

NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting  
Union Station Hyatt Regency  
St. Louis, MO  
8:50 p.m., December 4, 2002

1. Call to Order. President Michael Horak presiding.
2. Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer J. Green. Quorum present.  
Board members present: M. Horak, J. Doll, T. Peters, J. Green, B. Johnson, B. Young, R. Becker (after election), J. Martin, D. Peterson, R. Schmidt, J. Bruce, D. Childs, D. Franzenburg (for K. Schaefer), C. Thompson, B. Witt (for M. Barrett), K. Renner, T. Rabaey, W. Fithian, K. Howatt, P. Sikkema, D. Deneke, T. Hartberg, C. Alford, S. Conley, C. Guza, D. Bruns, D. Pullins.
3. Nominating Committee. M. Loux presented another nominee for WSSA Representative since the elected nominee on December 2 would be ineligible to fulfill her term according to the MOP (Bylaw 3, Section 6). J. Martin moved to accept the nominee and that nominations cease. D. Peterson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Roger Becker was elected WSSA Representative.
4. Executive Secretary Report. R. Schmidt reported that the meeting attendance was 452 with 360 registered as members and 92 students. The banquet had 325 seated. Everyone who preregistered has been entered into the new E-mail database. Others who registered and provided an E-mail address at the meeting will be added to the database. It would be up to the membership to inform the Executive Secretary of E-mail and address changes.
5. Proceedings Editor was not present to give a report.
6. Research Report Editor. No report.
7. Newsletter Editor. No Report.
8. Electronic Communications. B. Prignitz presented 3 proposals for restructuring of electronic communications for the society. 1) Move the responsibilities for the website to the Newsletter Editor and change the title to Communications Editor with a \$750.00 per annum honorarium. K. Howatt moved to approve the proposal. B. Witt seconded the motion and motion passed. Further discussion was held on the need for a website editor. It was concluded that the Communications Editor would have responsibility for and oversight of the NCWSS website and would be the web manager with these additional duties added to the MOP. A 30-day advance notice ballot would be sent to the Board for final approval of these changes in the MOP. 2) Recommended changes for the structure of the Electronic Communications Committee. For continuity the committee would rotate leadership from vice-chair to chair to past-chair. Added three new members and identified Joe Bruce as chair, Brent Prignitz as past chair, and Glenn Nice as vice-chairperson. Committee will be responsible for coordinating multimedia at annual meeting and assist the Communications Editor as needed with website guidance. President M. Horak thanked Brent Prignitz for his valuable service to the society as the webmaster and past chair of the Electronic Communications committee. 3) Purchase of remote controls for use at the annual meetings. J. Doll moved to purchase 6 remote pointers for the annual meetings. S. Conley seconded the motion and motion passed.
9. WSSA Representative. No report.
10. CAST Representative. J. Martin reported that Teresa Gruber, CAST Executive Vice Director, made a presentation on behalf of CAST at the General Session. A Tuesday afternoon session was also held to allow time for the NCWSS membership to discuss CAST issues with Ms. Gruber. Approximately 20 people attended this special Legislative and CAST Discussion session. In addition, a display booth was erected at the meeting to highlight the recent activities of CAST.
11. Finance, Steering, and Policy. J. Green presented the proposed budget for 2003. A modification of the proposed budget was necessary to reflect the changes approved by the board for the Newsletter Editor position to the new NCWSS Communications Editor (item 8 above). The previous \$500 stipend allocated for the Web Editor would be deleted and added to the Communications Editor (ie. previously denoted as the Newsletter Editor) for a total per annum stipend of \$750. Anticipated income from the annual meeting and from the Research Report

& Proceedings CD were reduced from the draft budget to reflect a drop in attendance at the annual meeting. With these changes the budget would reflect a net budget loss of \$2150.00. T. Peters moved to approved the modified budget. D. Peterson seconded the motion. A question was raised for maximum expenditures allowed for symposia. It was determined that up to \$1500 per symposia has been allocated to cover travel expenses for invited speakers who are non NCWSS members. Motion on 2003 budget passed. W. Fithian moved that the feasibility of establishing a NCWSS Foundation should be investigated whereby individuals could contribute to an endowment that could be used for functions of the society. J. Bruce seconded the motion. R. Schmidt commented that under the IRS tax code this process would likely require a separate set of by-laws, attorney fees, and other expenditures to get this accomplished. Question was raised in regards to unsolicited donations to the NCWSS and how these donations could be handled. An amendment was presented by T. Peters to refer the motion to the Long Range Planning Committee. J. Martin seconded and amendment passed. Motion as amended passed.

