

**North Central Weed Science Society
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December 2008**

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Executive Committee Reports

President – Bill Johnson

I presided over the 2nd board of directors meeting at NCWSS in 2007 and charged the long range planning committee with evaluating the structure and efficiency of our society and board of directors. The LRP worked on this over the spring and early summer months and developed recommendations on voting rights and board structure which were discussed at the summer board meeting. The proposed changes will be voted on by the entire board at our December meeting in Indianapolis.

In January, I made committee assignments and in February I participated in a program planning meeting for the 2008 meeting. We will partner our meeting with the annual meeting of the Midwest Invasive Plant Network in 2008.

During the spring months, I participated in a few conference calls with Director of Science Policy Lee Van Wychen and I wrote a letter to congress supporting the USDA NPL weed science position on behalf of NCWSS.

In July, I presided over the summer board meeting and weed contest in Carlyle, IL. The main topics of discussion were the recommendations of the LRP on voting rights of NCWSS members, NCWSS board structure, and the upcoming NCWSS annual meeting.

Suggestions for the future:

1. Begin the process of writing a position description for the NCWSS Executive Secretary. Our current Executive Secretary, Bob Schmidt, has informed us that NCWSS should prepare for his retirement. I suggest we prepare a list of duties for the position and put the position out for bids from companies and individuals that are able to perform the duties we request.
2. Evaluate the long-term feasibility of the summer weed contest. The summer weed science contest is arguably the most important event we host for undergraduate and graduate students. However, it is a major effort for the host to conduct a contest and the cost to NCWSS and volunteer time requirement is quite significant. In recent years, our graduate student participation in the contest has been quite variable from year to year, while undergraduate participation has remained stable. There have been opportunities to co-sponsor contests with other regional weed science societies, but the logistics can be a challenge to overcome. As a society, we need to continue to evaluate the value of this event and look for ways to make the contest or another educational opportunity more cost effective.
3. Evaluate student membership and meeting attendance. The demand for employees with weed science backgrounds in the private sector and availability of weed science graduate assistantships at universities appears to be as high as it has been in the last 20 years. However, graduate student enrollment at universities has been in decline over the last 8 years. Industry consolidation has reduced the funding available for graduate assistantships, and the cost of training graduate students at universities continues to increase. We should continue to find ways to increase student attendance and participation in NCWSS.

President Elect – Mick Holm

Activities during the year included developing the program for the 2008 meeting; general session speakers, poster sessions, paper sessions, symposia, committee meetings, awards luncheon and joint MIPN/NCWSS social. I traveled to Indy three times to view the meeting facilities and to meet with hotel staff and LAC members.

For the 2008 meeting, we have 80 submitted posters, 100 submitted papers, along with 3 symposia and the general session. Three symposia; Herbicide Resistant Crops, What's new in the Industry, Integrated Weed Management along with the general session account for an additional 38 papers. The Midwest Invasive Plant Network Symposium includes an additional 5 papers and 15 workshops. We have 30 posters and 27 papers in the student contest. Numbers are similar to 2007.

A major activity has been the coordination of the joint MIPN meeting. I believe these efforts were worthwhile and that the joint meeting will be a success.

Another change for 2008 is the Awards Luncheon replacing the Banquet. This will be a test year to determine if it is something we want to continue in the future.

Also, I would like to thank Rose Scott from the UW, and Melissa Kruger and Glenn Nice from Purdue for their help with the program. I would also like to thank Bill Johnson and the entire LAC, symposia organizers and section chairs for all their efforts around the planning of the meeting.

Budget Needs: Society is covering Tom Stohlgren's airfare and lodging. Other than some complementary rooms, no others dollars have been requested for the symposia.

Suggestions for the Future: Try to continue having joint meetings with other organizations.

Vice President – Chris Boerboom

NCWSS liaison for the WSSA Science Policy Committee: Participated on conference calls and provided Lee Van Wychen with information on extension IPM funding related to the change in the farm bill (change from formula to competitive funding).

WSSA Public Awareness Committee: Participated in numerous teleconferences to advance public awareness of weeds and WSSA as an information source, primarily through press releases. Assisted in development of press releases giant ragweed, purple loosestrife, flood relief, glyphosate resistance, giant hogweed, NCWSS/MIPN annual meeting, and IPM.

Reviewed NCWSS committees along with Mike Owen. Recommendations are listed below.

