

**North Central Weed Science Society
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Presidents Report

Tom Peters

The President was active throughout the year with NCWSS correspondence and attempted to write monthly updates at the beginning of the year on the happenings of the society using the NCWSS list serve. The WSSA held nearly quarterly conference calls with the Regional Presidents. Several discussions were held on the WSSA Director of Science Policy position, the relationship of this position between the Regional Societies and the WSSA, and filling the vacancy that was created when Rob Hedberg left the position in April. Our summer board meeting included a full day training with Dr. Peter Bloom on Shared Leadership II, which was a follow-up meeting to the one attended by Bryan Young and Kassim Al-Khatib who represented NCWSS in a Shared Leadership training session in 2004. The Long Range Planning Committee and Executive Committee left the summer meeting charged and reinvigorated. The changes to the structure and content of our annual meeting continue to excite me. Kevin Gibson, Michael Horak, Steve Miller and Adrian Moses have done a tremendous job of pulling together a program that will drive attendance to our conference. This year there is a Society Mixer planned during the Poster Session, which is a significant part of our program and represents how the society needs to continue to evolve. Suggestions for the future include: 1) continued discussions with the WSSA and the NCWSS board about hiring an Executive Director, 2) continue to challenge the Long Range Planning Committee to think outside the box and work to make the society more vibrant and in touch with the needs of the society, 3) reevaluate the composition of the board, and 4) continue to challenge the format of our annual meeting.

President Elect Report

Steve Miller

Several changes were implemented in the annual meeting based on the feedback from the membership. The program committee initially met in Honolulu prior to the WSSA, in Kansas City in April to discuss membership desires, and the program was finalized at the summer board meeting in Manhattan, KS. Some of the changes implemented this year in the program include: a "What's New From Industry" section, a society mixer social hour tied with the poster session, poster presentations scheduled on one day, a society sponsored workshop, and networking with the Midwest Invasive Plant Network to develop an invasive weeds symposium. As chairman of the program I worked closely with Glenn Nice and John Wollam to get the program out in a timely fashion. This year's program includes 223 volunteered or invited papers, 81 which are posters. Graduate student participation in either the poster or paper contest is near normal levels. Consideration should be given to incorporate within the MOP a duty for the Vice President to handle the "What's New from Industry" session.

Executive Secretary's Report

Robert Schmidt

Membership as of September 30

	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Members	423	488	545	596	601
Students	<u>61</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>94</u>
Total	484	558	640	696	695

Annual Meeting Preregistration*

	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
	Kansas City	Columbus	Louisville	St. Louis	Milwaukee
Members	239	263	278	279	321
Students	<u>46</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>83</u>
Total preregistered	285	318	340	370	404
Final Attendance	315 est.	336	381	452	501

*Does not include symposium preregistrations: 35 Gene Flow; 23 Invasive Species (11 one day, 12 day and half)

NCWSS Proceedings Editor

Bob Hartzler

No written report

NCWSS Research Report Editor

Bryan Young

Research Report submissions were solicited by email and at the NCWSS website in September. The submission due date for reports was November 11. The expected distribution date of the combined NCWSS Proceedings and Research Report CD is January 2006. The 2005 NCWSS Research Report contains 79 reports which is slightly down from 2004 (95) and significantly reduced from 2000 (191). The 2005 bid cost from Noteworthy (CD program authoring and cover art only) is \$2,400.00. The 2005 bid cost from Advanced Duplication Services (CD production) is \$1,310.00 for 700 copies or \$1.87 per CD. Thus, the total cost is \$3,710.00 or \$5.30 per CD, which is down \$0.15 per CD from 2004. This cost does not include labor for compiling the information on the CD or mailing costs for distribution. No immediate changes are suggested, but an ongoing discussion of the value of the Research Reports to the mission of the NCWSS is encouraged.

