

Minutes of Dec 8 2022 NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Dec 8, 2022

Place: Sterling # 7, Hyatt Regency at the Arch, St. Louis, MO

Time: 10.05 am to 11.20 am central time

President Reid Smeda called the meeting to order at 10.05 am on Dec 8, 2022.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call [16/19]

Officer	Name	Dec 8
President	Reid Smeda	X
President Elect	Dawn Refsell	X
Vice President	Mark Bernards	X
Secretary-Treasurer	Amit Jhala	X
Editor-NCWSS Proceedings	Karla Gage	X
Editor- Communication / Newsletter	Joe Ikley	X
WSSA Representative	Brett Miller	
CAST Representative	John Hinz	X
Past President	David Simpson	X
Executive Secretary	Kelley Mazur	X
Director of Science Policy	Lee Van Wychen	

Directors at Large	Names	Dec 8
Strategic Planning	Travis Legleiter	X
Extension	Nathaniel Drewitz	X
Industry	Ryan Henry	X
Resident Education	Nick Arneson	X
Graduate Student	Claudia Bland	X
Central Region	Dan Smith	X
Western Region		
Eastern Region	Steve Meyers	

Resolutions:

Action: A motion was proposed to approve resolution and it was approved with all in favor.

1. **RESOLUTION ON:** The Hotel Meeting Facility for the 77th Annual Meeting of the North Central Weed Science Society.

WHEREAS the North Central Weed Science Society requires adequate facilities and lodging to conduct the business and program of the Society at the Annual Meeting; and

WHEREAS the meeting rooms and facilities of the Hyatt Regency at the Arch, St Louis, MO provided an excellent and spacious meeting environment; and

WHEREAS the staff and management of the Hyatt Regency at the Arch, 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 Science Society in session at Hyatt Regency at the Arch, St Louis, MO Dec 5 to 8, 2022 for the 77th Annual Meeting commends the Hyatt Regency at the Arch, St Louis, MO management and staff for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.

2. **RESOLUTION ON:** Local Arrangements Committee for the 77th 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 Karla Gage 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 Science Society in session at Hyatt Regency at the Arch, St Louis, MO Dec 5 to 8, 2022 for the 77th Annual Meeting commends Karla Gage 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, Undergraduate Student Poster Judges, and Video Contest Judges for the 77th 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, Undergraduate Poster Contest, and Video Contest; and

WHEREAS the judges selected for the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests, Undergraduate Poster Contest, and Video Contest for the 77th Annual Meeting fulfilled their obligations and responsibilities with dedication and commitment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Weed Science Society in session at Hyatt Regency at the Arch, St Louis, MO; Dec 5 to 8, 2022 for the 77th Annual Meeting commends the judges of the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests, Undergraduate Poster Contest, and Video Contest for their inputs of time, labor, and cooperation in providing the Society with well run, successful contests at this Annual Meeting.

Approval of budget for 2023 NCWSS meeting to be held in Minneapolis, MN.

- **Action:** A motion was proposed to approve a budget of \$80,000 for 78th NCWSS meeting to be held in Minneapolis, MN in Dec 2023.
- *Motion was approved with all in favor.*

Name of Industry breakfast change; add \$ to registration to pay for this and open to society.

- "Industry Breakfast" will be replaced by "NCWSS Breakfast."
- Industry support welcome: Syngenta to sponsor \$40 per student.

Resident Education Committee: Rule and rubric changes for NCWSS Weed Contest.

- Point system needs revision: Abstract has no points in current grading system. Can be included 5 to 10 points.
- Resident Education Committee Chair will discuss with the committee members and provide more information to BoD in next meeting in Jan 2023.

NCWSS student video contest

- Due to a smaller number of video entries, it was discussed to continue or cancel the video contest. It was decided to continue Video Contest, but significant changes are required for the grading system, content, and delivery.
- It was discussed to arrange a symposium on this topic in 2023 NCWSS meeting.
- Extension Committee Chair will discuss with committee members and will provide information to BoD in Jan 2023 meeting.

Graduate student association; ideas for 2023

- Several ideas and opportunities were discussed for graduate students to engage with NCWSS activities.
- **Action:** Graduate Student Committee Chair will discuss with committee members and will provide information to BoD in Jan 2023 meeting.

Feedback on silent auction and potential to make it a regular process.

- Dawn Refsell has shown interest to continue silent auction; however, an endowment fund needs to be established.
- **Action:** Reid will follow up with WSSA and Southern Weed Science Society to see the process for establishment of an NCWSS Endowment Fund

Update from Site Selection Committee Chair:

- Site Selection Committee Chair Mark Loux joined the BoD meeting via Zoom. Site Selection Committee received bids from several northcentral locations. They recommend 2025 NCWSS meeting to be held at Amway Grand Plaza Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2021 NCWSS meeting was held at Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI. The hotel provided excellent facility and total expenses were less than \$50,000. The cost of Food and Beverages and audio visual were very reasonable.
- **Action:** A motion was proposed to approve Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI to conduct 2025 NCWSS meeting. Motion was approved with all in favor.

Shift poster/paper/video contest student winners from check to gift cards.

- As of now, student winners are given check. It was discussed to replace check with gift cards. It will be e-gift cards.
- **Action:** A motion was proposed to replace check with e-gift cards with all in favor. It will be implemented in 2023 NCWSS annual meeting.

NCWSS BoD meeting to be held on Jan 20, 2023 at 2 pm. (2 hours Zoom meeting). Amit will send a Zoom link.

A motion was proposed to adjourn meeting with all in favor.

President Smeda Adjourned meeting at 11.20 am on Dec 8, 2022.