



**NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Holiday Inn, York, NE**  
**July 24, 2006**

1. Call to Order. 8:01 am. President Stephen Miller presiding.
2. Roll Call by Secretary-Treasurer J. D. Green. Quorum.  
Executive committee present: Stephen Miller, Adrian Moses, Bill Johnson, J. D. Green, J. Anita Dille, Kassim Al-Khatib, Robert Schmidt. Other members present: Jess Spontanski.
3. President S. Miller reviewed agenda.
4. Collegiate Weed Contest. Jess Spontanski reported that 41 students from 7 different schools (Parkland College, Missouri, Iowa, North Dakota State, Kansas State, Purdue, and Ohio State) have registered to participate in the 2006 NCWSS Weed Contest. Thirty-two individuals have volunteered (he noted that most volunteers are with industry). Financial support for the contest includes the \$6500 contribution by the society, \$2500 from Bayer Corporation, plus an additional contribution is anticipated from Bell Sprayers. Participants include 16 graduate and 25 undergraduate students. The number of students relative to the effort for putting on the contest and the ratio of undergraduate to graduate student participants was discussed. This prompted the question on whether changes need to be made with the contests. A. Moses moved that the matter of future contest be referred to the Resident Education committee. Motion seconded by B. Johnson. The issues to be reviewed by the committee include: a) do we continue to host a contest; b) should we merge the contest with other societies; c) should the focus of the contest be more relevant to undergraduates; d) is the time of year suitable for undergraduate participation; and e) how could we stimulate more interest in the contest such as encouraging participation by students who are focused more on weed ecology or physiology. Acquiring host sites for future contests has been discussed by the committee, but the future direction of the contest needs to be addressed before commitments are made for potential host sites. Motion passed to refer matter to Resident Education Committee for their recommendations.
5. Minutes. J. D. Green presented the minutes for the NCWSS Board of Directors meetings held in Kansas City, MO on December 12, 2006 and December 14, 2006. K. Al-Khatib moved and J. A. Dille seconded a motion to accept the minutes of both December board meetings. Motion passed. J. Green reported that the 30-day ballot to eliminate the Research Report and Research Report Editor was approved by the board; these changes have been incorporated into the current MOP (revision date March 1, 2006). J. Green informed the board that the Nominating Committee has drafted recommendations for adding duties to this committee that would improve the method for election of new officers by providing brief candidate biographies prior to the voting at the annual board meeting. These recommended changes will be presented to the full board for formal approval at the next Board of Directors meeting. The 3-year terms of state directors that will expire in 2006 include Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, and South Dakota.
6. Executive Secretary Report. R. Schmidt reported that total membership for 2006 at 497 (444 members and 53 students). This includes addition of new sustaining members. Renewal notices were mailed to all 2003, 2004, and 2005 members who did not attend the 2005 annual meeting. For the 2005 CD-Rom containing the Proceedings/Research Report income to date has been \$9,795 minus \$6,233 for expenses. The 2005 annual meeting attendance in Kansas City was 332 (279 members, 53 students) compared to 336 last year in Columbus, OH. Total income from the annual meeting was \$59,750 (\$8,480 from the Gene Flow symposia which includes a \$5,000 direct contribution from Monsanto and \$2,060 from the Invasive Species Workshop). Total expenses for the annual meeting were \$39,560. The Gene Flow symposia had 60 participants and the Invasive Species had 39 participants (14 one-day and 25 one and one-half days registrations). The publication marketed by the society on Invasive Species has only generated an income of \$620 with a cost to the society of \$2,390. It was suggested that these books be available at the 2006 annual meeting in Milwaukee since the invasive species group will be present; however, many in this group may already have this publication.

