



**NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting  
Hyatt Regency Milwaukee  
Milwaukee, WI  
December 13, 2006**

1. Call to Order. 9:10 p.m. President Adrian Moses presiding.
2. Roll Call by J.D. Green (substituting for Secretary-Treasurer Christy Sprague). Quorum present. Board members: A. Moses, B. Johnson, M. Holm, C. Sprague, H. Valenti-Hatterman, J. A. Dille, K. Renner, S. Miller, B. Schmidt, P. Tranel, B. Maddy, L. Loyd, J. Masabni, A. Chomas, B. Miller, R. Smeda, J. Spontaski, B. Kuehl, J. Taylor, D. Robinson, T. Carmody, S. Sanborn, A. Kniss, K. Bradley, J. Armstrong, J. Hinz, and D. Nicolai.
3. Charlie Slack (Site Selection) introduced Hyatt Representative, Fred Reichel, for a presentation to the North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS). On behalf of Hyatt, Fred wanted to thank the NCWSS for their patronage. The contracts are fulfilled for the future meetings in St. Louis, MO and Indianapolis, IN. Hyatt is also associated with Ameri-Suites and Hawthorne Suites. Fred would like any feedback on how Hyatt can better serve the NCWSS.
4. President Report. President Adrian Moses thanked Fred Reichel (Hyatt Representative) from the NCWSS. He also commended Mick Holm and the local arrangements committee for a job well done in hosting the annual meeting. Adrian recognized and welcomed the new board members (M. Holm, C. Sprague, K. Renner, K. Bradley, J. Armstrong, J. Masabni, and R. Smeda).

Kevin Gibson presented an update on the Invasive Weeds Symposium and the Invasive Weeds Meeting for the following day. He thanked Jerry Doll, Glenn Nice, and Kelly Kearns (IPAW representative). This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that the NCWSS had a section on Invasive Weed Species and it was a great success. There are 260 people registered from outside of the NCWSS for the Invasive Meeting on Thursday. There is the potential for growth in this area with participation from land managers, federal agencies, and academia. We need to continue to try to breakdown barriers between crops and natural areas. Kevin suggested it may be good to have some of the invasive talks at the beginning of the meeting and suggested Bob Master and Mark Renz to host the Invasive Weeds Symposium next year. Jerry Doll (new IPAW President) made the comment that the IPAW has 300 members and one of the reasons why the association between the two organizations worked well this year is that the planning started early, one year in advance. The challenge is to start early. The question was raised if there are other invasive groups in Illinois or Missouri that would like to pair up in St. Louis next year. The group in Wisconsin meets every other year.

Glenn Nice (Electronic Communications Committee Chair) thanked local arrangements committee, Bob Schmidt, and the electronic communications committee for their help with getting the rooms and CDs ready for the presentations. A couple of points that were brought up at the Electronic Communications Committee were: 1) submission of presentations either by FTP or email to Glenn the Friday before meeting in 2007, and 2) possibly including the posters and/or presentation on the Proceedings CD.

5. President-Elect Report: Bill Johnson indicated he had five ideas for symposia next year. Proposals need to be submitted to Bill and the Program Committee. These proposals need to include a short justification and a list of speakers. There is limited funding for these symposia.  
Potential Topics
  - 1) Gene Flow – Michael Horak
  - 2) Graduate Student Professionalism
  - 3) Horticulture and Professional Products
  - 4) Future of Biotech
  - 5) Weed Management in crops used for “Biofuels” (influence of the energy situation) - Extension
6. Past President Report: Steve Miller thanked the Board of Directors for their enthusiasm over the past year. Keep up the good work.
7. Secretary/Treasurer Report: Christy Sprague. No Report.
8. Executive Secretary Report: Bob Schmidt reported a registration of 373 participants at this year’s NCWSS meeting. This is an increase of approximately 41 people over last year. The Invasive Weeds attendance is 261 people.
9. Proceedings Editor Report: Bob Hartzler. Absent. No Report.
10. Newsletter Editor Report: Harelene Valenti-Hatterman. No Report. Will send email out for newsletter items.
11. WSSA Representative: Anita Dille. No Report.
12. CAST Representative: Karen Renner. No Report.
13. WSSA Director of Science Policy: Lee Van Wychen reported that the Appropriations Bill from the Appropriations Committee would be suspended and some of the increased funding for HATCH, NRI, and IR-4 programs will be negated to ’06 funding levels. Some thought that the funding for 120 earmarked special grants may be eliminated.
14. Extension: Kevin Bradley reported that the committee thought of a symposia idea on alternative fuels and crop rotation affects on weeds. The extension symposia

timing for this year was good may hold people over to Thursday, we will see. The program chair may want to try to have the Extension section or Symposium earlier in the meeting. The new Vice-Chair is Mike Moechnig.