12. Fellow. No report
13. Legislative Information. J. Doll commented on the presence of Teresa Gruber, CAST Executive Vice Director, and Rob Hedberg, Director of Science Policy in Washington D.C. who spoke at the General Session and the special session to meet with NCWSS members. J. Doll moved to change the committee's name to Legislation, Regulatory and Public Policy Committee. J. Martin seconded the motion. This action would better reflect the activities of the committee, give the regulatory group better identity and R. Hedberg's activities would fit under the public policy aspect. Motion passed. A 30-day advance notice ballot will be sent to the Board for a change to the MOP.
14. Local Arrangements. T. Peters reported that the final room count will not be known until tomorrow but the number was very near the cut-off requirement to avoid a penalty. C. Slack commented that a financial penalty was likely if the minimum number of rooms per the hotel contract was not met. The Board commended the efforts of T. Peters and C. Slack in working with the hotel on this matter. A discussion was held on whether to formalize the contract for Kansas City (2005) relative to the number of rooms needed for lodging and for the rooms needed for the annual meeting. The decision was deferred to C. Slack on when to sign a contract with the hotel.
15. Career Placement. J. Hinz gave a report. At the Placement Service there were 9 resumes posted and 3 jobs available which included 2 university assistantships. A proposal was forwarded to list jobs on the NCWSS web site. A concern was raised for posting resumes relative to confidentiality. The proposal was referred back to the committee to look at this issue relative to the duties of the committee in the MOP.
16. Membership. K. Carlson presented a proposal for clarifying the duties of the State Directors in the MOP. The additional responsibilities of the Director would be 1) verify that all contact information for current members within their state or province is on record with the Society, 2) provide similar contact information on prospective new members, and 3) identify members within their state or province who should be considered for the Fellows and Distinguished Achievement Awards and supply these names to the appropriate committees for consideration. J. Martin moved to incorporate these changes into the MOP. D. Peterson seconded the motion. Keeping up with E-mail addresses and how many were known was discussed further. J. Doll amended the motion to include an additional responsibility for assisting the Executive Secretary in keeping contact information current for members in their state or providence. K. Howatt seconded the amendment. Amendment passed and motion as amended passed. A 30-day advance notice ballot will be sent to the Board for this change to the MOP.
17. Extension. S. Conley reported that Dawn Nordby was elected the new vice chair for the committee. The Extension committee will be sending a proposal to the Program chair for a symposium at the next meeting. There was a discussion on why some papers presented at the meeting in the Extension section were not included in other appropriate sections since they were primarily presentation of research.
18. Program. J. Doll is starting to plan for 2003. He anticipates more symposium ideas than can be accepted for the 2003 meeting. A planning meeting will be held at the WSSA.
19. Publicity and Public Relations. No report.
20. Resolutions & Necrology. R. Zollinger presented the following resolutions.

- 1) **RESOLUTION ON:** The Hotel Meeting Facility for the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the North Central Weed Science Society.  
**WHEREAS** the North Central Weed Science Society requires adequate facilities and lodging in order to conduct the business and program of the Society at the Annual Meeting; and  
**WHEREAS** the meeting rooms and facilities of the Hyatt Regency of St. Louis, MO provided an excellent and spacious meeting environment; and  
**WHEREAS** the staff and management of the Hyatt Regency of St. Louis, MO were helpful and cooperative in fulfilling the needs of the Society for a successful Annual Meeting;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Central Weed Society in session at St. Louis, MO, December 2-5, 2002 for the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting commends the Hyatt Regency, Vita Epifanio and Kelly Smith, Hotel Management, staff, and management for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.
- 2) **RESOLUTION ON:** Local Arrangements Committee for the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the North Central Weed Science Society.  
**WHEREAS** the North Central Weed Science Society relies upon the effort and diligence of the Local Arrangements Committee for arranging suitable facilities for the Annual Meeting; and  
**WHEREAS** a diligent and well organized Local Arrangements Committee is crucial to the conduct of a successful Annual meeting; and  
**WHEREAS** Chairperson Tom Peters and other members of the Local Arrangements Committee have fulfilled all their responsibilities in an exemplary manner;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Central Weed Society in session at St. Louis, MO, December 2-5, 2002 for the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting commends Tom Peters and the Local Arrangements Committee for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with the excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.
- 3) **RESOLUTION ON:** Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contest Judges for the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the North Central Weed Science Society.  
**WHEREAS** the North Central Weed Science Society relies on voluntary contribution of time, effort, and expertise of its members selected to judge the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests; and  
**WHEREAS** the judges selected for the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests for the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting fulfilled their obligations and responsibilities with dedication and commitment;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Central Weed Society in session at St. Louis, MO, December 2-5, 2002 for the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting commends the judges of the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests for their inputs of time, labor, and cooperation in providing the Society with well run, successful contests at this Annual Meeting.
- 4) **RESOLUTION ON:** The North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest.  
**WHEREAS** the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest requires adequate facilities in order to conduct the contest in an orderly and educational manner; and  
**WHEREAS** the facilities at the Midwest Research Center in Fowler, IN provided an excellent environment; and  
**WHEREAS** the Summer Contest Host and staff of DowAgrosciences in Fowler, IN met the needs of the Society and had dedication for a successful North Central Collegiate Weed Contest;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Central Weed Society in session at St. Louis, MO, December 2-5, 2002 for the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting commends Mark Peterson and the staff at DowAgrosciences for their outstanding efforts and hard work in providing the Society with an excellent facility and a well run and educational Weed Science Contest.
- 5) **RESOLUTION ON:** The Hyatt Undergraduate Award for the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the North Central Weed Science Society.  
**WHEREAS** the North Central Weed Science Society provides educational opportunities for undergraduates at the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest; and  
**WHEREAS** the Hyatt Regency Corporation recognized educational excellence and has established an award honoring the undergraduate winner of the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Central Weed Society in session at St. Louis, MO, December 2-5, 2002 for the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting commends the Hyatt Regency Corporation for providing complimentary lodging for the undergraduate winner of the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest at the Annual Meeting.