7. Treasures Report. J. D. Green gave a mid-year update on the society's income and expenses. Income from membership dues and sustaining members appear to be on target with the budget projections. Annual meeting income was above expectations compared to expenditures. Income and expenses associated with the Research Report/Proceedings CD has declined. Based on current figures there is likely to be a slight deficit this year in our operating income minus expenses, but investment income should give the society a net gain for the 2006 budget year. The Research Report Editor stipend will be deleted from the budget beginning with the 2007 budget year. The income/expenses of maintaining the CD-Rom for the Proceedings was discussed. J.A. Dille reported that the WSSA are developing a proposal to post titles and abstracts electronically on-line by contracting with an outside vendor. This service would also be available to the regional societies which could possibly eliminate the need for the CD-Rom in the future.
8. Annual Meeting Survey. K. Al-Khatib reported on a short survey conducted by the Long Range Planning Committee to evaluate the 2005 annual meeting. Fourteen members returned the questionnaire at the meeting. Based on the responses most individuals indicated that they would rate the meeting good to excellent and that the meeting met their expectations. A lower rating was given for the symposia and the general session. Two-thirds of those who took the survey indicated that the 2005 meeting was different from previous NCWSS annual meetings. Many of the written comments received were positive with several improvements also suggested. To improve participation in the survey it was recommended that future surveys be conducted electronically after the annual meeting instead of a survey during the meeting.
9. President-Elect Report. A. Moses reported that a tentative program has been put together for the 2006 annual meeting. A brochure with the tentative schedule has been posted on the NCWSS website to advertise the meeting. In addition to the regular meeting sessions there are three symposia that have been planned – “Glyphosate Resistance”, “Adjuvants”, and “Invasive Weeds”. Registration fees for non-members who attend only these special sessions will be \$40 for the one-day glyphosate resistance and adjuvants symposia and \$60 for the 2-day invasive species symposium. Extensive discussion was held on the additional needs for the invasive species symposia plus a special workshop that has been scheduled by the invasive species organizers. The following decisions were made in response to inquiries by the organizers of the invasive species symposia and workshop:
  - a) The activities of the NCWSS annual meeting will conclude on Thursday morning; thus, any additional costs associated with the activities of the invasive species group will be the responsibility of the organizers of the workshop. The society should be able to provide space on Thursday afternoon depending on the hotel contract;
  - b) The use of additional funding solicited by the invasive species group will depend on how and for what purpose the money was received. Any funds specifically solicited for the symposia become part of the NCWSS annual meeting income and expenses;
  - c) Based on the suggested fees by the invasive species group for exhibits (\$25 non-profit; \$50 for profit), the NCWSS will allow exhibitors to use booth space on Thursday only. These fees can be used by the invasive species organizers to cover additional expenses. The society wants to encourage exhibitors. Therefore, exhibitors who desire to have exhibits on display for additional days during the conference would need to pay the fees associated with being a sustaining member of the NCWSS. These additional days will allow the exhibitor to interact more with the society membership including an opportunity to network with academic and industry researchers and students;
  - d) The invasive species symposia is an approved activity for the 2006 meeting; thus, the organizers of the symposia can request up to \$1,500 from the NCWSS to apply toward travel, lodging, or other expenses of non-NCWSS members.

The NCWSS would like to continue to foster the relationship with MIPN and IPAW. A representative of these organizations should be invited to attend the annual board of directors meeting. If mutual interest continues to evolve with this group, then more formal discussions should be conducted between representatives of the invasive species group and our society.

President-elect Moses indicated that the theme of the annual meeting is “Weeds: Old Timers and New Arrivals.” A “What’s New in Industry” session will again be part of this year’s program. The Glyphosate Symposium is being organized by Jeff Bunning and John Hines; the organizer for the Adjuvant Symposium is Patrick MacMullan. In addition, the Extension section scheduled for Thursday morning will have a focus on glyphosate weed management and what makes resistant weeds resistant. The status

of having a herbicide resistant crops symposium was briefly discussed. It was recommended that a full symposium be considered for the 2007 annual meeting; however, if anyone had any information to share this year it could be reported in the "What's New in Industry" section. Viewing of posters will begin on Tuesday morning; it was suggested that the judging of student posters occur during the Tuesday morning session to avoid the conflict with the social mixer. The NCWSS website currently has 13 sections listed for authors to choose from for paper and poster presentations; it was suggested that each year the Program committee should review the sessions that are offered and list only those which are pertinent. The traditional Presidential address will be given at the General Session. It has been suggested that the program chair give a highlight or overview of the meeting program instead of a summary by each of the symposia chairs. Other potential speakers will be Lee Van Wychen, WSSA Director of Science Policy, to give an update on his activities and a speaker to provide a general welcome to the meeting location in Milwaukee. For sessions such as the Extension section, CCA continuing education credits could be available to participants; however, each section chair will be responsible for requesting and handling the approval process for CCA credits.

10. Past President Report. No Report (Tom Peters absent).
11. WSSA Representative. J.A. Dille reported that she attended the WSSA annual meeting in New York City and the summer board meeting in early July. Future WSSA meetings will be held February 5-8, 2006 in San Antonio, TX and February 4-7, 2007 in Chicago, IL. Alliance Communications Group has signed a contract with WSSA to market and promote WSSA materials. WSSA has hired a web content manager and technical webmaster to revise, update and release a new website. A revised position description for the WSSA Director of Science Policy has been drafted and circulated which better addresses the relationship of this position with the regional societies. The WSSA and CWSS will co-host the next International Weed Science Society meeting to be held June 23-27, 2008 in Vancouver, BC, Canada. An ad hoc committee has been put together to survey the need for a new Journal of Invasive Plant Science and Management which has received an overwhelming favorable response; therefore, the WSSA plans to develop this journal after a business plan has been completed. At the summer board meeting a tactical planning workshop was held to examine strategic issues for weed science. The WSSA approved a 3-year contract with OASIS (Online Abstract Submission and Invitation System) for use of their services for the annual meeting. This service could also be available for the regional societies for an additional fee. WSSA membership numbers are significantly down for 2006. The board approved an option to publish (online) before printing Weed Science and Weed Technology articles. The revised and updated Herbicide Handbook should be ready for publication in December 2006. The 2007 annual meeting in San Antonio will have four symposia, a vegetable production tour before the annual meeting, and a statistics workshop will be offered. A reduced fee will be offered to encourage graduate student participation at the annual WSSA meeting. The WSSA has requested that the NCWSS Representative serve on the WSSA Nominations Committee instead of the NCWSS Past-President, which had been the policy in the past.