15. Graduate Students: Joe Armstrong is the new chair. On behalf of the graduate students he wanted to thank BASF for hosting an enjoyable Monday mixer and Bayer for hosting the Graduate Student lunch. The program chair next year may want to make sure that graduate students are not scheduled to present immediately after the Graduate Student lunch. For the career placement display the students thought it maybe a good idea to post their resumes earlier in their career for higher visibility. There were 37 graduate students at the business meeting/lunch out of 53 that registered. President Adrian Moses indicated that we should get graduate students involved early in the NCWSS by getting them involved in committees.
16. Industry: John Hinz reported tomorrow at 7:00 a.m. the industry breakfast will take place. At this meeting he also indicated he will be collecting the \$12,000 that was solicited by industry for the 2006 NCWSS Contest. Jeff Stachler has been in contact with Dave Bennett (Bennett Ag Research) to possibly host the 2007 NCWSS summer contact. He would probably need \$20,000 to conduct the contest. The NCWSS will provide \$6,500 for the contest plus the student participation fee. Industry is supportive of providing funding for the contest. John just needs to know how much he needs to solicit from industry.
17. Research and Publications: No Report. This committee has been inactive and a 30-day ballot will be emailed to the Board of Directors to eliminate this committee.
18. Resident Education: Dave Nicolai is the chair of this committee. There is a subcommittee for the NCWSS summer contest that Anita Dille is heading up. Jeff Stachler brought up the point that the Manual of Operation is outdated for the rules of the Graduate Paper and Poster contest and need some changes. He also raised the question to whether the student's abstracts should be judged. The consensus was that the abstracts probably should not be judged, because of input from advisors, etc. For the eligibility for winning should it be changed to 1<sup>st</sup> place once per degree instead of once per event? Major changes to the MOP on the contest require a proposal submitted to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. For minor changes approval can be made by the President. The Resident Education Committee will put forth a proposal to change contest rules. There was a show of hands all in favor that students should be able to win the paper and poster contests once per degree for each event versus just once per event. The new Resident Education Committee chairs are Jess Spotanski 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair and John Hinz 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair.
19. Distinguished Achievement Awards: Steve Miller will follow up with the list of potential nominees and carryover nominees from this past year (contact Tom Peters).

20. Fellow Award: Steve Weller stated that there are two people who were nominated that will carryover to next year. He would like more nominations.
21. Finance, Steering, and Policy: J.D. Green. Christy Sprague will be chair of this committee in the future. J.D. will replace Christy's position on the committee. The budget for anticipated spending was proposed (Dec. 1 through Nov. 31). A recommendation was made to increase the Secretary/Treasurer Stipend to \$750. There was a question on whether the industry gift for the NCWSS contest should be budgeted in for the contest. Bob Schmidt indicated that it shouldn't be in the report, because this money just passes through the NCWSS. Leslie Loyd raised the question on why there is only \$6,500 budgeted for the NCWSS summer contest. J.D. Green suggested that the Resident Education Committee may want to write a proposal to the Board to increase the NCWSS contribution to the contest. There was a question on why the funding was decreased on the Research Report and Editor. The expenses are no longer needed for the Research Report since it is no longer produced. There was a motion to approve the budget by Andrew Kniss with the change with the \$750 Stipend for the Secretary/Treasurer. This was seconded by John Hinz and the motion passed unanimously. President Adrian Moses thanked J.D. for his years of service to the NCWSS Board.
22. Local Arrangements: Mick Holm thanked his committee for an excellent job. Everything went smoothly, because of terrific attendance some of the guests had to check into rooms at other hotels, and he hoped that everyone liked the Taste of WI banquet meal. Tomorrow the local arrangements committee will meet with Greg Elmore who will be the chair for the 2007 Annual Meeting in St. Louis. Please pass on any input to Greg.
23. Program Committee: Bill Johnson had reported on symposia ideas and topics in President-Elect report. He will solicit proposals for next year's symposiums.
24. Future Site Selection: Charlie Slack was absent, but Kansas City is locked in for 2009.
25. Publicity and Public Relations: Bill Johnson. No Report. Lee Van Wychen indicated that the WSSA is involved in the Institute of Biological Sciences which is free submission service. It is important to send a note to WSSA on where and when the NCWSS annual meeting is. The NCWSS annual meeting is not publicized in ASA, CSSA, or SSSA. Are there other invasive groups (Natural Restoration Areas) that we could advertise for to bring in more participants? President Adrian Moses will be in contact with Bob Buemen.
26. Membership: Kelly Nelson indicated that last year a strategic plan was written and needs to be incorporated to draw new members. A white paper was written with a reasonable scope of the society membership. We need to follow-up with people who don't join the NCWSS. May want circulate a condensed program in the summer months? We need to place value in membership to the NCWSS. Should

abstract access remain free? Dues are \$30 or \$30 extra for CD of abstracts. Long term alliances with Invasive Weeds Groups and others are important while maintaining the identity of the NCWSS. The NCWSS may need to consider pairing up with other North Central groups if this is the case then discussions need to happen in advance. Other possibilities may include meeting with the Southern Weed Science Society. Kelly will forward the white paper.

