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## Executive Secretary's Report

Robert Schmidt

### Membership as of September 30

	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Members	596	601	730	711	756
Students	<u>100</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>124</u>
Total	696	695	847	802	904

### Annual Meeting preregistration

	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
	St. Louis	Milwaukee	Kansas City	Columbus	St. Paul
Members	279	321	375	391	400
Students	<u>81</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>83</u>
Total preregistered	370	404	450	463	483
Final Attendance	474	501	495	603	649

## NCWSS Proceedings Editor

Bob Hartzler

Authors and symposia organizers were mailed instructions for submitting abstracts on Oct. 14. Deadline for submission is November 29. Have discussed plans for compiling Proceedings and Research Report with Bryan Young. Everything should go smoothly. Will submit expenses for labor and CD pressing after everything is complete. Expect expenses to be similar to 2001 (approx. \$3000).

## Newsletter Editor

Bill Johnson

Three newsletters were prepared and delivered via regular mail and on the NCWSS website in 2002. It is suggested to 1) consider electronic publication exclusively; 2) encourage membership to continue to submit items for inclusion in the newsletter; 3) review mailing list to avoid duplicate publication and mailing fees; and 4) develop a database with email address of members for electronic distribution of the newsletter.

## Research Report Editor

Bryan Young

Research Report submissions were solicited by email and at the NCWSS website in September. No problems were experienced during the electronic submission process that was required for the third year to produce the CD. The submission dates for the date of the combined NCWSS Proceedings and the Research Report CD is one month later than in 2001. The extra time was used to be more flexible with late submissions and allow for greater time for reviewing submissions. The CD authoring company also prefers to get the Research Report files ahead of the Proceedings to provide ample time for proofing the CD. The electronic files were processed into a database and delivered to the CD authoring company on November 15. The authoring company is currently waiting for the Proceedings to add to the master CD before sending it out for production/printing. The 2002 NCWSS Research Report is 360 pages compared to 414, 451, 497 pages in 2001, 2000, 1999, respectively. The number of reports has decreased from 191 in 2000 to 134 in 2002. The 2002 bid cost from Noteworthy (CD program authoring and cover art only) is \$2,200 which compares to \$4,695 (included duplication costs) for the 2000 CD and \$8,205.59 for 700 copies of the 1999 book report. The final product will determine the success of the first year of the combined Proceedings and Research Reports on a single CD. Future discussion may be needed on whether formatting and deadlines for the publications should be similar. However, keeping the publications as "separate" entities may be appropriate given the difference in purpose and users of each.

## **WSSA Representative**

Jamie Retzinger

Program Committee for 2003 – Scheduling committee meetings around the new Monday format means that most will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 in the morning. Hamill announced four symposia planned for the 2003 meeting: Impact of Current Events on Weed Biological Control Programs in North America: Is there Cause for Concern?; Invasive Weed Management: Resolving Regulatory and Jurisdictional Conflicts; Implications of Global Environmental Change on the Future of Weed Science; Role of Weeds in IPM Systems; and Turfgrass Weed Management: Using New Herbicide and Novel Technologies for the Future. The deadline for submitting PowerPoint files for presentation at the 2003 annual meeting is January 31. It was recommended that Section Chairs be required to delete all electronic presentation files at the conclusion of their sessions. Dr. Greg MacDonald is organizing an invasive weeds conference to be held in conjunction with the WSSA annual meeting in Jacksonville.

Finance Committee – Investment revenues first quarter held their own, but losses occurred during the second quarter. WSSA investments usually generate between \$40,000 and \$50,000 US annually; lower 2002 earnings are expected due to the general economic slowdown in the US. Orders for *The Herbicide Handbook, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition* have now exceeded production costs and it is generating profit for the Society. WSSA received a \$17,851 US royalty payment from BioOne, the electronic journal consolidator.

Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) Contract – Skipper reported that task force members had visited the ARI office to explore the possibility of WSSA accepting administrative duties for an on-going grant. The EPA grant is for analyzing and developing pilot pesticide safety programs and materials, and ARI is seeking an administrator. After consideration, the task force recommends that WSSA accept the transfer of grant administrative services if it is offered.

