



**NCWSS Board Meeting Agenda
Hyatt Regency
Meeting Room: Discovery A
Indianapolis, IN
1:00 pm on December 7, 2015**

1. Call to Order (President): John Hinz
2. Roll Call (Secretary-Treasurer): David Simpson
3. President Report: John Hinz
4. President-Elect Report: Anita Dille
5. Vice President Report: Greg Dahl
6. Past President Report: J. D. Green
7. Secretary-Treasurer Report: David Simpson
8. Proceedings Editor Report: Greg Kruger
9. Communications Editor Report: Vince Davis
10. WSSA Representative: Reid Smeda
11. CAST Representative: Curtis Thompson
12. Executive Secretary Report: Phil Banks
13. Director of Science Policy: Lee VanWychen
13. Strategic Planning Committee
& Regional Directors: Dawn Refsell
14. Extension: Kelly Nelson
15. Industry: Stott Howard
16. Resident Education
NCWSS Weed Contest: Doug Nord
17. Graduate Student: Daniel Smith
18. Future Site Selection: Charlie Slack
18. Old Business:
15. New Business:
Science Practice and Art of Restoring Native Ecosystems
Briefing on security at moderator meeting this evening
16. Adjourn

ROLL CALL December 7, 2015 Annual Board Meeting

Roll call [12 Quorum] Roll call at 1:00 pm. 15 present at roll call.

Officers	Names	Dec 7
President	John Hinz	yes
President Elect	Anita Dille	yes
Vice President	Greg Dahl	yes
Secretary-Treasurer	David Simpson	yes
Editor-NCWSS Proceedings	Greg Kruger	yes
Editor-Newsletter	Vince Davis	yes
WSSA Representative	Reid Smeda	yes
CAST Representative	Curtis Thompson	yes
Past President	J.D. Green	yes
Executive Secretary	Phil Banks	yes
Director of Science Policy	Lee VanWychen	no

Directors at Large	Names	Dec 7
Strategic Planning	Dawn Refsell	no
Extension	Kelly Nelson	yes
Industry	Mike Meyer	yes
Resident Education	Doug Nord	yes
Graduate Student	Daniel Smith	no
Central Region	Tim Trower	yes
Western Region	Brady Kappier	yes
Eastern Region	Eric Ott	yes

Minutes:

John Hinz called to order the NCWSS Board Meeting at 1:00 and roll call conducted by David Simpson.. 15 board members were present which exceeded the required quorum of 12. Brady Kappier arrived after roll call.

Reports from Officers and Directors at large were submitted to the Board and are documented below.

Motions:

David Simpson move to accept the meeting minutes from the July 20th, 2015 NCWSS summer board meeting. Anita second. No discussion. Board approved.

Vince Davis made the motion and Greg Dahl second to send a thank-you letter to Mr. Glenn Nice of the University of Wisconsin-Madison from the NCWSS for his long history of service to the society in several communications functions

including website and newsletter development and design and to create a resolution to recognize Glenn's service. Vince moved Greg second. No discussion. Board approved.

Greg Kruger moved the motion to hold the 2018 meeting at the Hyatt Regency hotel with room rates of \$129 per night, a rebate 5%, a Food and Beverage Minimum of \$10,000, Complimentary internet and Undergraduate Scholarship. The meeting dates will be 12/3 Monday–12/6 Thursday. Kelly Nelson second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Anita Dille made motion that NCWSS society to pay for the travel of the graduate student symposium speakers (Marie Jasieniuk and David Horvath) for a maximum of \$2,446.00. Greg Dahl second motion, Motion was approved.

Curtis moved that NCWSS not support Science Practice and Art of Restoring Native Ecosystems. Vince Davis second motion. Motion passed.

Action items:

JD Green and David Simpson to discuss the need to decide whether to bring this as a committee or sub-committee to existing committee to handle the Outstanding Graduate Student and Graduate Student Travel awards. The work load on one committee for all these awards can be tremendous in the short amount of time allocated between award deadlines and notification of recipients. Discussion is also needed on whether undergraduate students are also eligible for Graduate Student Travel Awards.