Recommendations for Board Action:

Suggested changes to MOP

P. 6. President. 3.b. Replace with "Appoint a NCWSS representative to the WSSA Science Policy Committee for a term of 2 or more years."

P.9. Vice President. 2. Replace with "Serve as the NCWSS representative to the WSSA Public Awareness Committee."

P. 15. Delete the Legislation, Regulatory, and Public Policy Committee. The rationale is that these activities are generally not conducted at the regional level, but are coordinated by the WSSA Director of Science Policy with regional support through representatives from the regions.

Other committees that likely not that active, but could have function are the Membership and Publicity and Public Relations Committees. Discussion would be welcomed. Our suggestion is that these committees can be dissolved and key responsibilities re-assigned.

Membership (p.16) - Perhaps the activity of "Evaluate membership periodically and make recommendations on how membership could be enhanced." could be added as a responsibility of the Long Range Planning Committee and this committee could be dissolved or appointed on an ad hoc basis when membership issues arise.

Publicity and Public Relations (p.17) - I doubt much publicity occurs except for in the state of the meeting. Options: 1) dissolve the committee, 2) retain the committee, 3) reassign the activities to the communications editor, 4) reassign the activities to the VP, or 5) assign the responsibility of meeting publicity to the Local Arrangements Committee. Both of these board positions have some communications activities, but adding these activities may exceed the work threshold for either position. Local meeting publicity could also be the role of the Local Arrangements Committee (recommended action).

Past President – Adrian Moses

Refer to Distinguished Achievement Award Report

Secretary/Treasurer – Christy Sprague

Recorded and sent out meeting minutes for all Board Meetings during the 2007-2008 terms. A 30-day ballot of recommendations by the Long Range Planning and Organizational Affairs committee was emailed to the entire board on October 13, 2008. Board action on these recommendations should take place at the December 8, 2008 Board Meeting.

New State Directors: Elections were held for the 3-year terms of the state and provincial directors that will expire in 2008. The new directors are Dave Thomas (Illinois), Dean Grossnickle (Iowa), Liz Stahl (Minnesota), Brian Jenks (North Dakota), Nader Soltani (Ontario) and Calvin Odero (Wyoming). The new directors will start their terms at the Wednesday night Board Meeting at the NCWSS Annual Meeting, unless changes are made in the duties of the State Directors at the December 8, 2008 Board Meeting.

Proceedings Editor – Bob Hartzler

No written report.

Communications Editor – Harlene Hatterman-Valenti

Initiated three newsletters (January, May, and September) during 2008. With the help from Glenn Nice, pictures were added, converted to a pdf file and uploaded to the NCWSS web site.

Recommendation for Board Action: Was considering adding an issue (four issues a year instead of three) in order to address requests that come between issues but Glenn and I have been able to accommodate requests by placing job opportunities, scholarships, etc. directly on the web site. Thus no action is being requested.

WSSA Representative – J. Anita Dille

This is a review of the February Annual WSSA meeting and update since NCWSS summer board meeting, August 13, 2008.

WSSA Executive Board for February 2008– February 2009

Past-President	Jill Schroeder
President	Jeff Derr

President-elect (Program chair)	David Shaw
Vice-President	John Jachetta
Secretary	Rich Zollinger
Treasurer	David Gealy
Members-at-Large	Mike Barrett, Joe Neal, Peter Porpiglia, Mike Owen
Chair, Constitution and MOP	Ralph Whitesides
Director of Publications	James Anderson
Executive Secretary	Joyce Lancaster – Allen Marketing and Management

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WSSA Summer Board Meeting

- It was held on July 18-20, 2008 at the Hilton Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL. Friday and Sunday were dedicated for the Board meeting while Saturday was spent in a tactical planning session to discuss the WSSA Project Review Process and Portfolio development.