NCWSS Communications Editor

Bill Johnson

No written report

WSSA Representative

Roger Becker

There is little new to report since the report presented to the NCWSS Summer Board meeting in Manhattan, (there has not been significant activity on the WSSA side since NCWSS Summer Board meeting). Update information is in this first paragraph. The rest is substantially the same as presented at Manhattan, but the entire text is included again for the benefit of all members of the NCWSS board of directors. Regarding the perpetual issue of MOP language for the Director of Science Policy, at the WSSA summer board Past President Donn Thill agreed to draft language for the WSSA MOP regarding the DSP. He will include provisions for a regional society to opt-out of funding the DSP, though there was some concern expressed by WSSA board members that such a clause will give the appearance of a annually negotiable agreement. I agreed in concept, but restated the need for an opt-out clause to insure orderly transitions acknowledging the uncertainties of budgets at the regional level. Regarding the IRS tax status issue, language will be added to clarify that the DSP is an employee of WSSA and contracts for services with the regional societies. The Washington Liaison Committee is the group to resolve this issue and produce MOP language for the DSP position. NCWSS should then be able to clarify NCWSS MOP language as well.

At the NCWSS Summer Board meeting, a discussion was held on the value and benefits of WSSA Director of Science Policy position for the NCWSS. A motion was approved at the meeting to financially support the WSSA Director of Science Policy position at \$16,000 for a period of one additional year. As background information on action taken by the NCWSS Executive Board, a key effort was made during the President's Breakfast to address long range planning issues of the regional societies and the WSSA in part focusing on the needed increase in funding for the Director of Science Policy position during the WSSA board meeting in Oahu, HI. Following the WSSA annual meeting, a proposed five year budget request for support of the DSP were forwarded to all the societies seeking ways to meet the oncoming funding demands for this position. As of the WSSA summer board meeting, all regional societies had approved the proposed plan at the requested levels with the caveat that the SWSS funded at \$16,000 for the next five years rather than the \$17,600 requested citing budget challenges which were being addressed by the SWSS with increased membership fees and annual meeting fees. Concern was expressed by other regional societies that if NCWSS also came in below the proposed budget, that their societies may also rescind and fund at lower levels. The WSSA board felt the deficit in the amount approved by SWSS was not that significant in the scope of the entire budget, but a request will be made that SWSS fund at the 17600 level starting year 2 of the 5 year cycle. The WSSA board extended an offer of employment to Dr. Lee Van Wychen to fill the Director of Science Policy position vacated by Rob Hedberg this past year.

The WSSA board approved a \$55 increase in registration fees which are now at \$250 for members; \$350 for non-members; and \$175 for graduate students. Membership dues were increased to \$155 for receipt of online only copies of the journals and \$175 for online and print copies; students fees were set at \$60 and \$80 for online only and online plus print, respectively. A discussion on digitizing the Weed Science Society journals ensued in Hawaii. Following Board discussions it is generally perceived that it is a win/win for the Weed Science Society to shift to the Alliance Communications group for digitizing the journals. Final contract wording suggestions were made at the NY summer board mtg. and the contracts should be signed soon.

Membership was up by approximately 150 at the annual meeting held in Hawaii with a tremendous upsurge in spousal attendance. The Hawaii location was a success though the location did prevent some attendance by members that would otherwise attend if held on the continental United States. Future meeting dates of the annual WSSA meeting will be New York City Marriott Marquee, Times Square, New York, Feb 13-16, 2006; San Antonio Hyatt Regency on the River Walk, Feb 5- 8, 2007. Other meeting dates of interest include the National Invasive Weed Awareness Week, February 27–March 3, 2006 and the IWSS meeting in Vancouver, BC, June 23-26, 2008. In the future, if possible regional society representatives would be set up on a staggered presence on the WSSA board (2 rotating on or off every year which may need to be built in the MOP's). Jim Kells is the new WSSA CAST representative. The new edition of the Herbicide Handbook is forth coming and we anticipate that an online version will be available of this edition. WSSA approved hiring a web designer and a web content editor. Goal is to build a framework that may provide a basis for cost sharing and improved efficiencies for the regional societies as well.