27. Nominating: No Report.
28. Resolutions and Necrology: Brent Petersen reported that a remembrance was read at the NCWSS banquet for Dr. Marvin M. Schreiber and Dr. J. L. Williams Jr. There were five Resolutions proposed:
  1. **RESOLUTION ON:** The Hotel Meeting Facility for the 61st 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 Milwaukee, WI provided an excellent and spacious meeting environment; and  
**WHEREAS** the staff and management of the Hyatt Regency of Milwaukee, WI 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 Milwaukee, WI, December 11-14, 2006 for the 61st Annual Meeting commends the Hyatt Regency management and staff team for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.
  2. **RESOLUTION ON:** Local Arrangements Committee for the 61st 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** Chair Mick Holm 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 Milwaukee, WI, December 11-14, 2006 for the 61st Annual Meeting commends Mick Holm 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 61st 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 61st Annual Meeting fulfilled their obligations and responsibilities with dedication and commitment;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Central Weed Society in session at Milwaukee, WI, December 11-14, 2006 for the 61st 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 Midwest Research Inc., York, NE provided an excellent environment; and  
**WHEREAS** the Summer Contest Host Jess Spotanski and the staff of Midwest Research Inc, 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 Milwaukee, WI, December 11-14, 2006 for the 61st Annual Meeting commends Jess Spotanski and Midwest Research Inc. 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 joint meeting of Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin with the North Central Weed Science Society.  
**WHEREAS** the success of a joint programming venture with two organizations requires great planning, diplomacy and foresight; and  
**WHEREAS** the efforts to include and highlight Invasive Plants as part of the 2006 NCWSS annual meeting in cooperation with the Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin were successful; and  
**WHEREAS** the contributions of the persons involved in this combined effort stand out as worthy of recognition,  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the North Central Weed Society in session at Milwaukee, WI, December 11-14, 2006 for the 61st Annual Meeting, sincerely thanks and commends Kelly Kearns of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Jerry Doll, and Kevin Gibson for their dedicated and laudable contributions to both the NCWSS and IPAW which has borne great fruit at this annual conference.

John Hinz moved to accept the proposed Resolutions with a friendly amendment which included naming Jess Spotanski specifically in Resolution 4. Harlene Valenti-Hatterman seconded. The motion was passed.

29. Long Range Planning: This committee is now a standing committee. Glenn Nice. No Report.
30. Collegiate Weed Science Contest: Dave Nicolai (chair). Jeff Stachler indicated that he is in discussion with Bennett Ag Research and Dave Bennett to host the NCWSS Summer Contest. They will get in touch with NCWSS on whether they will host the Summer Contest. The Resident Education Committee is charged with the new responsibility of finding hosts. This used to be done by the Industry Committee. Currently there are no hosts for 2008 or 2009. The NCWSS has been approached by Southern and Northeast Weed Science Societies for co-contests. The question remains should the contest stay the same or change radically. Jeff passed around a survey that the students filled out at the Graduate Student Luncheon. There were 31 students and 2 undergrads present, 25 surveys were received. See attached survey results. The overwhelming theme is the students want the contest we need to figure out how to get it done.

Reid Smeda commented that perhaps we should change the farmer problem to reduce the time and space commitment. That way maybe more people will consider hosting it or perhaps there could be some collaboration with neighboring Universities.

Leslie Loyd indicated that problem solving is critical for the students and if set up with a PowerPoint it may be different.

Anita Dille provided information as a past host. That maybe the contest should be at a different time of year. What are some other possible changes?

Jess Spotanski indicated that they had adequate land when they hosted it.

Christy Sprague brought up that could there be a possibility for smaller teams with the decline in student numbers.

Dave Nicolai indicated we may want include Research Contractors that may be interested in hosting the Summer Contest on the contest subcommittee.

Karen Renner brought up the point it may be good to put the farmer problems and answers on the NCWSS website or in the newsletter after the contest as an archive and online training tool.

The question was brought up about a University outside of the North Central Region as a host for the contest. The MOP states that the contest must take place in the North Central Region.

31. Herbicide Resistance Committee was disbanded in 2005. The NCWSS President has the discretion to appoint a NCWSS representative to HRAC North America. Currently this representative is Jeff Stachler.
32. Old Business: No old business.
33. New Business: For the Program Chair, don't have the first paper of the day as a graduate student paper in the student contest. There could possibly be problems with equipment.
34. Andy Chomas moved to adjourn at 11:30 p.m. This motion was seconded by Harlene Valenti-Hatterman. The motion was passed.

Respectfully Submitted By:  
Christy Sprague  
NCWSS Secretary/Treasurer