



62nd NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting
Hyatt Regency, St. Louis, MO
Dec. 12, 2007

1. Call to Order. 9:25 p.m. President Bill Johnson presiding.
2. Roll Call by Christy Sprague (Secretary-Treasurer). Quorum present. Board Members: B. Johnson, M. Holm, C. Boerboom, C. Sprague, B. Hartzler, H. Hatterman-Valenti, J.A. Dille, K. Renner, A. Moses, M. Edwards, B. Maddy, L. Lloyd, P. Geir, J. Masabni, G. Powell, B. Miller, R. Smeda, M. Bernards, B. Kuehl, D. Bruns, D. Robinson, T. Carmody, S. Sanborn, A. Kniss, M. Moechnig, V. Mock, M. Leetch, J. Spotanski, and L. VanWychen.
3. President's Report. President Bill Johnson welcomed all the new board members. Bill also indicated that there were no real problems with the meeting and thanked the local arrangements committee.
4. President-Elect's Report. Mick Holm also thanked the Local Arrangements Committee and is hoping to get next year's symposia ideas wrapped up at WSSA.
5. Vice-President's Report. Chris Boerboom. No report.
6. Past-President's Report. Adrian Moses reported that he will be sending out requests to the State Directors to solicit nominations for the Distinguished Achievement Awards. Overall, Adrian felt that the meeting was extremely successful. Adrian also thanked the Local Arrangements Committee.
7. Secretary-Treasurer's Report. Christy Sprague presented the 2008 budget. Major changes \$8,500 for the summer contest and increased the Executive Secretary's salary to \$20,000. Karen Renner moved to accept the budget and Anita Dille 2nd the budget. The budget motion passed.
8. Executive Secretary's Report. No Report. Bob Schmidt was absent.
9. Proceedings Editor's Report. Bob Hartzler. No Report. There was some talk about doing a cost analysis on a CD/DVD duplicator for the proceeding and doing the duplication in house. Bill Johnson thanked Bob Hartzler for getting the abstracts on the web so quickly.
10. Communications Editor's Report. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti reminded everyone that the newsletter submission deadlines are February 15, May 15, and September 15.
11. WSSA Representative. Anita Dille. No Report.
12. CAST Representative. Karen Renner reminded everyone that there was a new CAST issue paper at the Gene Flow symposium. The issue paper is "Implications of Gene Flow in the Scale-Up and Commercial Use of Biotechnology-Derived Crops: Economic and Policy Considerations". Issue papers are available at a charge from the CAST web-site or free if you are a CAST member.
13. WSSA Director of Science Policy. Lee VanWychen reported that the National Ag Statistics Service will probably discontinue pesticide use survey. Lee did an internal survey and the consensus was most people in the NCWSS use this survey data quite a bit. Bill Johnson suggested that Lee keep us informed if we need to write a letters or other things. Lee will write a letter. Most of the rest of the discussion was around the Farm Bill. The House Ag committee passed an extension on the Farm Bill until March 15.
14. Extension Committee Report. Mike Moechnig reported that Lowell Sandell is the new Vice-Chair for the Extension Committee.

15. Graduate Students' Report: Valerie Mock reported that A.J. Woodard of the University of Illinois is the new Vice-Chair. Valerie expressed thanks to BASF and Monsanto for sponsoring graduate student events at this meeting. The graduate students have a couple symposia ideas that include: statistics and interviewing skills.
16. Industry Committee Report. Mike Leetch reported that the Industry Committee's business meeting and breakfast are tomorrow. Only 10 tickets are left.
17. Resident Education Committee Report. Jess Spotanski reported that Alvey Ag Research will host the 2008 NCWSS Summer Student Contest. He will also invite NEWSS and talk to them about the option to co-host the contest in 2009. Potential contractors for future years are Doug Nord in Kansas in 2010 and Lenny Luecke in North Dakota in 2011. There was also some discussion about scholarships of matching funds for NCWSS undergrads to attend the contest or the NCWSS meeting. There was also discussion of having industry sponsor their undergraduate interns to present posters at the NCWSS annual meetings. There was a suggestion to discuss scholarships at the summer board meeting. Bill Johnson charged Jess with putting forward a proposal on potential scholarships for undergraduate travel to the NCWSS annual meetings. Jess will work with Greg Steckel from Alvey Ag Research on the NEWSS invite to the weeds contest. Valerie Mock was asked if the monetary award for the contest was important, they indicated that it is not important.

