



NCWSS Board Meeting Minutes
Mills Studio 6 (4th floor)
Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch
December 10, 2012
1:00 pm

1. Call to Order (President): President Bryan Young called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
2. Roll Call by Secretary-Treasurer Christy Sprague. NCWSS Board members present included: B. Young, D. Johnson, J.D. Green, C. Sprague, B. Hartzler, H. Hatterman-Valenti, M. Bernards (late arrival), D. Rathmann, M. Wrucke, P. Banks, B. Jenks, D. Shoup, D. Refsell, F. Koppatschek, D. Thomas, L. Sandell, and G. Murphy. A quorum was present.
3. President's Report. President Bryan Young summarized his written report which highlighted activities from his Presidential year, including attending the NCWSS Summer Weed Contest in Larned, KS. Bryan also suggested that the NCWSS should continue to seek out opportunities for education within the NCWSS region and consider what opportunities may be available to increase awareness and impact of the NCWSS such as "branding" our society efforts. Bryan also thanked Mark Wrucke, Dave Johnson, Phil Banks, Christy Sprague, Emilio Oyarzabal and all the Board members for their service this past year.
4. President-Elect's Report. President-Elect David Johnson summarized his written report. David also attended the NCWSS Summer Weed Contest in Larned, KS. The main focus of David's year was to develop the program for the NCWSS Annual Meeting. There will be 209 total presentations, 85 posters and 124 oral presentations. For the graduate students there are four poster contest sessions. David has set up the sessions for the graduate student contest as two contest papers and then one non-contest paper to help judges. A total of 27 authors have agreed to have their papers recorded and posted on the web-site. An additional 16 authors have agreed to have their slides posted as .PDF files without voice. This year there are a lower number of invasive papers and higher number of turf papers (5 oral presentations and 5 posters). David thanked Emilio Oyarzabal and Monsanto for organizing and providing the graduate student tour of Monsanto and Missouri Botanical Gardens this afternoon. He also thanked BASF for the graduate student mixer and quiz bowl for this evening. Bryan Young had a question on job announcements and if there is a job's posting board. At one time the graduate students were supposed to be in charge of this. Phil Banks indicated that he will set up a job posting board today by the registrations desk. Bryan indicated that he would work with Harlene Hatterman-Valenti on putting something in the NCWSS newsletter to remind people that they can post job announcements at the NCWSS. There should also be an email reminder to the society prior to the annual meeting. There will be a small budget needed to help with some of the symposia speakers. This does not require NCWSS Board activity.
5. Vice President's Report. Vice President J.D. Green summarized his written report. He mentioned that there are several new weed fact sheets from the WSSA's Public Awareness Committee available. This committee is also working on another series that highlights Pesticide Stewardship. The WSSA's Public Awareness Committee is an extremely active committee. J.D. encouraged everyone to checkout there publications at the WSSA web-site.
6. Past President's Report. Past President Mark Wrucke summarized his report. There were seven nominations for the Distinguished Achievement Awards and four were selected for awards. Mark stressed the importance of needing more nominations. He also indicated that the Nominations committee needs two new members.
7. Secretary-Treasurer's Report. Secretary-Treasurer summarized her written report and asked for approval for the 2012 Summer Executive Committee meeting minutes. Duane Rathmann made the motion and David Johnson seconded the motion. *Motion Passed.* President Bryan Young thanked Christy for her years of service as Secretary/Treasurer of the NCWSS. David Simpson will start as the new Secretary/Treasurer at the Wednesday night NCWSS board meeting.