Dallas Peterson from WSSA reported on policy issues and extended thanks to NCWSS for support of Director of Science Policy position. WSSA is providing 75% of the funding of position and regional society fund remaining 25%. Joint search for Executive Secretaries is currently underway.

Discussion on Video contest status revealed that additional work is needed by the Strategic Committee to refine the objectives and rules for contest. Questions on how the videos would be posted. Request that Strategic Committee review and provide direction.

Board recommends that the finance committee reconsiders how much is budgeted for NCWSS weed contest and whether entry fee should be required to offset cost. Cost for operating weed contest exceeds \$8,500.

Review MOP for responsibility for preparing newsletter in the Executive Secretary and Newsletter Editor.

New Business:

Discussion on request for NCWSS to support Science Practice and Art of Restoring Native Ecosystems occurred resulting in decision not to support.

Discussion on need to review security during the meeting given the recent events in the U.S. Anita took assignment to review with moderators during the moderator training session on Monday night and to review with hotel security.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

President

John Hinz

November 20, 2015

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

I served on the WSSA Science and Policy Committee.

I cosigned 7 letters on behalf of the North Central Weed Science Society along with WSSA and the other regional weed science societies. The letters were:

Comments on Mitigation of Exposure to Bees from Acutely Toxic Pesticide Products. Federal Register: **Document ID:** EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0818-0146. Also sent to House and Senate Ag Committees and USDA OPMP.

Comments on Pesticides Risk Management Approach To Identifying Options for Protecting the Monarch Butterfly. Federal Register: **Document ID:** EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0389-0037. Also sent to House and Senate Ag Committees and USDA OPMP.

Support for increased funding for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) in USDA-NIFA. Sent to House and Senate Ag Appropriations Committees.

Support for increased federal investment to advance food and agricultural research, education and Extension in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Research, Education, and Economics (REE) mission in fiscal 2016 (FY16). Our support includes both USDA's suite of extramural programs in the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), such as the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) and capacity funds to support Experiment Stations and Cooperative Extension, the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Sent to House and Senate Ag Appropriations Committees.

Support for HR 897, the Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act (aka the NPDES Fix Bill). Sent to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Scientific Organizations Propose New Definition for "Superweed". Sent to various online dictionaries.

Support of the administrative provisions to encourage pollinator habitat and forage on transportation rights-of-way.

I attended the National Weed Science Contest hosted by The Ohio State University. I was a 'farmer' in the farmer problem. I want to thank Bruce Ackley, Mark Loux and their staff for hosting such a wonderful contest.

It was my pleasure to call and inform the Distinguished Achievement Award winners of their being selected and the Fellows of their election.

I organized the President's reception to honor the Distinguished Award Winners and the Fellows. The reception will be held on Monday December 7 from 5:00 to 6:00 in Discovery A.

Budget needs: none

Suggestions for future: none

Current Committee members: John Hinz

Suggestions for future committee members: Anita Dille

President Elect - Anita Dille

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Date of Preparation: December 4, 2015

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

My main activity has been preparing the 2015 NCWSS annual meeting program. In total there will be 241 presentations.

	General session	oral	poster	symposium	MIPN	Total
Submitted	4	98	93	4	37	243
Withdrawn	0	1	1	0	0	2
total	4	97	92	4	37	241

All submissions were done through the WSSA abstract site. This all seemed to go smoothly except for ensuring that students were entered into the contest. I want to thank David Kruger with Apex Web Studio for his help with this.