Future WSSA Meetings

- 2009 joint WSSA-SWSS meeting at the Hilton at the Walt Disney World Resort hotel, Orlando, FL.
 - Paper and poster sessions – Monday through Friday.
 - WSSA Awards reception on Monday and SWSS Awards reception on Thursday, open receptions for all attendees
 - Sessions finish at 3:00 each day to allow for families to go to Walt Disney World
 - Committee meetings will move to each morning: 6:30 to 7:15 am and 7:15 to 8:00 am (45 or 90 minute blocks) in order to accommodate both SWSS and WSSA needs.
 - New approach to poster sessions – breakout with 12 posters – presenters give 3 slide highlight. No 2-hour poster block.
 - Board meetings Saturday, Sunday, and Friday afternoon.
 - Registration for members – early bird \$295, mid \$400 or at conference \$450.
 - Students \$75 and guests \$80
 - Several symposia offered, as well as tours.
- 2010 concurrent meeting of WSSA with Society of Range Management in Denver, CO from February 7-11, 2010 in the Denver Sheraton Hotel. The theme will be “Working Landscapes” and an International Trade Show will be highlight for WSSA
- 2011 meeting? - still under discussion among the WSSA board members. Current plan being studied includes 2011 Portland, OR; 2012 Hawaii; 2013 Baltimore, MD. A three-year contract with Hilton is being explored.

Budget Needs: Cover travel costs for WSSA representative to attend the WSSA summer board meeting, Denver, 2009.

Suggestions for the Future: Digitizing and making early editions of NCWSS research reports and abstract proceedings available online. Currently, the special collections archive at Iowa State University does not have these. If someone from outside the NCWSS region would like to view early edition abstracts or research reports, this would provide access.

CAST Representative – Karen Renner

I attended the CAST Board meetings in March and October 2008. The NCWSS pays for my travel to these meetings by the contribution of the NCWSS to CAST and by paying for my hotel and airfare. There are thirty eight scientific societies represented by CAST. Society board members are assigned to a working group and a standing committee. The NCWSS board member is in the Plant Protection Sciences (PPS) working group; I am currently the chair of this committee. The PPS committee works closely with the Plant, Soil, and Environmental Sciences Committee because many scientific issues are common to both groups. I also serve on the Editorial and Publications Committee of CAST so I review every paper that CAST is planning to publish. Since December 2007, CAST has published the following papers: *Implications of Gene Flow in the Scale-up and Commercial Use of Biotechnology-derived Crops: Economic and Policy Considerations* (Issue Paper); *Water Quality and Quantity Issues for Turfgrasses in Urban Landscapes* (Special Publication, hardcover book); *Vaccine Development using Recombinant DNA Technology* (Issue Paper); *Swine Carcass Disposal Options for Routine and Catastrophic Mortality* (Issue Paper); *Pastuerellosis Transmission Risks between Domestic and Wild Sheep* (Commentary); *Fate and Transport of Zoonotic Bacterial, Viral, and Protozoan Pathogens during Swine Manure Storage, Treatment, and Land Application* (Special Report); *Gene Flow in Alfalfa: Biology, Mitigation, and Potential Impact on Production* (Special Publication); *Poultry Carcass Disposal Options for Routine and Catastrophic Mortality* (Issue Paper); and *Convergence of Agriculture and Energy: III. Considerations in Biodiesel Production* (Commentary). The Commentary and Issue papers are available for free download at the CAST web site: <http://www.cast-science.org/>

Potential papers that the PPS working group is considering putting forward to the CAST Board of Directors include: *Pest Resistance Management* (Issue Paper); *Low Level Presence of Biotechnology Traits in Commercial Seed* (Issue Paper); and *Biofuel Feedstocks: Pest Drift and Management* (Commentary).

Recommendation for Board Action: My term as the CAST representative ends in December 2009. The NCWSS will need to elect a new CAST board member in fall 2009.

Budget Needs: Continue to support the travel of the NCWSS CAST board member to CAST functions.

Suggestions for the Future: The fall board meeting locations vary; the spring board meetings are in Washington D.C. during Ag Week. There has been some discussion by CAST of meeting only once in person each year and videoconferencing as needed.

Executive Secretary – Robert Schmidt

Membership as of September 30th

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Members	464	486	444	423	488	545
Students	<u>58</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>95</u>
Total	502	539	497	484	558	640

Annual meeting preregistration

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
	Indy	St Louis	Milwau	KC	Columbus	Louisv
Members	268	270	288	239	263	278
Students	<u>54</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>62</u>
Total						
Preregistered	322	322	340	285	318	340
Final attendance	357 est.	357	373	332	336	381

Midwest Invasive Plant Network registration - 131

Director of Science Policy – Lee VanWychen

No written report.

Special Interest Group Committee Reports

Extension Committee – Mike Moechnig

No written report.

