. Graduate Students. S. Nolte gave the report.
30. Long Range Planning. D. Rathmann gave the report.
31. Old and new business. None.
32. Adjourn. 5:27 p.m. D. Rathmann moved to adjourn, seconded by J. Martin. Motion passed.