In total there are 99 student contest presentations: 42 graduate oral presentations, 45 graduate posters, and 12 undergraduate posters. We made some modifications to the form that everyone completed when entering their titles to the wssaabstracts.org site. First was to mark whether they are a student or not and second was to then indicate which contest event the submission was for. In the end, there were several changes requested by graduate students at different times: 1) immediately after the temporary program was released online and this could be corrected before program book was sent to the printer, 2) after the program was sent to the printer, 3) when they began submitting abstracts and uploading presentations to the system, and 4) once again when folks received the hard copy of the program. All posters and papers will be judged on Tuesday. Last year, the Tuesday morning poster session was lengthened by 30 minutes, and this appeared helpful for the judges. I set the program up similarly this year, and shortened the General Session by 30 minutes.

I have communicated several times with the moderators for the conference via e-mail and received responses from all. They each indicated their awareness of what equipment needs to be available in their session, and that they will attend the moderator training session on Monday evening. Angela Kazmierczak, chair of the presentation recording committee has been in contact with all moderators as well.

For the General Session, our welcome will be given Ted McKinney, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director, followed by Dr. David Vail with a presentation on "How the North Central Weed Control Conference Shaped Agricultural Aviation in the Grasslands".

There are two symposia this year. Daniel Smith and the graduate student committee have organized a symposium on "Molecular Techniques in Weed Science" and have brought in 4

speakers, including 2 from outside the region and 2 from within. The Invasive Plant Symposium organized by the Midwest Invasive Plant Network, spearheaded by Mark Renz, is a two-day event on Wednesday and Thursday, and has approximately 200 individuals attending.

I have organized our second 'annual' Women in Weed Science Networking Breakfast' and we have over 40 individuals signed up to attend. We will have Dr. Susanne Wasson from Dow AgroSciences at our breakfast to give a short presentation.

I want to thank Daniel Smith, graduate student chair, and David Simpson with Dow AgroSciences, on organizing the graduate student tour on Monday before the conference begins, and for their sponsorship of the Graduate Student Luncheon. Thanks to BASF for hosting and organizing the student Mixer and Quiz Bowl on Monday evening. Also, a big thanks to Phil Banks, Ryan Lee and the entire Local Arrangements committee for their work in organizing this meeting.

January 1, 2016 deadline for applying for the Executive Secretary position that is being conducted under a joint search with WSSA.

Vice President

Greg Dahl

Date of Preparation: December 3, 2015

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

I have been representing the NCWSS on the WSSA Public Awareness committee since the NCWSS 2014 meeting. This committee is responsible for developing and publishing press releases on relevant and interesting weed science topics as well as announcements for WSSA and related societies. The committee meets via teleconference approximately every two weeks for a 1 hour call. The Public Awareness committee has also been involved in worst weeds surveys through the regional societies. The committee has been working with WSSA and the WSSA Sustaining Membership committee on promoting the Committees activities to WSSA Sustaining members. Several Sustaining members have pledged support and increased funding as a result of these activities.

Recent Press Releases:

1. **Lower Seeding Rates of Soybean Can Be Combined with Pre-Emergence Herbicide. (12/18/2015)**
2. **Weed Science Society of America Names 2015 Award Winners. (02/10/2015)**
3. **National Invasive Species Awareness Week Promotes Education and Involvement. (02/2015)**
4. **Initiative Nurtures Women Pursuing Weed Science Careers. (02/25/2015)**
5. **Weed Scientists Offer New Definition for “Superweed”. (04/28/2015)**
6. **Scientists Advocate a Community-Based Approach to Herbicide Resistance Management. (06/08/2015)**
7. **Upcoming Conference Takes Aim at Invasive Aquatic Plants. (06/29/2015).**
8. **Students Flex their Weed Science Muscles during National Collegiate Competition (09/29/2015)**
9. **New Studies Lift the Veil on Witchweed’s Spooky Powers (10/29/2015)**
10. **Speakers at Upcoming Annual Meetings of WSSA and its Sister Societies Take a Deep Dive into the Future of Weed Control (11/17/2015)**

I participated in the National Weed Science Collegiate Contest. Helped with the Unknown Herbicide Section. I took and shared photographs of the contest and contestants with NCWSS Society leaders.