Graduate Students – Valarie Mock

There were 34 graduate students and 12 undergraduate students that participated in the 2008 weed contest at SGS Alvey Ag Research near Carlyle, IL. Once again the students enjoyed the contest and would like to thank everyone involved in coordinating this event.

The graduate student mixer will once again be sponsored by BASF and the graduate student luncheon will be sponsored by Dow AgroSciences. On behalf of the graduate students we would like to thank our sponsors for their support.

Current Committee Members:

AJ Woodyard (Vice chair), Joe Armstrong, Tracy Mellendorf, Vince Davis, Greg Kruger

Industry – Mike Leetch

Weed Science contest: Funding for the Weed Science contest came in at \$14,250, just \$250 more than 2007. Additional funds may have been sent to Bob Schmidt without my knowledge. With approximately \$2000 left over from the Industry Mixer (see below) at last year's meeting donated into the weed science contest fund and the \$8,500 from the Society, the weed science contest should have been fully funded (total \$24,750) based on the estimated cost of \$24,500. As of this writing, I do not know the final costs of the contest.

Industry Mixer: Funding for the 2008 Industry Mixer is estimated to come in at \$11,900. Funding for the 2007 mixer totaled \$12,497 against final expenses of \$10,426. Those are the numbers I have from Past Chair John Hinz in a memo date 1/23/2008.

At last year's committee meeting in St. Louis, discussion was held around separate fund raising for the contest, the industry mixer and sustaining memberships. To be clear, the industry

committee does not solicit sustaining memberships; however those are the companies that are solicited for the contest and mixer. Discussion ended with a majority vote to leave the process the way it is and let the companies support the various functions as they wish.

Recommendation For Board Action: Approve weed science contest budget contribution

Budget Needs: Funding for the joint weed science contest (with Northeast Weed Science Soc.) should be commensurate with 2008 funding, and possibly more if in fact the cost estimate is significantly higher. I would not recommend the Board of Directors assume increased costs can be made up from industry. Overall, Industry funding was down slightly.

Suggestions for the Future: The current system of fund raising is not efficient nor easy. If a company were asked to be a sustaining member, could they not also be asked if they want to support the weed science contest and the Industry mixer, all in the same letter? This suggestion should be discussed at the Industry Committee meeting on Thursday.

Current Committee Members: Mike Leetch (Syngenta) Chair, Leslie Lloyd (Monsanto) Vice Chair, Pete Porpiglia (Kumai), Mark Peterson (Dow), Kip Sander, Fritz Koppatschek (ABG), Brent Petersen, Dave Saunders (DuPont), Mark Myers, and John Hinz (Bayer)

Resident Education Committee – Jess Spotanski

Paper and Poster Contests: At the 2007 NCWSS meeting there were 21 graduate papers, 24 graduate posters and 5 undergraduate posters. For 2008, there are 30 graduate papers, 30 graduate posters and 1 undergraduate poster. Two email announcements were sent out via the NCWSS list serve requesting volunteers for contest judges.

Summer Contest: The 2008 NCWSS Weed Contest was hosted by SGS Alvey Ag Research on Wednesday and Thursday August 13 and 14 at their location in Carlyle, Illinois. There were 35 graduate students and 11 undergraduate students from 7 schools participating in the contest. Award winners are listed in Appendix 1. For the 2009 summer weeds contest, the contest will be held on July 23 by AgriBusiness Group in Indianapolis. This will be a joint contest between the North Central and North East Weed Science Societies. We are currently in the planning stages with the NEWSS.

Budget Needs: For 2008, the paper and poster contests will need \$1300 for 1st and 2nd place in each contest section. The paper and poster contest will each have 4 sections and the undergraduate poster contest will have 1 section. The award for 1st place is \$100 and 2nd place is \$50. In the undergraduate poster contest there is only one contestant so only the 1st place award will be given. For the 2009 Weed Contest, \$8500 will be requested for payment to the contest host.

Suggestions for the Future: For the 2008 paper and poster contests, the contest rules subcommittee updated the judge's score sheets and the committee will need to evaluate how this worked; if there were any questions from the judges on how those worked; if the points were distributed well, etc. In addition, the rules committee initiated a requirement to have poster handouts available from the poster contestants and this will need to be monitored to see how it is working. The RE committee will need to continue to evaluate the success of summer weed contest.