Expert Identification Systems Project (XID) – Dr. Richard Old presented a proposal for collaboration between WSSA and XID; the initial goal is to fine-tune a CD ROM containing an interactive key to 1,000 common weeds in North America. Phase II of the proposal would expand the project to include additional weed species.

Allen Marketing and Management Contract – Lancaster presented a proposal for a new contract with Allen Marketing and Management. The current annual fee for services is \$56,800 US annually; the proposed contract is for \$72,000, \$73,800, and \$75,600 US, respectively, for 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Barlow demonstrated AllenTrack, a web-based manuscript submission, review, and tracking system; it is designed to enhance the efficiency of WSSA journal publication operations by moving from a paper- and mail-based system to a web-based electronic system. Increase page charges for Weed Science and Weed Technology to \$60 US per page. Non-members publishing in either journal would be charged an additional \$50 US for each paper accepted for publication. The increased charge will go into effect when the electronic manuscript system is operational.

Calendar Business Proposal – Retzinger presented a business plan for printing 2000 WSSA calendars featuring photographs of weeds and requested \$4000 US to fund the first printing (2003).

Executive Secretary Report - WSSA currently has 1805 members, and Lancaster suggested that we set a goal for increasing membership and then make plans to accomplish it. Attendance at the 2002 annual meeting in Reno totaled 666, with the following breakdown: guest/spouse - 25; members - 337; non-members - 52; students - 106; honorary member - 1; WSSA meeting plus invasive species workshop - 45; invasive species workshop only - 47; invasive species workshop + 1-day WSSA attendance - 2; non-member exhibitor - 1.

## **CAST Representative**

James Martin

Reports on CAST activities were made in the summer and fall issues of the NCWSS Newsletters. I attended the CAST Board of Directors spring meeting in Washington, DC, during March 14-16, and the fall meeting in Phoenix, AR, during September 12-14.

CAST Activities at the 2002 NCWSS meeting: Dr Teresa Gruber, CAST Executive Vice President, will be a

speaker at the NCWSS General Session on December 3. In addition to the CAST booth at the NCWSS meeting, a time slot on the program will be set aside to have dialogue with interested members about CAST's activities.

Biotechnology Communication Initiative: A significant part of CAST activities has focused on this initiative with the help of Ms. Cindy Richard, Biotechnology Program Coordinator. Listed below are some of the activities related to the Biotechnology Program. 1) CAST has worked with the U.S. Trade and Development Agency in coordinating the U.S. - China food and agricultural training program and dialogue in January. 2) CAST worked with US Soybean Board (USB) in developing the publication on *Comparative Environmental Impacts of Biotechnology-derived and Traditional Soybean, Corn, and Cotton Crops*. 3) CAST is seeking financial support to help continue the Biotechnology Advisory Committee activities. This group provides external review of CAST's Biotechnology Program, which is a self-funded program. 4) CAST is working on a one-day forum on the Future of Food and Agricultural Biotechnology Innovations and Regulations in the Washington, DC area. 5) Plans are underway to develop a Web - based dialogue on food and agricultural biotechnology. In concept, video clips (accessible via the internet) will be developed by knowledgeable authorities to help communicate scientific information on a variety of agricultural biotechnology topics. 6) CAST will be sponsoring a meeting on "Biotechnology derived Perennial Turf: Risks and Benefits" in conjunction with the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) in February 2003, in Jacksonville, FL. An issue paper is also being considered as a part of this effort.