I have assisted where I can with the meeting process for the 2015 meeting. I am eager to see it take place. I have visited with many people about putting on a NCWSS meeting. Persons visited with include many previous NCWSS presidents, Eric Spandl the 2014 NCWSS Local Arrangements Chair and others. I have read and am reading the North Central Weed Science Society Manual of Operating Procedures.

I sent information to John Hinz, Anita Dille, J. D. Green and David Simpson DOW about the Pre -NCWSS meeting tour that was put on by Winfield. I am pleased that DOW is conducting an event for the students.

Motions:

None.

Past President

J. D. Green

Date of Preparation: December 3, 2015

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

The primary responsibility of the Past President is to chair the Distinguished Achievement Awards Committee. These duties have included oversight of the Distinguished Achievement Awards and the Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Announcements soliciting nominations were made through the newsletter and direct emails to the NCWSS membership. The committee reviewed 7 nominations for the DAAs and voted to award five (1 Research, 2 Service, 1 Industry, and 1 Professional Staff) based on the ranking of nominees. The two nominees not selected remain eligible in 2016, and these nomination packets were forwarded to 2016 DAA chair John Hinz. For the Outstanding Graduate Student Award one student was selected among four nominations received. The recipients of the DAAs and Outstanding Graduate Student were approved by the Executive Committee and awards will be presented at the awards luncheon during the annual meeting.

In addition, the DAA committee was appointed by the Executive Board to develop guidelines and oversee the implementation of Graduate Student Travel Awards. The board approved awarding 6 graduate students \$500 plus a complimentary registration as first time attendees at the annual meeting. Nine individuals submitted a request for a travel award in which six were selected.

Motions/Action Items:

The DAA Committee recommends that the board create a separate committee to handle the Outstanding Graduate Student and Graduate Student Travel awards. The work load on one committee for all these awards can be tremendous in the short amount of time allocated between award deadlines and notification of recipients. Discussion is also needed on whether undergraduate students are also eligible for Graduate Student Travel Awards.

Secretary/Treasurer

David Simpson

Date of Preparation: December 6, 2015

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

Meeting minutes from summer board meeting were prepared and presented to the board.

Agenda for today's meeting were circulated to the board members in advance.

Review of the financial reports will occur this week with the Financial Committee.

Motion:

David Move to accept the meeting minutes from the July 20th, 2015 NCWSS summer board meeting. Anita second. No discussion. Approved.

Proceedings Editor

Greg Kruger

Date of Preparation: December , 2015

Proceedings Editor Activities during the Year:

Do not have proceedings on the website as of today. Working with presenters to get all abstracts submitted and corrected. Nearly 30 abstracts were missing at the deadline. One organization has not submitted 9 abstracts

MNIP does not require an abstract for their presentations.

Motions:

Communications Editor

Vince Davis

Date of Preparation: December 5, 2015

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

The website was updated early in the year, and I need to get a better handle on the flow/type of information and how I should be helping with the content of the website better. All three newsletters were published throughout the year, but the last one was a bit late. The email communications sent by Phil Banks covers most of the most important and timely points of information. I will schedule and try to have newsletters published much earlier in 2016 to be on the front side of the publication windows stated in the MOP.

Glenn Nice has been helping with the layout and final design of the newsletter, and he will no longer be helping perform that capacity. I plan to do content and layout in the coming year.

Motions:

Send a thank-you letter to Mr. Glenn Nice of the University of Wisconsin-Madison from the NCWSS for his long history of service to the society in several communications functions including website and newsletter development and design and to create a resolution to recognize Glenn's service. Vince moved Greg second. Passed.

Executive Secretary

Phil Banks

December 2, 2015

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

The current (as of November 30, 2015) net worth of NCWSS is \$498,998.85 which is \$ 11,090.40 less than reported on December 1, 2014. The main reasons for the posted net loss were: 1. New website design @ \$5,200.00; 2. Net change in the value of our RBC account @ \$5,480.35. The attached Net Worth Statement shows the allocation of our assets. Total liquid assets (checking plus money market) represents approximately twice our annual operating expenses. The attached Cash Flow Statement shows the distribution on income and expenses for the fiscal year 2014-15. This information will be forwarded to our account for tax filing. I will meet with the Finance Committee during the meeting to discuss our current investment allocation and any fee changes.