Current Committee Members: Jess Spotanski-Chair, John Hinz-1st Vice Chair, John Lindquist-2nd Vice Chair, and Anita Dille-Chair Contest Rules Subcommittee

Standing Committee Reports

Distinguished Achievement Awards – Adrian Moses

Held DAA meeting with committee at 2007 NCWSS and worked with committee on sending out notices and obtaining nominations and getting nomination packets to everyone on the committee for a vote. A change in committee members and paper copies made this time consuming and expensive. Nominations were increased to nine total with two left over from last year. Four of the nine were selected leaving 5 people eligible for next year. Most were from the professional staffing category. Thanks to all the committee for their work.

Recommendation for Board Action:

Recommend submissions are electronic (instead of 10 copies) to speed this process of moving nomination packets between committee chair and committee members. This would also aid in getting nominations to the next DAA chair. Need to change MOP to spell out voting and tallying process more clearly. This year as in the past they were ranked within their category, then ranked overall for tie breaker reason. This was not found in the MOP.

Budget Needs: Postage and copying packets that were not sent electronically.

Suggestions for the Future: Committee needs to actively pursue nominations from all categories.

Current Committee Members: Adrian Moses, Mark Wrucke, Charles Slack, Reid Smeda, Dane Bowers, Mike Owen, Jeff Gunsolus, Stephen Miller.

Suggestions for Future Committee Members: Need to plan out contacts and responsibilities of members for soliciting more nominations from all categories from our membership.

Electronic Communications Committee – Glenn Nice

Committee Members: Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Kevin Adam, Eric Spandl, Vince Davis
Andrew Kniss, Brian Jenks

Request of Board: To identify present web page is fulfilling NCWSS needs or if any redesign or services need to be done or added, respectively.

Title Submission

There were 225 titles received via the on-line titles submission. Of the 226 titles submitted I received 19 requests for changes to titles already submitted. The main issue regarding title submission was regarding student contests. At present, submitters are asked by the form to select whether they are in the contest or not, then put asterisks beside their titles. Some do not place the asterisks, this might need to be done by the submission posses. Also related to the submission page, a “undergrad poster” selection needs to be included for next year. Work needs to be done provide better support to the program chair.

Registration Process

We received as of the date listed above, 229 on-line registrations. This year there were less questions regarding registering for the two different meetings. However, there were a few problems with the hotel registration issue. Some complained regarding the “timing out” of web page delivery and that the phone number provided by the hotel did not work. When investigating these incidents the pages and numbers always worked for me. This may be a server allocation problem.

Also, new registrants who are unfamiliar with Pay Pal occasionally have difficulties with the process. Out of 210 then under 5% probably contact me with questions. Most get resolved; the ones that don't, such as issues with credit cards are solved by calling Bob directly.