Other CAST Activities: 1) CAST is sponsoring a workshop on "Pest Resistance Management" in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> annual IPM symposium on April 10-11, 2003, in Indianapolis, IN. 2) CAST published a report on - *Invasive Pest Species: Impacts on Agricultural Production, Natural Resources and the Environment*. IP20, Mar 2002, 18pp. 3) The CAST web site is being modified to provide online services including membership renewal, purchasing publications, and providing a membership directory to members only. 4) "Boundless Science for Bountiful Agriculture" is an essay contest for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students across the nation that encourages students to learn about a variety of issues dealing with agricultural science. Essays of no more than 500 words were to be submitted online by November 1, 2002. Winners will be recognized at their local school, Congressional district, state, and national levels. This is being coordinated by CAST and funded primarily by the USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). 5) Membership Partners Program: NCWSS received \$215 this year as a result of 12 of our members joining CAST as a new member. CAST is continuing this program for next year's membership cycle. When you join as a new member of CAST as a century, lifetime or regular individual membership, you help the NCWSS and receive several benefits. 6) CAST is in the final stages of moving the Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) contracts into CAST. The ARI Board of directors agreed to transfer all of its assets to CAST, including the ARI / EPA Worker Protection Standard Project.

The Society need to continue to provide booth space for CAST and evaluate the need for scheduling time and space during the NCWSS meeting for dialogue among NCWSS members regarding CAST activities.

#### **Extension Committee**

Jeff Stachler, Chair

The Extension Committee held a business meeting at the 2001 NCWSS Meeting and elected Shawn Conley as the Vice Chair. There was a discussion as to how many states still print an IPM/Agronomics newsletter, with most states still printing a newsletter, although at a decreased number. Jerry Doll reported that the NCWSS passed a resolution to support the new edition of "Ontario Weeds". Several committee members suggested having a symposium at the 2002 NCWSS Meeting, however, it was not organized. We will consider having a discussion style symposium at the 2003 NCWSS meeting about the future of extension in weed science.

#### **Industry Committee**

Dave Ruen, Chair

Dow AgroSciences at Fowler, IN hosted the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest in 2002. Syngenta will host the contest at their research station near Champaign, IL in 2003. Need to solicit host companies for 2004 and beyond. The 2002 sustaining membership includes 26 sustaining members. The 2001 membership was 24. Emails and follow-up phone calls were made by committee chairman, Dave Ruen, to remind several member companies to

pay dues. A topic and speaker were chosen for the annual industry breakfast and business meeting to be held on Thursday morning, December 4<sup>th</sup> during the annual meeting. Tom Nickson, Director – Ecological Technology Center, Monsanto, will be speaking on the topic and issue of gene flow from genetically modified crops. To date, six sustaining members have requested display space for the 2002 meeting following a call printed in Summer 2002 NCWSS News. Letters to all members reminding them of display opportunity going out in early November mailing. Letters will be sent out to non-member companies offering them opportunities to participate with displays at the upcoming meeting in exchange for 2003 membership.

The Society needs to update sustaining membership company list and website addresses provided at ncwss.org website as Links. The committee should consider to 1) continue the Industry meeting/breakfast with an appropriate speaker. Favorable reviews have created increased interest and ongoing demand for this activity. Also, it is an excellent draw to increase attendance to the industry meeting which follows; 2) continue to work on plans to increase the number of new sustaining member companies by identifying new companies whom might benefit from display opportunities and increased awareness from participation in annual meetings; 3) consider adding sustaining membership category for annual dues of \$1500 for sales > \$1 MMM; currently member companies pay \$1000 dues for company sales > \$100MM. As companies have combined (chemical + chemical or chemical + seed), total membership revenues have declined yet sales dollars of these companies have not. This proposal will be brought forward for discussion and action at the annual meeting Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Regulatory and Crop Consultants Committee**

David Bennett, Chair

Over the last two years, very little if any interest has been shown in this section of the meetings. In an effort to solicit talks for this year's meeting, late in 2001 and early 2002, I had few people indicating interest, but no one had time to approach the issue. I see no reason to keep this session as a forum to present papers or talks. If this session is to remain, I would suggest to turn it into a GLP training session, but yet the number of consultants/contractors that attend the meeting any more may not make this a cost effective alternative.