Pre-registration as of December 2, 2015 is 361 (16 Fellows, 88 Students, 257 Regular Members). For the Industry Breakfast, 74 have paid. Forty two have signed up for the Women in Weed Science Networking Breakfast. Local Arrangements Chair, Ryan Lee, and his committee have done a great job of preparation for the meeting. There was a problem with the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis in that they overbooked the hotel on Dec. 9 of our meeting by 100 rooms. This included two other groups either here at the same time as us or directly following us. We agreed to relocate 30 to 35 rooms to an over flow hotel. The Hyatt agreed to pay for those rooms, provide transportation to and from the overflow hotel, and to provide a free dinner to those affected. The hotel also agreed to provide the Industry Breakfast for no charge to NCWSS.

The Invasive Plants Symposium has a total of 113 registrations (16 one day only; 85 both days; 12 students). Mark Renz and the MIPN have handled the agenda and logistics for the symposium. All registration was handled through the NCWSS website and personell that work for the Executive Secretary.

Below is a summary of past meeting preregistration:

	Indianapolis	Minneapolis	Columbus	St. Louis	Milwaukee	Lexington
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Members	273	270	253	272	264	256
Students	<u>88</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>57</u>
Total	361	360	331	345	326	313
Final	???	401	375	411	360	361

Budget needs: Current operating budget for the NCWSS is approximately \$100,000/yr.

Suggestions for future: Within the next 12 months, a new Executive Secretary will be named. The contract may be higher than the current.

Current Committee members: NA

Suggestions for future committee members: NA

Net worth

NCWSS Net Worth - As of 12/2/2015

Account	11/30/2015	
	Balance	
ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
CD #3 5 yr @ 1.2%	44,253.59	Matures 9/2019
CD #4 4 yr @ 0.9%	44,121.73	Matures 9/2018
CD #5 5 yr @ 1.3%	40,160.16	Matures 9/2020
CD #6 2 yr @ 0.6%	40,240.36	Matures 9/2016
CD #7 3yr @ 0.8%	40,320.64	Matures 9/2017
Checking	94,849.02	
Money Market 0.3%	82,885.60	
RBC Account	112,167.75	
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	498,998.85	
TOTAL ASSETS	498,998.85	
LIABILITIES		0
OVERALL TOTAL	498,998.85	

NCWSS Cash Flow

12/1/2014 through 11/30/2015

Category

INFLOWS

Annual Meeting Income	107,510.37
Capital Gains	88.03
Div Income	3,211.48
Interest Inc	1,912.81
Renewals	1,810.00
Royalty On Proceedings	240
Security Value Change	-5,480.35
Sustaining Member Dues	20,000.00
Weed Contest	-8,500.00
Weeds Of Midwestern US & Canada	1,163.11
TOTAL INFLOWS	121,955.45

OUTFLOWS

Annual Meeting Expense	73,457.09
Bank Charge	3
CAST	2,500.00
CAST Dues	1,500.00
Corporation Annual Fee	10
Director Of Science Policy	7,779.06
Insurance	1,204.52
Management Fee	25,000.00
RBC Fee	1,426.66
Stipend	2,250.00
Student Awards	3,700.00
Supplies	109.56
Tax Preparation	766.36
Travel For WSSA Rep.	1,040.06
Travel To Annual Meeting	857.47
Travel To Summer Meeting	906.75
Web Master	4,000.00
Website Design	5,200.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	131,710.53

OVERALL TOTAL **-9,755.08**

WSSA Representative Report

Reid Smeda

Date of Preparation: December 5, 2015

Committee Activities during the Year:

A. WSSA Executive Board for February 2015– February 2016

Board Membership	Name
Past-President	Joseph DiTomaso
President	Dallas Peterson
President-elect (Program chair)	Kevin Bradley
Vice-President	Janis McFarland
Secretary	Larry Steckel
Treasurer	Rick Boydston
Members-at-Large	Daniel Kunkel, Andrew Kniss, Eric Palmer
Chair, Constitution and MOP	Peter Porpiglia
Director of Publications	Sarah Ward
Executive Secretary	Joyce Lancaster
Director of Science Policy	Lee Van Wychen
www.wssa.net	

B. WSSA Summer Board Meeting

Attended WSSA summer board meeting July 7-8 in San Juan, Puerto Rico and a report of that meeting was provided at the Summer 2015 board meeting.

C. Outcomes since WSSA Summer Board Meeting

1. Mark Bernards was approved as Chair of the Constitution and Operating Procedures Committee, effective Feb. 2016.
2. Motion to have the WSSA logo placed on the Take Action herbicide resistance educational materials passed. The language accompanying the use of the logo will be “endorsed by” and not “supported by”.
3. An additional symposium for the 2016 WSSA meeting in Puerto Rico was approved (with appropriate budget). Michael Horak is putting together the symposium which is entitled: The intersection of agricultural lands and wild areas considerations for pollinators, beneficials, and vegetative habitat.
4. Herbicide resistance website committee has developed a process for reviewing materials to post to the website. The following information are necessary for posting material:
 - a. Information must be scientifically valid and consistent with management BMP’s
 - b. Material must discuss some aspect of herbicide resistance
 - c. Address causes, implications, management of resistance or current status.
5. Rick Boydston and the Finance Committee outlined guidelines for the next 3 years regarding funding of the escrow account for the Director of Science Policy. Escrow account has accumulated more than projected and recommendation was to reduce annual contributions by 35.5%. NCWSS contribution would change from \$12,060 to \$7,779 (36.6% reduction).
6. Joyce Lancaster, Executive Secretary, will be retiring in the spring of 2017. President-elect Kevin Bradley is heading up a search committee comprised of members from different societies.
7. Correspondence is ongoing with Rick Bennett, President/Past President of APS regarding WSSA sponsoring a Fellow in the office of OSTP (Office of Science and Technology Policy). Rick wanted a commitment from WSSA by the end of the year, but the BOD was not willing to make a commitment at this time.

D. Future WSSA Meetings

Feb 8-11, 2016 San Juan, Puerto Rico (Joint meeting with SWSS, to be held at the Sheraton)

Feb 6-9, 2017 Tucson, AZ (Hilton El Conquistador)

2018: Arlington, VA (Crystal Gateway Marriott)

2019: New Orleans, LA (Sheraton)

CAST Report

Curtis Thompson

Date of Preparation: December 1, 2015

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

The Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) thanks all of you that have decided to be a member of CAST this year and we hope that you will continue. Those of you that are not members of CAST we would encourage you to visit the CAST website, URL <http://www.cast-science.org/> and check CAST out. Membership was discussed in the Spring Newsletter.

NCWSS board agreed to help support a CAST paper still in progress (VERY SLOW). The paper is titled: *'Recruiting and Educating Graduate Student to Become Researchers and Leaders in Global Agricultural Sciences.'* [Chair: Charles Rice, Kansas State University]. CAST appreciates our support for these papers. NCWSS members should watch for their release.

The most recent paper published/released October 2015 is titled 'Process labeling of Food: Consumer Behavior, the Agricultural Sector, and Policy Recommendations'. This is a free publication and can be downloaded from the CAST website, publications. CAST had a very successful launch of this paper and has received many good comments. We will have this paper available at the NCWSS annual meeting.