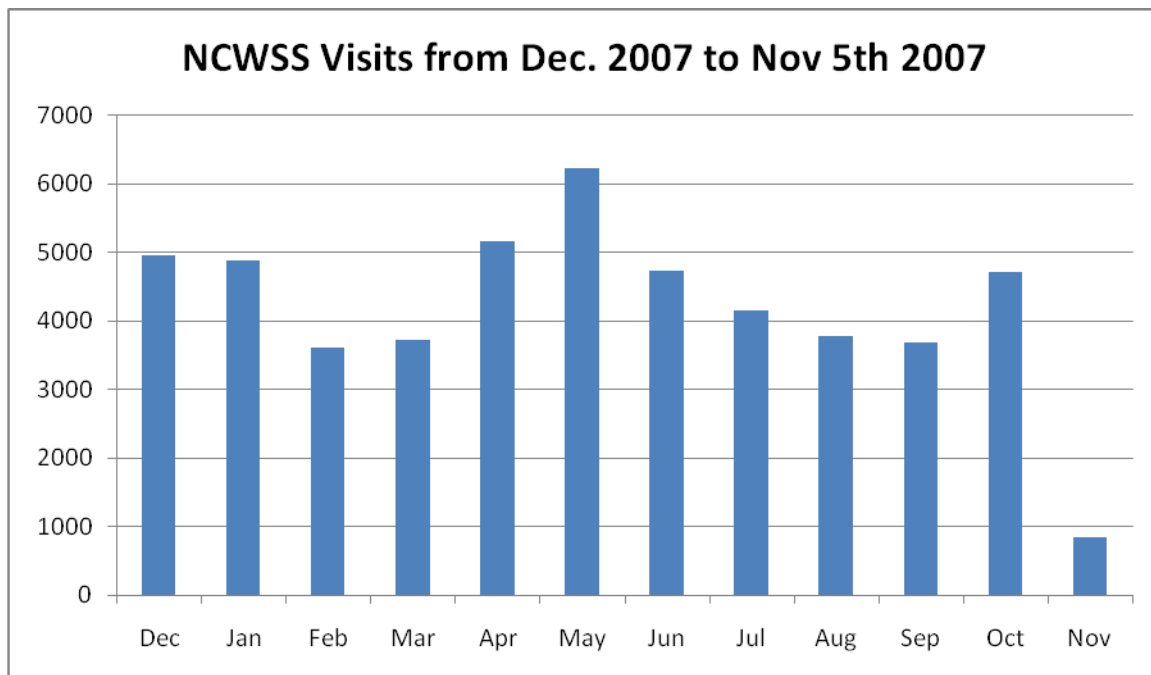
NCWSS List Service

There are 9 NCWSS list services. All of them end with “@lists.purdue.edu”. The 9 addresses are:

- ncwss-all
- ncwss-board
- ncwss-officers
- ncwss-statedir
- ncwss-dirlar
- ncwss-gradstudents
- ncwss-extension
- ncwss-academic
- ncwss-industry

The NCWSS all list service [ncwss-all@lists.purdue.edu] had 26 messages sent from January 2008 to date above. Nine individuals sent messages over the “All” list service this year. The grad student list service sent out 2 messages. These list services are populated when I receive the membership list from Bob Schmidt every January. Individuals that do not renew their memberships or members that ask to be removed from the list are removed. I generally only get one or two requests to be removed a year.

NCWSS Web Site Stats



NCWSS Site	Hits	Visitor	Visits ¹
Main site	347919	Commercial	27% ave. – 12 months
Spring Newsletter 08	5883	Educational	9% ave. – 12 months
Program	5335	Government	1.5% ave. – 4 months
Summer Newsletter 08	3202	Non-profit organization	1% - 1 month
Meeting Page	2503	Bangladesh	2% - 1 month
Fall Newsletter 08	2385	Brazil	1% - 2 months
Spring Newsletter 07	1005	Canada	1% - 7 months
NCWSS Contest Site	570	Germany	1% - 2 months
Fall Newsletter 05	551	Japan	1% - 1 month
Weed Pubs	408	Poland	1% - 1 month

¹Average percent of hit followed by the number of months that visitor appeared in the top 10 visits.

Fellow Committee – Steve Weller

Committee Activities During the Year: Solicited nominations for and evaluated nominees for the NCWSS Fellow Award. There were three nominees for Fellow: Jeffrey Gunsolus, Thomas Peters and Kassim-Al-Kahtib.

Recommendation For Board Action: The committee recommend that Jeffery Gunsolus, Thomas Peters and Kassim Al-Kahtib be awarded the NCWSS Fellow Award.

Suggestions for the Future: The committee is operating well and there is no need for any changes in operation.

Current Committee Members:

Stephen C. Weller, Chair

Phil Stahlman, Kassim Al-Khatib, J.D. Green, Michael Horak, Mike Owen, Duane Rathmann, Mark Wrucke, and Dain Bruns

Suggestions for Future Committee Members: My term as Chair and a member of this committee will end in 2008 so a new Chair will need to be named. New member possibilities could include Chris Boerboom and Karen Renner.

Finance and Steering Policy Committee – Christy Sprague

Written report will be available at the Monday afternoon board meeting.

Legislation Regulatory & Public Policy Committee – Lee VanWychen

No written report.

Future Site Selection Committee – Charlie Slack

It is time to make a recommendation to the board for 2011. On your behalf I have investigated the Milwaukee Hyatt Regency. They have the first two weeks of December available. After talking to Bill it was felt that with the interest of the Midwest Invasive Plant Network group that Milwaukee would be a good site. This was a very successful meeting with this group at the Hyatt in 2006. Mick Holm has agreed to be the Local Arrangements Chairman or will arrange for someone else to chair the meeting.

Potential dates: 12/03-09/11 or 12/10-16/11
Room Rate: \$109 Single
\$119 Double
\$129 Triple
\$139 Quad
Food & Beverage: \$15,000*

*The amount actually amount spent has been greater than \$30,000 for the past 3 years.