Considerations for the Resident Education Committee:

- What about recognizing outstanding M.S. or Ph.D. students in the society? This was a question raised by Valerie Mock.
 - What about sending poster and paper presentations early to judges? What about having the poster hard copies available Monday night and having posters up at this time. Have the poster chair suggest this on the web-site in the student instructions.
 - Include on websites for newsletter need to bring hard copies of posters. What about trying to get the posters up early Monday? Getting in week early probably worked fine for papers. Give thought on possible changes maybe include if presentation before Tuesday morning. Set up Monday night for poster with handouts. Include these suggestions in the student's instructions for the NCWSS contest.
 - There was a suggestion of having the students in the paper contest send their slides to the section chairs in advance and have the section chairs print them off as black and white, 6 per page and assemble packets for judges. This discussion was tabled.
18. Resident Education Subcommittee Report. Anita Dille proposed the changes to the MOP. These changes were presented at Monday's board meeting. Additionally, there were some changes to the judges poster scoring sheet. Anita made the motion for the changes to the MOP, Harlene 2nd the motion. There was some additional discussion. The question was called and the motion passed. Continue more discussion at summer board meeting.
 19. Local Arrangements Committee Report. Greg Elmore. No one present, no report.
 20. Distinguished Achievement Awards Committee. Adrian Moses report was presented in item number 6.
WE NEED NOMINATIONS!!
 21. Electronic Communications Report. Bill Johnson reported for Glenn Nice. A question was raised at the Monday meeting about tracking people's reasons for attending. Glenn indicated that he had these numbers for the on-line registrations. There were 138 people that paid their registration on-line through PayPal. There were 62 that registered that were interested in the Gene Flow Symposium, 29 for the Wildlife

Symposium, 25 for the Communications Symposium, and 12 for more than one symposium. Twenty-five percent did not select anything.

22. Fellow Award Committee Report. Aaron Hager. No one present, no report.
23. Finance, Steering, and Policy. Christy Sprague reported that the Steering, Finance, and Policy Committee discussed rolling the \$65,000 that matures this year into a new CD that would be due in 2010. The budget was also discussed that was passed earlier
24. Future Site Selection Report. Charles Slack. Not Present. The meeting will be held in Indianapolis in 2008, Kansas City in 2009 and Lexington in 2010. Mick Holm reported that there was some discussion about holding the meeting in Milwaukee in 2011.
25. Legislation, Regulatory, and Public Policy Report. Lee VanWychen reported that there has been some discussion on definitions on weeds and invasive plants. He is wondering if we should pursue this. Terminology committee is working on this for the WSSA. We need to work with WSSA terminology committee. Anita will monitor the progress on the definitions.
26. Membership Committee Report. Mike DeFelice. Not present. No report.
27. Nominating Committee and Elections Committee. No one present.
28. Program Committee Report. Mick Holm asked the question on if we should have the papers sent in early. The thought was to put more of the responsibility on the section chairs, with Glenn as backup in case there are problems.
29. Publicity and Public Relations Report. Mick reported that the new Vice-President Chris Boerboom will serve on the WSSA Public Relations Committee. If it does not work on a yearly basis, we will try some other course of action.
30. Resolutions and Necrology Report. John Frihauf presented the resolutions. Karen Renner moved to accept the resolutions and Adrian Moses 2nd the motion. The motion passed to accept the resolutions.