At the Hawaii annual meeting, the Extension Committee has floated the concept of hosting a symposium in New York on cost recovery for the Extension Service. This would include inviting a speaker from Britain to reflect on the privatization and subsequent problems from privatization of educational outreach in Britain. Recommendation made to the Board that a task force composed of WSSA Past Presidents convene and develop a concept proposal for a WSSA Executive Director, and in so doing, build in the Regional and Affiliated Societies.

CAST Representative

Kassim Al-Khatib

The fall board meeting of CAST was held in Albuquerque, NM on November 16-18, 2005. One of CAST's major accomplishments this summer was hiring a new Executive Vice President, Dr. John M. Bonner; John began work July 1 and is a breath of fresh air and a source of new ideas for the future. He is trying to build brand name and develop mechanisms to obtain adequate funding for CAST. He already started to build excellent working relationships with the stakeholders and is very open to new ideas to serve the professional member societies of CAST. Funding remains a challenge and CAST board of directors are working hard to meet the requirements for increased funding.

CAST continues to explore a broad range of biotechnology research and development topics. Many of these important issues are currently being evaluated in many settings, and CAST has been able to contribute timely biotechnology related publications including issue papers and new CAST Commentaries. CAST decided to establish an ad hoc Task Force made up of representatives from each workgroup to address biotechnology issues. A specific focus of the task force is on current/newly emerging issues such as transgenic production of pharmaceutical products by plants and animals. The task force will also have a long term focus on identifying emerging issues so that they can be addressed early by CAST. Two commentary publications were released in July and October 2005. These publications are "quick-turnaround" documents on topics that need rapid response. The publications were "Adventitious Presence" and "Biotechnology and the Future of Food".

CAST is sponsoring a workshop on Water Quality and Quantity Issues for Turfgrass in Urban Landscapes to be held January 23-25, 2006 in Las Vegas, NV. This 3-day workshop will provide science-based summary of all aspects of turfgrass and water management in urban landscapes; review the current use on nonpotable water sources and their impact on turfgrasses and the environment; and identify best management strategies and technologies to enhance the environmental quality of urban turfgrass systems. CAST received an announcement of a conference in Canada on cosmetic use of pesticides. The focus of the conference is turf; however, there is concern that the issue of the cosmetic use of pesticides on turf and ornamentals will roll over to crop production in the United States. The plant protection workgroup intend to develop an issue paper on the topic.

Dr. Donald Beitz, Iowa State University, began his term as CAST President following the September meeting. He replaced Dr. Stanley Fletcher. The CAST booth describing recent activities pertaining to weed science and related matters will be available for viewing at the NCWSS annual meeting. The next CAST Board of Directors meeting will be held in April 2006 in Washington, DC.

Extension Committee

Richard Proost, Chair

The Extension Committee held its business meeting during the 2004 annual meeting with Dawn Nordby presiding. The committee discussed updating the North Central Regional Publication No. 377, (Herbicide Mode of Action and Injury Symptoms) to include additional crops such as small grains and sugar beets (J. Gunsolus is the lead). It was noted the Kansas State Herbicide Mode of Action publication would not be updated. Discussion was held on how the Extension group could develop regional extension publications with potential support from the Research and Publication committee who could help secure society funds for printing and help with distribution. Two publications identified for potential collaboration within the NCWSS were invasive weed species (B. Young lead.) and an updated phenoxy herbicide publication (C. Sprague lead). A discussion was held on multi-state collaboration on weed control guides. It was agreed the biggest difference between states were the products listed in the weed control guides. Due to a number of logistical problems, the idea of developing one multi-state guide was dropped. However, the sharing of information between individuals was encouraged. NCWSS website posted a listing of Midwest extension publications by the end of 2004. Concerns were made regarding low attendance at the extension sections and how this can be reversed. All agreed that it is getting harder to get people to attend an extension session. It was suggested the NCWEEDS list serve be used to get ideas from extension specialists and staff for changes in format, topics, speakers, etc. It was suggested that papers given in 2005 focus on methods and techniques used in extension educational programming. All agreed that this topic should be tried at the 2005 meeting. Lizabeth Stahl, University of Minnesota, was elected the new Vice Chair of the Extension Committee.