Local Arrangements Committee – Bill Johnson

The NCWSS met the room block requirements for the hotel. Bill also made four trips to the hotel to discuss meeting information with the program chair, LAC, and hotel staff.

Membership – Kelly Nelson

Membership increased from 497 in 2006 to 539 in 2007. Graduate student members remained stable from 2006 to 2007. A reasonable scope for the society's membership was discussed for specific locations. Continue to focus on providing value to membership and communicating how our activities create that value. Discussion with other regional societies was tabled.

Suggestions for the Future: Continue working with the Long Range Planning Committee to continue to build a strong membership base.

Current Committee Members: Kelly Nelson, Michael DeFelice (Vice-Chair), Frank Forcella, Tony White, Ken Carlson, Mick Holm, Lizabeth Stahl, Peter Sikkema, Paul Vassalotti, Phil Stahlman.

Suggestions for Future Committee Members: Discuss at NCWSS meeting in Indianapolis.

Nominating Committee – Greg Dahl

Committee Activities During the Year: The Chairman and Vice Chairman received a notification email from Anita Dille that her term as WSSA Representative would expire at the 2008 meeting. The Chairman visited with President Bill Johnson to determine responsibilities and expectations of the committee. Contacted entire committee to solicit suggestions for nominees for WSSA Representative and Vice President. After emails and phone calls with the committee potential candidates were selected.

Candidates were contacted and the members listed below agreed to have their names submitted to the NCWSS Board for nomination.

For Vice President:

Mark Wrucke, Bayer Crop Science

John Hinz, Bayer Crop Science

For WSSA Representative:

Kevin Bradley, University of Missouri

Aaron Hager, University of Illinois

Brady Kappler, BASF

Mark Bernards, University of Nebraska

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee in 2009 will be Dallas Peterson
Committee member Joseph Mesabni has resigned from the committee.

Recommendation for Board Action:

Accept nominations and make selection of Vice President and WSSA Representative

Program Committee – Mick Holm

Refer to President Elect's Report

Publicity and Public Relations – Chris Boerboom

Refer to Vice President's Report

Resolutions and Necrology – Pat Geier

Committee Activities During the Year: Identified one (1) NCWSS member who had passed away during the previous 12 months: Dr. George Kapusta of Southern Illinois University. Secured a short biography to be presented during the Necrology Report during 2008 NCWSS General Session. Dr. Paul Ogg of Longmont, CO passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 25th after a long illness. Paul was a member of WSSS and NCWSS and was named Fellow of each of these societies. A short biography of Paul will be presented during the NCWSS Necrology report in Indianapolis.

Current Committee Members: Pat Geier, Chair; Patrick Tranel, Vice-Chair; Kirk Howatt, Gustav Sbatella, Tom Bauman, John Frihauf, Past-Chair

Long Range Planning and Organizational Affairs Committee – Bryan Young

Committee Activities During the Year: The committee was charged by the President to develop recommendations on two major issues. 1) Is a change in the size and configuration of the NCWSS Board of Directors necessary to accomplish the goals and function of the society? 2) Should the NCWSS consider integrating a position on the Board of Directors for a representative from the Midwest Invasive Plant Network? The committee developed recommendations and provided these to the Executive Board at the summer meeting. These recommendations were then modified as suggested and brought forward to the full Board on a 30-day ballot for a final vote at the NCWSS Board meeting on Monday, December 8, 2008.

Recommendation for Board Action: Voting on recommendations (already in progress) – Appendix 2

Suggestions for the Future: Some NCWSS members have expressed interest in creating greater accessibility of the presentations and posters provided at the conference. This is viewed by some as a critical deficiency for members of NCWSS who are unable to attend the conference or not able to attend every paper presentation due to overlapping presentation times for concurrent sessions. If given the charge, this committee could explore how we can serve our membership better in this regard. Another area for possible activity would be to review/update the stated duties for each NCWSS board position and committee.

Current Committee Members: Bryan Young (Chair), Mike Owen (Vice Chair), Helen Flanigan, Jeff Stachler, Curt Thompson, Darren Robinson, Kevin Gibson, Joseph Masabni, Dirk Drost (Past Chair)

Suggestions for Future Committee Members: No suggestions until the vote on the recommendations are final since they may impact the composition of this committee.