### **Research and Publications Committee**

Bob Starke, Chair

This year the Research Report and Proceedings from the annual meeting are going to be burned on a CD and all registered attendees to the annual meeting will receive a copy of the CD, instead of hard copies. The committee recommends that the board have extra copies of this CD available for those that could not attend the meeting. There also should be a purchase price set for the CD. The committee should make sure up to date meeting abstracts and research reports are placed on the NCWSS.org website. These updates need to be done annually and a formal process should be put in place to keep the web site up to date. The committee may survey NCWSS membership to gain information on current topics within the industry. Examples could revolve around weed resistance/shifts and management practices in place to deal with these issues.

### **Resident Education Committee**

Kassim Al-Khatib, Chair

Graduate Paper and Poster contests. There were 50 graduate student papers and 23 graduate student posters entered in the contests at the 2001 NCWSS meeting. There were four sections in the paper contest and 3 sections in the poster contest. For 2002, there are 51 papers and 29 posters entered in the contests. An announcement requesting volunteers for contest judges was placed in the NCWSS Newsletter.

Undergraduate Poster contest. There are more contestants in 2002 compared to 2001. There are eight posters in the contest, representing four universities. The contest will be held in conjunction with the Graduate Student Poster Contest, with the same rules and evaluation guidelines. The contest was announced in the NCWSS Newsletter, along with a request for contest judge volunteers.

Summer contests. The 2002 North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest was hosted on July 18 by Dow AgroSciences on their Midwest Research Center in Fowler, IN. Dr. Mark Peterson, Cheryl McGovern and the rest of Dow AgroSciences staff did a great job conducting a successful contest. A total of 81 students (34 undergraduates

and 47 graduates) participated in the contest, with 14 universities represented. There were 12 graduate and 6 undergraduate teams. The 2003 contest will be hosted by Syngenta at their research center located near Champaign, IL.

This year was the first in which the host of the summer contest did not provide dinner the night before the contest to cut expenses. However, Dow AgroSciences had a reception where food was served. In addition, Mark Peterson was creative in reducing the cost of the contest. Furthermore, the introduction of registration fees helped to reduce cost on the host company. The other reduction in expenses came from using Dow AgroSciences personnel and resources and not to provide caps for contestants. There were deficits of \$4,000 that Dow AgroSciences paid from their own budget. The recommendation is to advise companies to reduce cost by having a reception the night before the contest and eliminate unnecessary items.

The number of chemical companies is shrinking. The same company may host the contest one in every four years in the near future. This will add a strain to these companies because of lack of personnel to run the contest. Therefore, the board needs to discuss the possibility of universities to host the contest or have the contest in alternate years. It will be difficult to host the contest by university because of budget and personnel reductions in many universities but the ideas of hosting the contest by multiple universities or co-hosting the contest with companies need to be discussed.

The board needs to encourage cooperation between the program chair and student paper and poster chairs to coordinate these presentations to facilitate judging. There is an increase in the number of papers and posters in certain sessions that making judging these papers or posters difficult. For example, there are many posters in the crop ecology poster session that make judging of these posters in one day extremely difficult. The Crop Ecology session may need to be split over two days to give judges enough time to evaluate posters. The other suggestion is to distribute abstracts to judges before the contest so they will have a prior knowledge about papers or posters and prepare questions to authors.

### **Graduate Student Committee**

Scott Nolte, Chair

The Graduate Student Mixer is being sponsored again in 2002 by BASF Corporation. The mixer will be held Monday night, December 2, at 6:30 pm. The 2001 Graduate Student Business Meeting was conducted over lunch on Wednesday, December 12, and was sponsored by Monsanto Corporation. Approximately 40 graduate students attended the 2001 meeting, which was the same as the previous year. The 2002 Graduate Student Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, and will be sponsored by Bayer CropScience Corporation. The topic of the Graduate Student Weeds Contest maintained the most interest at the past Graduate Student meeting with discussion of ways to reduce expenses. The idea of cutting cost by scaling back the meal the night before the contest and eliminating the hats or other promotional items was unanimously accepted. The ideas were presented at the Board meeting on December 12, 2001.