Graduate Student Committee

Vince Davis, Chair

A survey was conducted of student members registered on the societies e-mail list serve. The survey results will be analyzed and distributed back to the student list-serve prior to the annual student meeting so a more efficient meeting can take place and the new committee chair can more effectively report to the board. BASF is hosting the 2005 student mixer, and Syngenta is hosting the 2005 student luncheon at the annual student meeting. Current committee chair is Vince Davis and vice-chair is Chris Schuster.

Industry Committee

Kip Sander, Chair

The committee worked with the Resident Education Committee Chair and Kansas State University in preparation for the 2005 Weed Contest. Kansas State did an excellent job hosting the event; however, volunteer support from Industry was below expectations. Various teams from the SWSS participated. Bayer will not be able to host the 2006 Weed contest; Purdue University is possible for 2007. A topic and speaker for the 2005 annual Industry Breakfast was identified. Topic was beneficial in attracting new sustaining members to join that are involved as "suppliers of manufacturers". Major accomplishment in 2005 was to increase our sustaining membership by 50% prior to the annual meeting. Companies joining to date include: Albaugh, Chemorse, Huntsman, KALO, MANA, Micro Flo, NuFarm, Rhodia, and Uniqema. Additional members are expected to join and current chair will continue to secure additional sustaining memberships in 2006. Industry Chair worked with local arrangements in planning for an Industry sponsored Society Mixer in conjunction with the poster session on Tuesday night of the annual meeting. Current and new sustaining members were contacted resulting in \$12,100 support to NCWSS from 18 companies including 8 new sustaining members. Suggestions for the future include that 1) the weed contest be hosted by a university with financial / volunteer support from industry, 2) a decision should be made by the Board of

Directors on the future of joint NCWSS / SWSS weed science contests, 3) continue the Industry Breakfast and guest speaker at our Annual Meetings, 4) obtain and provide feedback on the Industry sponsored Society Mixer as a planned event every year, and 5) the Industry Committee should continue to review the Herbicide Index (listed in the program) for accuracy.

Research and Publications Committee

Michael Crotser, Chair

A publication titled “Invasive Plants of the Upper Midwest: An Illustrated Guide to Their Identification and Control” was reviewed by the committee for marketing by the NCWSS as a third party vender. The board approved a motion to initially purchase 150 copies for resale at the NCWSS annual meeting and on the website. The cover price for the book is \$26.95. In order to market this text as a third party vender the NCWSS needed to purchase, at wholesale, the number of books we think could be sold. Therefore, this publication was ordered for the annual meeting and we will get a 43% discount on the cover price. There is a provision that unsold copies can be returned to the publisher within 18 months of the invoice. The society would realize a gain of \$1738 if all 150 books are sold. This does not include any cost for shipping or handling of these books or shipping costs to the meeting site in Kansas City which is estimated at \$85.40. For unsold books the price for sales on our website needs to include the shipping and handling costs. An activity suggested for this committee is to offer past proceedings on invasive plants for sale at the annual meeting and make available on the NCWSS website pertinent papers on invasive plants from past meetings.

Resident Education Committee

Tom Threewitt, Chair

Student Paper and Poster Contests. For the 2005 annual meeting in Kansas City, there are 25 graduate student papers, 20 graduate student posters, and 5 undergraduate posters. For comparison, there were 30 graduate papers, 19 graduate posters, and 2 undergraduate posters in the 2004 contest; and there were 28 graduate papers, 21 graduate posters and 4 undergraduate posters in the 2003 contest. An announcement requesting volunteers for contest judges was sent out in a NCWSS email.