Appendix 1: 2008 Summer Contest Winners

Overall Graduate Individual	University	Contestant Name
1st Place	Purdue University	Vince Davis
2nd Place	Purdue University	Valerie Mock
3rd Place	Purdue University	Chad Brabham
Overall Undergraduate Individual		
1st Place	Michigan State University	Molly Buckham
2nd Place	Ohio State University	Mark Bugg
3rd Place tie	Michigan State University	Calvin Glaspie
3rd Place tie	University of Illinois	Jared Roskamp
Overall Graduate Team		
1st Place	Purdue University	
2nd Place	Michigan State University	
3rd Place	Kansas State University	
Overall Undergraduate Team		
1st Place	University of Illinois	
2nd Place	Ohio State University + University of Nebraska	
3rd Place	none	
Field Sprayer Calibration Team		
Graduate	Kansas State University	
Undergraduate	University of Illinois	
Unknown Herbicide		
Graduate	Purdue University	Valerie Mock
Undergraduate	Michigan State University	Molly Buckham
Written Sprayer Calibration		
Graduate	Michigan State University	Chad Herrmann
Undergraduate tie	Michigan State University	Calvin Glaspie
Undergraduate tie	University of Illinois	Jared Roskamp
Weed Identification		
Graduate	Purdue University	Chad Brabham
Undergraduate	Michigan State University	Calvin Glaspie
Problem Solving		
Graduate	University of Illinois	AJ Woodyard
Undergraduate	Ohio State University	Melinda Hoffman

Appendix 2: Proposals for December 2008 board meeting

The Long Range Planning and Organizational Affairs Committee were charged from the Board of Directors with the following tasks, 1) examine the optimum size and configuration of the Board of Directors and 2) discuss whether the NCWSS should integrate a representative from the Midwest Invasive Plant Network into the Board of Directors. Proposals were discussed at the 2008 Summer Executive Board Meeting. The following are recommendations for the Board of Directors to vote on at the December 8, 2008 Board Meeting. These recommendations require a 30-day notification before board action.

Recommendation #1

The election of the North Central Weed Science Society Officers would be from the entire membership.

Electronic Ballots would be mailed to the membership from the nominations committee two months prior to the Annual North Central Weed Science Society Meeting.

Recommendation #2

Include three representatives from the Industry Committee on the Board of Directors.

Representation would include chair, vice-chair, and past-chair. Once elected as a vice-chair the individual would follow a 3-year rotation.

Recommendation #3

Reduce the size of the North Central Weed Science Board by moving the State Directors to the Long Range Planning and Organizational Affairs Committee.

Remove the State Directors from the NCWSS Board of Directors. The State Directors would be moved to the Long Range Planning and Organizational Affairs committee. This would reduce the Board size to gain efficiency, maintain state representation, provide a structure for appointing members to the LRP & OA committee, and provide defined duties for the State Directors. Duties for the State Directors on this committee would include: provide suggestions/feedback on the direction and function of the NCWSS, serve as a sounding board for membership input, coordinate any special initiatives within each state, and assist in membership recruitment and annual conference marketing on a local level. State directors would continue to serve a three year term.

The State and Provincial Directors shall:

1. Poll membership in state or province for ideas and suggestions prior to annual conference.
2. Verify that all contact information for current members within their state or province is on record with the NCWSS. Assist the Executive Secretary in keeping contact information current.
3. *Assist in membership recruitment such as providing contact information on prospective new members to the Executive Secretary and chair of the Membership committee.*

4. 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.
5. Poll membership and send appropriate information from state or province to Communications Editor for placement in NCWSS Newsletter.
6. *Represent the general membership and provide insight on the strategic direction and function of the NCWSS.*
7. *Coordinate any special initiatives within each state or province.*
8. *Assist in the marketing of the annual conference on a local level.*

**New State Directors duties are in italics.

Recommendation #4

Change the Long Range Planning and Organizational Affairs Committee to an Interest Committee.

The Long Range Planning and Organizational Affairs Committee is currently a Standing Committee, by changing this to a Interest Committee this committee would have voting rights, similar to the Extension, Industry, Resident Education and Graduate Student Committees. The chair for the Long Range Planning and Organizational Affairs Committee will be appointed by the President.

Recommendation #5

Establish a NCWSS Standing Committee composed of individuals actively working on invasive plants (Invasive Plants Committee) from which this committee reports to the Board of Directors.

This committee would not have voting rights on the Board of Directors and the chair and vice-chair of this committee is appointed by the President.