NCWSS Resolutions for 2007

1. **RESOLUTION ON:** The Hotel Meeting Facility for the 62nd Annual Meeting of the North Central Weed Science Society.
WHEREAS the North Central Weed Science Society requires adequate facilities and lodging in order to conduct the business and program of the Society at the Annual Meeting; and
WHEREAS the meeting rooms and facilities of the Hyatt Regency of St. Louis, MO provided an excellent and spacious meeting environment; and
WHEREAS the staff and management of the Hyatt Regency of St. Louis, MO were helpful and cooperative in fulfilling the needs of the Society for a successful Annual Meeting;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Weed Society in session at St. Louis, MO, December 10-13, 2007 for the 62nd Annual Meeting commends the Hyatt Regency management and staff team for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.
2. **RESOLUTION ON:** Local Arrangements Committee for the 62nd Annual Meeting of the North Central Weed Science Society.
WHEREAS the North Central Weed Science Society relies upon the effort and diligence of the Local Arrangements Committee for arranging suitable facilities for the Annual Meeting; and
WHEREAS a diligent and well organized Local Arrangements Committee is crucial to the conduct of a successful Annual meeting; and
WHEREAS Chair Greg Elmore and other members of the Local Arrangements Committee have fulfilled all their responsibilities in an exemplary manner;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Weed Society in session at St. Louis, MO, December 10-13, 2007 for the 62nd Annual Meeting commends Greg Elmore and the Local Arrangements Committee for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with the excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.

3. **RESOLUTION ON:** Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contest and Undergraduate Student Poster Judges for the 62nd Annual Meeting of the North Central Weed Science Society.
WHEREAS the North Central Weed Science Society relies on voluntary contribution of time, effort, and expertise of its members selected to judge the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests, and Undergraduate Poster Contest; and
WHEREAS the judges selected for the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests, and Undergraduate Poster Contest for the 62nd Annual Meeting fulfilled their obligations and responsibilities with dedication and commitment;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Weed Society in session at St. Louis, MO, December 10-13, 2007 for the 62nd Annual Meeting commends the judges of the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests, and Undergraduate Poster Contest for their inputs of time, labor, and cooperation in providing the Society with well run, successful contests at this Annual Meeting.
4. **RESOLUTION ON:** The North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest.
WHEREAS the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest requires adequate facilities in order to conduct the contest in an orderly and educational manner; and
WHEREAS the facilities at Bennett Agricultural Research Corp., Richland, IA provided an excellent environment; and
WHEREAS the Summer Contest Host David Bennett, Tate Castillo, and the staff of Bennett Agricultural Research Corp., met the needs of the Society and had dedication for a successful North Central Collegiate Weed Contest;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Weed Society in session at St. Louis, MO, December 10-13, 2007 for the 62nd Annual Meeting commends David Bennett, Tate Castillo, and Bennett Agricultural Research Corp. for their outstanding efforts and hard work in providing the Society with an excellent facility and a well run and educational Weed Science Contest.
31. Long Range Planning and Organizational Affairs Committee. Bryan Young reported that there were several recommendations from this committee. First of all Bryan clarified that this committee is now a standing committee. Additionally, Dirk Drost has stepped down from this committee and the committee has asked the President to appoint Bryan Young as the new chair. Bryan served as the Vice-Chair of this committee.

The committee requests that the Board give direction on the following questions which were raised in their discussion:

- 1) Should the committee discuss further options for a training-type program, using Society resources (people) on current/emerging issues in weed control, management, stewardship for government agencies and other stakeholders who which to up-scale the training for their employees in areas of our societies interests and expertise?
- 2) What is the optimum size and configuration of the Board of Directors? Would the Board be open to options and alternatives which could reduce the size and complexity of the winter Board meeting?
- 3) Is the Board interested in ideas about integrating a representative of the Midwest Invasive Plant Network or its representatives into the Board of Directors?

The committee asks that the Board validate current committee members and add one to two additional members.

Bill Johnson appointed Bryan Young as the chair. Bill wants to charge the committee with one of these issues.

There was a poll taken to see what the Board Members thought was the most important task.

Results:

- 1) 6 support
- 2) 15 support
- 3) 18 support

The committee is charged with tasks 2 and 3 for the July meeting.

32. State Director's Reports. No Reports.

33. Old Business. None

34. New Business. Michael Horak gave a report on the Gene Flow Meeting. There is interest for a 2009 meeting. Michael reported that about 60 to 70 people attended the meeting providing an income of \$11,000 to 12,000 with Monsanto's gift of \$2,500, minus expenses of about \$5,500 the gross income should be about \$6,000.

35. Meeting Adjourned 11:15 p.m. Chris Boerboom made the motion and Mick Holm provided the 2nd.