Summer Contest. The 2005 NCWSS Collegiate Weed Science Contest was hosted on July 21 at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. There were 31 graduate and 26 undergraduate students participating from 9 different schools across the North Central and Southern regions. The participating universities and colleges were: Michigan State University, Mississippi State University, North Dakota State University, Ohio State University, Parkland College (junior college from Champaign, Illinois), Purdue University, University of Arkansas, University of Illinois, and University of Missouri. A total of 7 graduate teams and 4 undergraduate teams competed for the team and individual awards. There were 46 volunteers from industry and academia who assisted with the contest. A number of local and regional sponsors supported the weed contest including: NCWSS, SWSS, Cargill, Frontier Farm Credit, Farmers Coop Insurance Alliance, Monsanto, Bayer CropScience, Syngenta, Spraying Systems Co., R&D Sprayers, Golden Harvest Seeds Inc., Martin CAT/Tractor Co., Servi-Tech, Inc. and Kansas State Department of Agronomy. The K-State Weed Science Group did an excellent job in planning and hosting the contest – Special thanks to Chris Schuster, Doug Shoup, Molly Marple, Dwain Rule, Michael Duff, Scott Feldt, Anita Dille, Dallas Peterson, Kassim Al-Khatib, and Bob Wolf.

This marks the first time that teams from other regions competed in the contest. The Southern Weed Science Society ask to send some teams to our contest this year as they did not think they had enough teams to hold their own contest. They were going to send teams from at least 4 universities but ended up with 2 teams – Mississippi State University and University of Arkansas. We have been invited to the SWSS contest in 2006 that will be held in Arkansas which is a possibility since we currently have no one to host the 2006 NCWSS contest. A more defined procedure needs to be developed to determine where the summer contest will be hosted in the future and more volunteers are needed from industry.

Distinguished Achievement Award Committee

Jerry Doll, Chair

The committee inherited a pool of nominees from the excellent efforts of Michael Horak in 2004. We also aggressively solicited nominations and were successful. The total number of nominees was 15, of which we could only select five to receive recognition. We had nominees in 5 of the 6 official categories (no nominees in research this year) so we selected one person to receive recognition in the other categories as follows: Education - Chris Boerboom, Industry - Dennis Belcher, Professional Staff - Anthony Dobbels, Service - Curtis Thompson, Young Scientist - Christy Sprague. The qualifications of all nominees were excellent and it was a most difficult task to make these selections. All those who were not selected this year automatically remain in the pool for consideration in 2006 as nominations are valid for three years. A recommendation for board action is to clarify the guidelines for these awards in the MOP [changes recommended were presented at the December 2005 meeting for board action].

Electronic Communications Committee

Glenn Nice, Chair

On line registration was launched this year in August using Pay Pal as the pay service provider. I believe that this will allow us to provide on line shopping and registration forum via our web page. Several people used the online service to register and pay for early meeting registration. Shortly after initiating the Pay Pal service a further step was designed and implemented to obtain membership information via a web form. This step was similar to the membership form filled out and mailed in with early registration. There were 82 individuals that submitted the membership forms. The NCWSS web page had 25,106 visits from Dec. 2004 to Nov. 17, 2005. This past year web pages were constructed for the Gene Flow and Invasive Plants symposia.

The NCWSS list service was updated for 2005 and will be updated for 2006 after the annual meeting when registration is complete. We are thinking about adapting the list service to be more efficient. Several of the addresses are not used and requests for combining of several groups were brought up in email exchanges. The NCWSS Newsletters are some of the most visited sites on the web page. Total hits are as follows: Spring 271 hits, Summer 104 hits, and Fall 1815 hits; several hits also captured were for old newsletters. The committee is willing to set up an on line purchasing system if provided with a list of items to sell on the web site including any graphics to promote the items to be sold. Other future items to consider are the possibilities of an on line presentation submission process as apposed to bringing the presentation on a CD to the annual meeting and exploring the possibility of having posters submitted on line that can be collected on a CD for future viewing by the membership.

Fellow Committee

Dennis Belcher, Chair

The committee received one nomination for NCWSS Fellow. The committee reviewed the application and unanimously agreed to recommend Dallas Peterson to receive this award. The committee needs to continue to solicit names for worthy individuals for this award.