### **Career Placement Committee**

Eric Spandl, Chair

The Career Placement Service form was added to the NCWSS web site within the Annual Meeting Information Center. The form can be printed or downloaded. Also, the form will be in the fall newsletter. We asked if there was an opportunity to email a reminder to NCWSS members on a listserver. At this time, that is not an option. Requests were made from contacts in crop protection companies for available positions. Some of the challenges encountered are finding the right contact person. Additionally, many jobs are not formally posted. Last year, only 3 forms were submitted prior to the meeting and one added during the meeting. There were over 10 resumes posted. While we do not have the quantity of listings as previous years, many people still felt it was a valuable service.

It is suggested to continue to provide a Career Placement Room. Provide copies of the form in the room since many people do not send the form before the meeting. Also, have a copier available near the room. Consider linking the NCWSS web site with other sites listing positions such as WSSA, WSWS, and ASA. Consider listing or linking to positions in other fields such as seed or agronomy. Previous suggestions to develop an internet submission form should be considered if the number of positions increase substantially.

## **Finance, Steering, and Policy Committee**

Chris Boerboom, Chair

At the close of the 2002 fiscal year, the Society has an invested financial reserve of \$298,606 which exceeds twice the annual operating expense of the Society (\$98,527) by 50% as mandated in the Manual of Operating Procedures, Chapter 9. This favorable ratio is a consequence of the significant reductions in publication and annual meeting expenses compared with previous years. The financial reserve is adequate at this time. After 2 consecutive years where total expenses exceeded income (excluding investments), a net loss in 2001, and a budgeted net loss for 2002, it is good to report a net gain for 2002. The 2001 annual meeting (2002 fiscal year) generated a net profit of \$13,134, principally because of the lower costs at the Milwaukee site and efficient planning. Income from the NCWSS Research Report covered production costs and the NCWSS Proceedings had a net profit of \$3,411. There was a net profit for publications of \$3,168. Expenses exceeded income for program services by \$21,940, which was near the budgeted amount. Major program expenses include the NCWSS Newsletter (\$4,731), North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest (\$6,500), Management Fee (\$17,000), the Washington Liaison (\$14,000). The deficit in program service area is a result of the NCWSS contribution to these areas.

Three changes were made to the MOP as a consequence of Board motions. The MOP be revised to reflect the current duties of the Local Arrangements Committee, the creation of the an undergraduate poster contest, and to remove mention of free banquet tickets for students in the paper and poster contests.

## **Legislative Information Committee**

Jerry Doll, Chair

Thanks to the great efforts of Rob Hedberg, our Director of Science and Policy for the combined weed science societies, this task is carried out much more completely and effectively than would otherwise be the case. Issues of particular concern that Rob has dealt with this year include the atrazine review, drift management, invasive weeds and working to get weed scientists on key committees in Washington agencies. Rob will give a report of current issues and activities during the annual meeting. The committee recommends maintaining our support of the DSP and we need to make him more visible in the Society. For example, I find it strange that Rob is not listed on our committee list nor as a director of the NCWSS. In fact, I do not see his name, duties, how to contact him, etc. anywhere on our web site. This needs to be changed so that members can readily find him and bring issues to his attention. We recommend publishing articles by Rob in each issue of the newsletter.

## **Local Arrangements Committee**

Tom Peters, Chair

An April meeting with Kelly Smith, our conference coordinator at the Hyatt Regency was our first meeting. We toured the facilities and made our first attempt at assigning various committee functions and sessions to rooms. The final room assignments were made in October once the program was set. Our committee did not meet formally. Rather, I arranged 'virtual' meetings by email where various topics and appropriate action items were addressed. We held our second meeting in October and our third in December. We will meet as a team December 2, 2002 to finalize any remaining details.

Our hotel room take has not been as aggressive as was anticipated. The room block was modified in January as follows: Sunday, 45 rooms, Monday 383 rooms, Tuesday, 427 rooms, Wednesday, 383 rooms and Thursday, 15 rooms. We have 1040 or 83% of our contracted capacity as of November 26, 2002. However, there is a concern that cancellations will erode our total and force us to consider the specter of a penalty for not reaching our 80% (1002 room) contracted target. The LAC chairman will determine the use of complimentary rooms. To date, the only comp room to be assigned is for the President. Everyone else will be expected to pay for his or her room.