The CAST annual meeting was held in Des Moines, Iowa from October 27 through October 29. The CAST strategic planning process was one of the major focuses of this annual meeting which followed questionnaires to CAST board members and beyond. During 2015 I did serve on the Strategic planning committee which should conclude in December of 2015 or January 2016 with a final report back to CAST. Points from the planning process include: *Produce high quality publications, videos, and other media that have high impact including an effective and successful rollout. Increase our outreach with these products with strong communication including better use of social media to ALSO touch younger generations. Also want to anticipate emerging topics which may result in excellent impact.* The Board of Representatives finally had the opportunity to meet the NEW CAST Executive Vice President, Kent Schescke who started in the position approximately, June 1, 2015.

The objective of CAST is to communicate good science to the public and policy makers. If you have ideas for proposals, it is important to communicate these ideas to your cast Rep. Lowell Sandell is your new CAST Rep. There are three work groups within CAST; Plant Science, Animal Science, and Food Science. NCWSS rep's time is devoted to the Plant Science work group.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve NCWSS as your CAST representative. It has been an honor to serve and has been an enlightening process for myself to see the dedication and the ongoing work that occurs within CAST.

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Strategic Planning Committee

Dawn Refsell

December 3, 2015

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

We have filled all open positions, except CO/WY.

This long standing vacant representation will be discussed in SPC meeting.

Motions:

None at this time.

Extension Report

Kelly Nelson

Date of Preparation: July

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

Direct e-mails were sent to encourage participation in the extension session. There are 5 posters and 5 presentations in the session. Paul Johnson was added to the committee, and Bruce Ackley, with resident education/rules, was added to the extension committee to work on developing student videos. My responsibilities were to receive videos and arrange judges for a video presentation/competition based on criteria developed by resident education. The student video program is still in development.

Motions: None at this time.

Industry Report

Stott Howard

Date of Preparation: 5 December 2015

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

2016 Sustaining Membership Drive.

22 September: initial communication to 42 unique industry members (Phil Banks supplied list of industry membership)
12 November: second communication sent thanking those that had contributed and a reminder for those that had not
30 November: third communication sent to individual reminders that had not yet responded

Present status:

2016 Sustaining members = 22 (Paid = 15, Promised = 7, No thank you = 1)

2015 Sustaining members = 18

Sustaining Membership Overview and Review of Benefits.

2013: \$28,750 (\$12,750 Sustaining dues; \$8000 to weed contest; \$8000 society mixer)

2014: \$28,350 (\$20,350 Sustaining dues; \$0.00 no weed contest expenses; \$8000 society mixer)

<<Implementation of 'tiered membership' scheme>>

2015: \$26,500 Sustaining dues. No other solicitations.

2016: \$30,500 Sustaining dues (including promises to pay). No other solicitations.

Sustaining Member Benefit Tier:

Sponsorship Level	Annual Contribution	Sponsorship Benefits
Gold	\$3,000 +	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complimentary registration for the official representative at the annual meeting• Recognition of the company as a GOLD sponsor at the annual meeting• Invitation to the "What's New in Industry" session• Acknowledgement of support in most publications• Table/display space in poster session room
Silver	\$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complimentary registration for the official representative at the annual meeting• Recognition of the company as a SILVER sponsor at the annual meeting• Invitation to the "What's New in Industry" session• Acknowledgement of support in most publications• Table/display space in poster session room
Bronze	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complimentary registration for the official representative at the annual meeting• Recognition of the company as a BRONZE sponsor at the annual meeting• Invitation to the "What's New in Industry" session• Acknowledgement of support in most publications• Table/display space in poster session room

'What's new in Industry' session.

12 of 18 sustaining members will participate

Industry breakfast speaker.

Dave Gustafson, Director for ILSI Research Foundation's Center for Integrated Modeling of Sustainable Agriculture and Nutrition Security: 'Future shock now – current climate change impacts on the agri-food system'.

For discussion.

- Is their incentive in the sustaining membership tier? 'Acknowledgement of support in most publications' needs clarity. Process for 'complimentary registration' needs clarity.
- Should the industry committee include all sustaining members? It is open to sponsors to volunteer for committee.
- Should the NCWSS provide complimentary registration to breakfast speaker?
- Consider grouping sponsors by sponsorship level in the program .