Finance, Steering, and Policy Committee

J. D. Green, Chair

At the close of the 2005 fiscal year, the Society has an invested financial reserve of \$310,000 which exceeds twice the annual operating expense of the Society (\$98,102) by over 50% as mandated in the Manual of Operating Procedures, Chapter 9. Therefore, the financial reserve is adequate at this time. This fiscal year the total income (\$80,804) declined significantly from the previous year and total expenses slightly increased. The year ended with a financial loss due in part to lower attendance at the 2004 annual meeting in Columbus and continued decline in membership. Total operating expenses have exceeded income (excluding investments) 4 of the past 5 years. The 2004 annual meeting (2005 fiscal year budget) generated a net profit of \$7,665. Income from the NCWSS Research Report/Proceedings covered production costs with a net profit of \$4,575. Expenses exceeded income for program services by \$29,538, which was more than the budgeted amount. Major program expenses include the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest (\$6,500), Management Fee (\$18,700), and the financial support for the WSSA

Director of Science Policy (\$14,000). The deficit in the program service area is partially a result of the NCWSS contribution to these areas.

Fourteen motions were approved by a 30-day ballot following the December 2004 board meetings which resulted in changes to the Manual of Operating Procedures. These changes include adding the Electronic Communications Committee as a standing committee and dissolving of the Career Placement Committee and incorporating its duties under the Graduate Student Committee. A revised version of the Manual of Operating Procedures (dated Feb 28, 2005) has been posted on the NCWSS web site.

Future Site Selection Committee

Charles Slack, Chair

The committee looked at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, IN and Lexington, KY for the 2008 annual meeting site. They both have the dates open that we desire. The committee recommends Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis on December 7-11, 2008 to be the meeting site and Bill Johnson has agreed to be the lead for Local Arrangements. Indianapolis last hosted the annual meeting in 1991. If the annual Seed Trade meeting is a concern then the dates of December 14-18 is also available.

Legislation, Regulatory, and Public Policy Committee

Adrian Moses, Vice President and Chair, and Lee Van Wychen, Director of Science Policy

Interacted with the Director of Science Policy and held several conference calls with the WSSA Washington Liaison Committee. He suggests that an email copy of all conference call minutes be sent to NCWSS Board members. Dr. Lee Van Wychen, was hired as the new Director of Science Policy during 2005 to replace Dr. Rob Hedberg who had resigned. As part of Dr. Van Wychen's start up activities he has identified six strategic goals: 1) expand the awareness of weed science issues and increase participation in the 7th National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week, 2) work with the USDA-ARS to adopt Weed Science as a Federal job series, 3) expand the WSSA's participation and recognition within the EPA, 4) increase weed science research funding opportunities, 5) find opportunities to advance the awareness and financial support of weed science in the 2007 Farm Bill, and 6) build a coalition to promote funding for invasive weed management through hunting and fishing groups.

Local Arrangements Committee

John Wollam, Co-Chair

No written report.

Membership Committee

Phil Stahlman, Chair

The chairperson worked closely with Membership Survey Coordinator Kassim Al-Khatib to compile results of the membership survey conducted at the 2004 annual meeting, and with Long Range Planning Chairperson Wayne Fithian and members of the Program and Executive Committees to interpret survey results and plan program changes. Diana Dible, one of the chairperson's employees, entered responses and compiled written comments from the Membership Survey into a database to facilitate summarization. This process totaled 117 hours over a 3 month period. The chairperson attended a meeting in Kansas City in April that was attended by representatives of the Long Range Planning, Membership, and Program committees along with the Survey Coordinator, current and former Executive members to review survey results. This led to a special session at the summer Board meeting for more in-depth discussion, planning and implementation of program changes in response to member input. Survey results will be presented to the membership during the General Session by Long Range Planning Chairperson Wayne Fithian. The committee suggests that an assessment be made of membership response to changes implemented for the 2005 program and respond accordingly.

Nominating Committee

Patrick Geier, Chair

The committee solicited nominations for and obtained candidates for the following NCWSS Offices – Vice President, Communications Editor, WSSA Representative. The committee recommends that the board consider voting for office candidates on a membership-wide basis; perhaps via the e-mail list serve.

Program Committee

Steve Miller, Chair

No written report.