Pre-convention tour: Boyd Carey and Brett Bussler have arranged for a tour of Monsanto's Chesterfield Village facility. Approximately 80 have signed up. Banquet: Dan Schroeder selected a banquet menu for \$39 a plate. There will be a cash bar before dinner. Leroy Cobia will deliver the invocation and Larry Binning will be Master of Ceremony. Registration: Bill Parker, Reid Smeda, and Tracy Klingaman will assist Bob Schmidt with registration from Monday through Wednesday. Audio/Visuals: Ron Lloyd and Ray Schulze have arranged for audio, screens,

and accessories through Swank, the in-house vendor. Cost is \$4326, which compares favorable with last year's rates. Ron will ensure that we have the appropriate LCD equipment and remotes to make the presentations during the meeting. Room set-up: Chad Becker and Bill Tarter will conduct a walk-through with Swank and Hotel staff on Monday of the conference and will ensure that the meeting rooms are set. They will synchronize session chair's watches to ensure the sessions are on schedule. Trouble shooting/Security: Ray Schultze will be within radio distance in the event that something does not go as scheduled. All LAC members will watch to be sure that attendees are wearing their name tag since the meeting rooms are in close proximity to retail shopping areas. Spouses will be given a name tag so they will be identifiable when in the Jefferson room. Signage: Norm Probst has checked the crates and reports the only signs needed are for the symposia. Probst and Robert Bellm will ensure signs are at the doors of the session rooms. Posters and sustaining member exhibits: Joe Sandbrink and Ron Krausz will ensure the easels are properly arranged in the poster area and ensure the correct number of tables and electrical hookups for the sustaining member displays. They will number the posters in a manner consistent with the program. Public relations: Articles and images were provided to the Newsletter. The conference was promoted in various ag publications. A room has been designated for PR and will contain a computer, printer, and copy machine. A professional photographer has been contracted to take pictures during the general session and banquet. Meals: Greg Elmore coordinated the poster and paper breakfasts and morning and afternoon breaks. Most of his effort focused on 'in-conjunction' food and beverage functions including, mixers, lunches, and hospitality. It is important to coalesce this information since our contract call for a minimum spent for food functions. These data have been communicated with the hotel staff via spread sheet. Spouses programs: Linda Neifert will be in the Spouses room on Tuesday morning and provide a list of activities.

It is recommended the board consider the following. 1) Hotels look at conventions as a package. The package includes sleeping rooms and food and beverage. As the number of sleeping room contracted declined, the focus on ensuring that we meet our food and beverage minimum becomes more prevalent. To the displeasure of some in the industry, the LAC kept very close tabs on all 'in-conjunctions' dollars that were/will be spent at the meeting since we want credit against our contract. This needs to continue to be a component/consideration of future LAC. 2) Charles Slack and I negotiated a double rate that was priced only slightly higher than the single. Speaking without data, the cost of convention sleeping rooms has increased in time. Attendees appear to be compensating by sharing rooms. At writing, there were 161 single rooms reserved and 125 rooms reserved. I will recommend to Charles Slack and the Site Selection Committee that we increase the cost of doubles and request 1.5 rooms per night at these rates. This may help to ensure that our convention is held in a first class hotel in the future.

### **Membership Committee**

Ken Carlson, Chair

At the request of Dallas Peterson, President NCWSS, in February of 2002 all of the members of the Membership Committee were requested to submit suggestions as to how to increase membership within the NCWSS. These ideas were summarized, categorized, and consolidated into a report that was submitted to President Peterson in mid-March of 2002 to present to the NCWSS Board for discussion at their summer meeting. It is requested that the board discuss, consider, and act on ideas formulated by the Membership Committee to improve membership in the NCWSS. It is suggested the committee prepare a list of additional ideas to increase membership of the NCWSS for consideration by the Board, which will be obtained as a result of the Membership Committee open meeting to be held on Wednesday morning during the NCWSS meeting.