S. Conley moved to approve the resolutions and D. Ruan seconded the motion. Discussion on a resolution to recognize the Hyatt Regency for the scholarship. W. Fithian amended the motion on the resolutions to include recognition of the Hyatt Regency for their scholarship to the undergraduate winner of the summer contest. D. Pullins seconded the amendment and amendment passed. Motion as amended passed.

21. Distinguished Achievement. D. Rathmann indicated that state and providence directors would be contacted to encourage nomination of candidates for these awards.
22. Resident Education. D. Pullins reported that the summer contest will be Champaign, IL on July 17. A discussion was held about the potential for universities to serve as hosts for the summer contest since the facilities and the number of companies who have hosted the contest in the past have declined in recent years. Questions were raised on how the contest would be funded if a university hosted the contest and whether or not that university could compete. A point was also raised that if the contest was held in a state or providence located in the outer edges of the region would participation by some schools be hindered.
23. Future Site Selection. No report.
24. Electronic Communications. Report and proposal in item 8 above.
25. Herbicide Resistance. M. Peterson gave the report. A survey of resistant weeds in the region was conducted this past fall with all states/providences except 2 participating. The committee proposed that the 2002 Weed Resistance Survey be placed on the CD with the NCWSS Proceedings of the annual meeting. It was also suggested that the report be included in the NCWSS newsletter and web page. The results would be sent to Ian Heap for inclusion in the Weed Resistance website he maintains. The committee would like to conduct the survey every 3 years. Mark also reported that Jeff Stachler was elected the new vice-chair for the committee and that the committee would be considering development of a formal set of operating rules.
26. Long Range Planning. D. Rathmann reported that the committee met and discussed three primary issues 1) financial stability, 2) communications, and 3) more attractive venue at the annual meeting. For financial stability they discussed ideas for income generating activities and the need to form an endowment to help finance some activities of the society. The committee emphasized the importance of good communications to adequately serve the membership and to inform others of our activities. Consideration was also expressed for the venue of the meeting to attract other individuals to the annual meeting. Specifically, could CEU credits be offered for those individuals seeking CCA credits in Soil and Water or other continuing education requirements. Duane indicated that CCA credits were attainable at this annual meeting for individuals who attended the Symposium on Weed Community Shifts and the Symposium for Glyphosate Resistant Weeds. The location or site of the annual meeting was also discussed relative to our ability to attract other participants.
27. Industry. D. Bruns reported that the committee is looking at the rate structure for sustaining membership fees and whether they should be adjusted to offset the consolidation within the industry. Increased fees for larger corporations could possibly help fund activities such as universities who might be asked to host the summer weed contest in the future.
28. Regulatory and Crop Consultants. M. Horak reported that this group was seeking ways to become revitalized and they would like to continue as a section.
29. Research and Publications. No report.
30. Graduate Students. C. Guza reported that approximately 60 students participated in the Graduate Student Mixer sponsored by BASF and 50 students attended the luncheon on Wednesday. Bradley Fronning was elected vice-chair for 2003. The summer contest was discussed by the students and they suggested that the sprayer calibration portion of the contest could be eliminated. Students also recommended that a printed 8.5" x 11" copy of the poster be available to the judges for the poster contest. This led to a discussion on whether paper contest participants should provide copies of their abstract for use by the judges. Comments

made that this could be very useful to give the judges an idea of the subject matter for the paper, but not necessarily used to judge the presentation. Referred to the Resident Education committee for consideration.

31. Other Reports or Old Business. None to consider.
32. New Business. The cost of the breakfast for graduate student judges was discussed since less than 50% of the judges attended the breakfast. Apparently several of the judges had conflicts with another activity that resulted in the poor attendance.
33. J. Doll moved to adjourn, seconded by J. Martin. Motion passed. Adjourned 10:58 pm.