Publicity and Public Relations Committee

Adrian Moses, Chair

At the summer board meeting and with numerous emails the “What’s New in the Industry”, Gene Flow, and Invasive Weeds sessions in the program were promoted. All these sessions were used to draw certain audiences to the NCWSS annual meeting. Local Arrangements and Program chairs assisted with schedules, rooms and times for these special sessions. The committee recommends that the board decide the appropriate level in job description for State Directors to promote NCWSS in their own Province or State. In the future he also requests input from State Directors for suggestions on how to promote the meeting to potential attendees or members from each state or province.

Resolutions and Necrology Committee

Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Chair

One member of the NCWSS, Dr. Gail Wicks died February 21, 2005. A complete obituary will be published in the February 2006 newsletter to honor Gail; an abbreviated version will be presented during the banquet. The membership is encouraged to pass along information on deceased members to the Resolutions and Necrology Committee. The committee will meet during the annual meeting to review proposed resolutions on the Hotel Facilities, Local Arrangements Committee, Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contest Judges, and the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest.

Herbicide Resistance Committee

Jeff Stachler, Chair

No written report.

Long Range Planning Committee

Wayne Fithian, Chair

Activities during the year included: 1) summarizing the member survey lead by Kassim Al-Khatib, Kansas State University, and Diana Dibble; 2) held a special meeting in April to discuss survey results and initiate planning activities – developed SWAT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis based on survey results; 3) submitted results of member survey article for Summer Newsletter issue; 4) presented survey results to membership during general session; and 5) survey version posted on NCWSS website after the general session. The committee recommends that the board 1) read the SWAT analysis since future committee recommendations will likely come from this document and 2) participate in the Long Range Planning meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

State Director Report - Illinois

Joe Bruce

Patrick Tranel will be the new Director representing Illinois. Annually in late December or early January, an email was sent to the Illinois membership to briefly provide a “state of the union” update from the board meetings. Emails were sent to update the membership to announce opportunities to serve the NCWSS through various committee positions that became available. I commend Glen Nice for his excellent support in helping me communicate with my constituents. The society needs to get a membership directory (electronic) with addresses and phone numbers available to everyone. During my term, multiple requests for constituent mailing addresses and contact information have gone unfilled (except email addresses). Be selective in what correspondence is sent to the membership. If too much garbage is sent, the membership will ignore everything you send to them and important messages will be ignored.

State Director Report - Iowa

Kristine Schaefer

Leslie Lloyd was elected the new state director for Iowa. Emails were sent to the Iowa members throughout the year to announce requests for Newsletter items, opportunities to serve on various committee positions in the NCWSS and WSSA, and publicize upcoming events such as the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest. Advice was solicited on ways to improve communication with the Iowa constituency and recommendations for the society as a whole. The board needs to continue to improve and update the membership directory with correct and current addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

State Director Report - Minnesota

Tom Rabaey

Brett Miller was elected the new state director for Minnesota.

State Director Report – North Dakota

Kirk Howatt

Brian Kuehl was elected the new state director for North Dakota.

State Director Report - Ontario

Peter H. Sikkema

In September of 2005, the Ontario members of the NCWSS were asked if they would let their name stand for State/Provincial Director on the NCWSS Board of Directors. Two members were nominated and Dr. Darren Robinson, Ridgetown College, University of Guelph was elected the new director representing Ontario. To promote NCWSS activities I sent two e-mails to all company representatives in Ontario encouraging them to attend the NCWSS annual meeting. In addition, I personally invited numerous people to attend each year. The attendance of personnel from Ontario has increased slightly over the years, although we still have potential to increase substantially. It is imperative that we continue to invite people to attend since the topics addressed at the NCWSS annual meeting closely reflect Ontario agriculture. I believe the NCWSS annual meeting is the most informative meeting I attend in respect to weed management in Ontario. In other activities two people from Ontario were nominated for the Distinguished Achievement Awards in 2005. The Ontario director needs to inform our membership annually of these awards since there are a number of personnel from Ontario who would be deserving of these awards. For the future I suggest that the representative continue to promote the NCWSS annual meeting and membership in the society. Encourage Ontario scientist to present there research results at the annual meeting.

State Director Report - Wyoming

Andrew Kniss

After filling a one year unexpired term, Andrew Kniss was reelected as the new state director.