### **Program Committee**

Mike Horak, Chair

The Program Committee has developed a comprehensive program for the annual meeting of the NCWSS to be held in St. Louis, December 3-5<sup>th</sup> 2002. This year there will be over 225 paper and poster presentations. The program begins with the first of two poster sessions on Tuesday morning, followed by the general session. Bill Johnson, University of Missouri, Columbia will welcome members to the NCWSS meeting. The general session speakers include Roger Cousens, University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, with a presentation entitled "Weed Science: Where are we and where should we be?" Also on the program are Teresa Gruber, Executive Director of CAST and Rob Hedberg, Director of Science Policy, National and Regional Weed Science Societies. Dallas Peterson will present the Presidential address and Chris Boerboom will present the financial report.



The program continues with a special section to discuss Science Policy and Cast issues on Tuesday afternoon, as well as paper presentations in four sections. Wednesday morning begins with the second poster section followed by paper presentation in four sections. Throughout Wednesday afternoon seven program sections will meet at various times as well as a symposium entitled "Weed Community Shifts". Wednesday evening will feature a social hour and the NCWSS banquet. On Thursday morning the Industry Breakfast will feature Tom Nickson, Monsanto Company, St. Louis, speaking on "Gene flow from genetically modified crops: a multi-faceted problem, spanning science, regulation, trade and society". The morning continues with one section meeting and two symposia entitled "Application equipment and technology as it may influence weed control in the future" and "Glyphosate resistant weeds: status, prevention and management". The program ends at 11:00 on Thursday morning.

As in past years, the program includes a graduate paper contest with over fifty students participating and graduate and undergraduate poster contests with over thirty-five combined participants. For the first time in several years, all society committees and sections are scheduled to meet to orient new committee and section members and conduct society business. In addition several changes have been made to the format of the printed program to aid in readability and ease of use.

### **Publicity and Public Relations Committee**

Jerry Doll, Chair

There are several out dated duties in the MOP for this committee, particularly the one to "staff the press room" and the other to "prepare stories and obtain photographs of awardees, Honorary Members, officers, etc., for release to appropriate local and national publications." We no longer have a press room and the local arrangements committee and newsletter editor take care of the second one. It appears we have been negligent in getting news releases out to farm newspapers and magazines as well. My sense is that farm newspapers are not likely to draw many to our annual meeting but to have the society in the media would still be good so I believe this practice should remain as one of the committee's duties. I will prepare one for release in mid November as listed in the duties. I did prepare a publicity item for three newsletters in Wisconsin. I sent the same to weed scientists in the region via the NCWEEDS list serve and asked them to modify as needed and publicize it in their newsletters and to also forward it to other organizations for publication. I particularly highlighted the three symposia as this is what will appeal to the most people. It is easy to refer them to the NCWSS's web site for the full program details and registration information. I also sent the dates of our annual meeting to several ag magazine and asked that they include them in their calendar of coming events.

### **Resolutions and Necrology Committee**

Richard Zollinger, Chair

Dr. Fred Slife passed away May 8, 2002 and a short article summarizing his life and a just a few of his many accomplishments were published in NCWSS News 19 (2):10. NCWSS members were very helpful in obtaining the information for publication. It should be impressed upon the membership that information on deceased members should be forwarded to the Resolutions and Necrology Committee. It is assumed that the local arrangements committee has done a stellar job in making arrangements for the NCWSS 2002 meeting in St. Louis, MO, and the facility hosting the 2002 NC Collegiate Weed Science Contest provided an excellent learning experience for the participating students, and the NCWSS Poster and Paper Judges will fulfill their obligations and responsibilities, it should be considered to develop resolutions noting exemplary effort and dedication.