The financial commitment to the WSSA Director of Science Policy was discussed. K. Al-Khatib moved to continue the NCWSS funding level on an annual basis at \$16,000 for 2007. Motion seconded by J.A. Dille. Motion passed. It was noted that final approval of the proposed description by WSSA for this position is still pending.

12. CAST Representative. K. Al-Khatib reported that the spring 2006 CAST board meeting was held April 19-23 in Washington D.C. A workshop was held with key stakeholders and was highlighted by a speech from Mike Johanns, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. CAST board members also spent time focusing on CAST's strategic plan. The American BAR Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources has joined CAST as a new member. A policy was approved to grant free 1-year memberships to graduate students who attend a college of agriculture which are members of CAST. The membership for individual colleges is \$2500. The board has discontinued publication of NewsCAST; news of importance will be added to the CAST Friday Notes via e-mail. It has been a good year for CAST publications. Two new publications on "Convergence of Agriculture and Energy" and "Energy, Water, People, and the Future" have been approved by the board. CAST continues to face a decline in individual memberships. The Charles A. Black award was presented to Stanley R. Johnson, a renowned agricultural economist. Dr. Donald Beitz will be the new CAST President in September. The next CAST board meeting will be held October 4-6, 2006 in St. Louis, Missouri. A suggestion was made to have someone give a report on CAST activities at the annual meeting.

13. Proceedings Editor. No Report (R. Hartzler absent).

14. Communications Editor. No Report (H. Valenti-Hatterman absent).

15. Old Business. The status of making the Long Range Planning Committee a standing committee was discussed. Since the activities of this committee are vital for the society, the executive board urged the continued development of guidelines so that this committee could be incorporated within the MOP document. It was suggested that the committee focus on issues that are narrow in scope and that the chair for this committee would serve a 3-year term to promote continuity on critical issues.

The society needs to formalize mission and vision statements which were developed and discussed during the previous summer board meeting. A. Moses moved to present the Mission and Vision statements for the society at the next annual board of directors meeting for adoption. Motion seconded by J.A. Dille was passed.

An annual review of the management fee associated with the services contracted with the Executive Secretary was discussed. J.A. Dille moved to increase the management fee to \$19,700 effective for the 2007 budget year. J. Green seconded motion. Motion passed.

16. New Business. A written proposal by Michael Horak to support another Gene Flow Workshop in 2007 was presented to the executive committee. His proposal included a request for the society to set aside \$6,000 to support another workshop (which includes the \$4500 gain from the 2005 workshop plus the normal funding of \$1500 available for symposia). The board recommended that the need for another workshop on this topic should be assessed and whether the 2007 location of the annual meeting in St. Louis would draw additional participants. Therefore, an immediate decision to sponsor this workshop should be delayed, but a decision for the workshop and other symposia should be made by the program committee as soon as possible after the 2006 annual meeting. The board did agree that if a Gene Flow Workshop is approved in the near future the organizers could request approval for additional funding beyond the \$1500 usually set aside for NCWSS sponsored symposia. Further discussion was held concerning outside financial support to host special workshops and symposia. The board concluded that the society could benefit from receipt of additional funding to help subsidize special workshops, but would also be subject to financial risks if a workshop failed. As a policy statement, A. Moses moved that money generated through donations or special registration fees for NCWSS sponsored symposia or workshops become part of the NCWSS operating funds for its annual meeting. B. Johnson seconded motion. After extensive discussion, motion passed.

President Miller indicated that he has been contacted by a representative of the North Central Branch, American Society of Agronomy who is interested in hosting a joint meeting with NCWSS. The board recommended that we dialogue with this organization to determine if a joint meeting is feasible sometime in the future.

The future of Oklahoma as a state member of the NCWSS was discussed due to lack of participation during the past few years. J. Green was asked to contact the weed scientists in Oklahoma to see if they want to continue state membership with the NCWSS and report back to the society.

R. Schmidt reviewed the past history of annual meeting registration fees and recommended a similar fee as the previous year. A. Moses moved to set the 2006 registration fee at \$220 (\$45 banquet, \$30 annual dues, \$30 CD, \$115 registration). J.A. Dille seconded motion. Motion passed. A change in one-day registrations was discussed, but no action was taken.

17. Adjourn. J.A. Dille moved to adjourn at 3:03 pm. Motion seconded by A. Moses passed.