Motions:

Resident Education Report

Doug Nord

Date of Preparation: December , 2015

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

213 participants in Weed Contest.

Number of graduate student poster and oral presentations are similar to previous year.

Site for 2016 Weed Contest will be Purdue University. July 27 and 28th the Purdue University Beck's Farm.

Motions:

Discussion that the contest is the same week as the Herbicide Mode of Action Short course. How many students might be attending. Doug to discuss with Doug.

Graduate Student Report

Daniel Smith

Date of Preparation: December 3, 2015

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

Attended 2015 WSSA in Lexington, Kentucky

Participated in 2015 Weed Olympics hosted by The Ohio State University and made several suggestions pertaining future Weed Olympic competitions.

Organized with much assistance from Dr. Anita Dille and Rodrigo Werle the 2015 Graduate Student Symposium on Molecular Techniques in Weed Science.

Assisted Jennifer Luczak and David Simpson with the organization of the pre-NCWSS conference student tour of Dow AgroSciences that will take place on December 7th.

Assisted Pamela Cannady with the organization of the 2015 NCWSS graduate student luncheon that will take place on December 9th.

Motions: To approve the attached approximate budget for the speaker reimbursements for the 2015 NCWSS Graduate Student Symposium.

NCWSS Board of Directors,

During the 2014 NCWSS annual meeting Rodrigo Werle and several other graduate students expressed interest in developing a symposium focusing on molecular science uses in weed science. Over the past six months talking with advisors and other graduate students the following speakers and topics were chosen. Joe Wuerffel- transition from graduate school to molecular biology uses in weed science. Dave Horvath- molecular uses to study weed competition and seed germination. Marie Jasieniuk- evolution and ecology of weeds using molecular approaches. Pat Tranel-molecular science and weed resistance. Each speaker was asked to present a 25 minute presentation and 5 minutes for questions. The speakers have accepted the invitation and are excited to present on December 9th during NCWSS annual meeting. I have asked the speakers to estimate their costs and have consulted with Dr. Anita Dille and Phil Banks on proper reimbursement guidelines.

NCWSS Molecular Science in Weed Science Symposium Budget

Speakers

Marie Jasieniuk

Traveling from UC Davis- Sacramento, CA airport

Flight \$450

Airport Shuttle \$46

Hotel \$300

David Horvath

Traveling from USDA Fargo, ND airport

Flight \$1,350

Hotel \$300

Pat Tranel

NCWSS Member- typically not eligible for reimbursement

Joe Wuerffel

Syngenta Covering

Total Requesting Approximately \$2,446.00
Complementary registration
is offered for non-NCWSS
members.

I am seeking board approval to reimburse the speakers the approximate amounts shown above.

Thank you,

Daniel Smith, NCWSS graduate student chair

Future Site Selection

Charles H. Slack

Date of Preparation: 12/02/15

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

The committee looked at three different cities. Information was collected from Columbus, Milwaukee and Minneapolis hotels. The Hyatt Regency's offered the best and near equal proposals. The committee reviewed the three proposals and voted for their choice. By a narrow vote the committee chose the Hyatt Regency in Milwaukee. The committee recommends the Hyatt Regency for 2018. Room rates will be \$129 per night, Rebate 5%, Food and Beverage Minimum \$10,000, Complimentary internet and Undergraduate Scholarship. The meeting dates will be 12/3 Monday–12/6 Thursday.

Budget needs: None

Suggestions for future: None

Current Committee members: J D Green, Dave Simpson, Sara Lawson, Kirk Howatt, Mark Loux, Eric Spandl, Charles Slack

Suggestions for future committee members:

Motion: Greg Kruger moved and Kelly Nelson second the motion to hold the 2018 meeting at the Hyatt Regency hotel with room rates of \$129 per night, a rebate 5%, a Food and Beverage Minimum of \$10,000, Complimentary internet and Undergraduate Scholarship. The meeting dates will be 12/3 Monday–12/6 Thursday.