### **Distinguished Achievement Awards Committee**

Duane Rathmann, Chair

Five worthy candidates were recommended by the committee and ratified by the NCWSS board to be awarded at the 2002 annual meeting. The candidates have been contacted and all are able to be present to receive their awards at the banquet on Wednesday night. It is recommended that a group email box of all state directors is available to help solicit nominations from each state.

### **Future Site Selection Committee**

Charles Slack, Chair

The committee looked at the Hyatt Regency Kansas City for 2005. They have the dates that we desire and Mike Edenfield has agreed to be Local Arrangements Chair. I am currently negotiating a favorable contract. The committee is in agreement with this site as we had a very successful meeting there in 2000. The committee recommends that the Kansas City Hyatt Regency be the site for 2005. The dates would be December 11 - 15.

### **Herbicide Resistance Committee**

Mark Peterson, Chair

The committee met December 10, 2001 during the NCWSS Milwaukee meeting. Reports of glyphosate resistance in amaranthus and conyza species were discussed. However, in most cases research was in early stages and limited information was available. It was decided that a more formalized resistance survey would be conducted in 2002. Currently, the survey is being distributed to researchers across the NC Region by members of the committee. The committee will continue to collect and report information.

### **Electronic Communications Committee**

Brent Pringnitz, Chair

At the 2001 meeting, LCD projectors were used in all sessions. 130 presenters used the LCD option and 14 used slides. All presentations at the 2002 meeting will be via LCD projectors and computer. Collection of the presentations went smoothly for 2001 with no major problems. Following suggestions from sections chairs, the submission process for 2002 was modified. Section chairs will only need to be present in the multimedia room on Tuesday morning. All equipment was provided by committee members, section chairs, and the local arrangements committee.

The NCWSS had 97,377 hits, 62,261 page views, and 15,478 visits in 2002. This compares to 93,198 hits, 56,560 page views, and 16,175 visits in 2001. As of May 1, 2002, the NCWSS owns its own domain name and the website moved to [www.ncwss.org](http://www.ncwss.org). The site is used primarily to convey annual meeting information, submission of titles and abstracts, and as an online archive of past board minutes, committee listings, and newsletters. The 201 Proceedings and Abstracts are also available through the website.

There has been no progress on developing a Society-wide email list. The committee has been investigating options for a new membership record system for use by the Executive Secretary. Once a new database system is in place, maintaining an email listserv will be possible. Since the NCWSS owns its own domain name, email lists and addresses for the Society are available ([name@ncwss.org](mailto:name@ncwss.org)).

It is recommended that the board develop the position of "Web Editor" to clarify who fulfills this role, how they are selected, their responsibilities, and authority.

### **Long Range Planning Committee**

Duane Rathmann, Chair

Results of the member straw poll at the 2001 NCWSS General session indicated members wanted to retain their identity as the NCWSS and were willing to pay a larger registration fee in order to do so. With those results in mind the committee addressed the shorter term financial issues which resulted in the following proposals approved at the summer NCWSS board meeting: 1) Bundle registration, research reports, proceedings, dues, and banquet ticket into one fee for annual meeting registration. The bundled fee will produce a more predictable income from the annual meeting whose proceeds are the main source of income to the society. A \$200 fee, (\$100 for students) was approved at the summer board meeting. 2) Produce the Research Report and Proceedings on the same CD and mail to all members in January. A combined CD will save duplicate production costs while a January mailing will allow time to produce a quality product. 3) Reduce newsletter costs (currently \$5400/yr) by using an electronic notice for the Fall and Spring newsletter, whereas the Summer newsletter (call for papers) would be a hard copy version mailed to all members. This option will save approximately \$1800/ yr. 4) Continue to give NCWSS Fellows complimentary membership and proceedings/research report CD as prescribed in our MOP, but require payment for

the balance of meeting registration items for a total of \$140.

It is recommended that the Board should clearly identify the “Long Term” issues that the committee should address and distinguish the Long Term Planning committee duties from the membership committee duties. It is suggested that the annual meeting should be broadened with new sections or venues to replace sections with poor participation such as Industrial, Forestry, and Turf, and Aquatics and Regulatory and Crop Consultants.