8. Proceedings Editor's Report. Bob Hartzler reported that the new abstract submission system is working out great. Bob questioned, when should the abstracts be posted? J.D. suggested that the **abstracts be available online the Monday of the conference**. Everyone agreed that this would be a good idea. An email should be sent out to the membership from the Proceedings Editor, that the abstracts will be available the Monday of the annual NCWSS meeting. It was suggested that this duty be added to the MOP under the Proceedings Editor's duties. J.D. Green provided a motion: The NCWSS abstracts should be posted and available by the Monday of the NCWSS Annual Meeting and the notification should be sent out to the membership prior to the meeting. David Johnson seconded the motion. *Motion Passed*. There was some discussion on whether a person needs to be registered for the meeting prior to posting the abstract.
9. Communications Editor's Report. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti was not able to attend. President Bryan Young commented that Harlene does a fine job with the newsletters.
10. WSSA Representative' Report. Mark Bernards provided a summary of his written report. Mark reported on the future meeting sites for the WSSA Meetings. WSSA will also continue to work with Allen Press for the next three years. WSSA also has a new web content manager, Muthukumar Bagavathiannan. Dale Shaner will be the editor for the 10th edition of the Herbicide Handbook. This will hopefully be available in 2013. Mark had a couple of questions for the NCWSS Board: 1) Is the NCWSS satisfied with Allen Press' services that they have received?, and 2) What does the board think about the concept of having a WSSA liaison in USDA-NIFA (similar to liaison in EPA)? This person would be an advocate and try to help increase federal funding for weed science-related research. The Board thought that Allen Press is doing a fine job. There were not many comments on the USDA-NIFA liaison. This may be a person on sabbatical. There were some points raised on the different terminology between HRAC and WSSA on the herbicide MOA numbering system for Groups 27 and 28. The group commented that Group 27 should be the correct one for HPPD-inhibitors. Bryan suggested that Mark bring this up to WSSA to update this on the WSSA web site.
11. CAST Representative's Report. Duane Rathmann summarized his written report. TPhil Stahlman was elected President of CAST. Duane commented that the more preferable sources of information are shorter papers and youtube clips, etc. Herbicide resistance and tillage systems will be one of the upcoming Issue's papers. Curtis Thompson will be Duane Rathmann's replacement as the NCWSS representative to CAST. Curtis was able to attend one day at the last CAST meeting. Duane had been trying to get the information out to the NCWSS membership on CAST. Bryan commented maybe there could be some more synergy between WSSA's Public Awareness committee and CAST. It was suggested that the CAST representative check the WSSA website to see what the public awareness committee has been doing. It may be a good idea to try to get the new CAST director as a speaker for next year's annual NCWSS meeting. President Bryan Young thanked Duane for his years of service as the CAST representative.
12. Executive Secretary's Report. Executive Secretary Phil Bank's summarized his written report. The NCWSS is very well off. The NCWSS Board should consider a strategic plan to spend some of the funds to support appropriate activities for the membership of the society. November 30 is when the NCWSS's financial books are closed. There will be a formal audit this year. The NCWSS is doing incredibly well on registration. There are 345 people registered at the preregistration rate and 20 more people at the higher rate. The total of 365 people at this meeting will be greater than the final registration for the past several years. Ninety-nine people registered for the industry breakfast. We need to update the MOP to reflect online voting. Also there was a suggestion that we should submit photos with bios for voting. This will need to be added to MOP. Currently, Phil sends all the information to David Krueger for the website. David is very responsive. It is important for NCWSS members to let Phil know if there is content on the web that is out-of-date or needs to have additional information. Brian Jenks asked Phil how much money should the NCWSS be looking to spend. Phil indicated that since he has been Executive Secretary there has been an increase in the budget of \$60,000. There was some discussion about the NCWSS Summer Weeds Contest budget and should the Society be a sponsor for the weeds contest. Fritz Koppatschek mentioned that he felt that the current registration fee is good. There was a thought that maybe there should only be one request made for Weed Contest, Sustaining Membership and the Industry Social versus the several requests that are made each year. It was suggested that this topic be handled at the Summer

Executive Committee meeting. There was also a question on what happens to the funds if the NCWSS Summer Contest is not held. It was thought that the money could be used to help offset travel costs or for publications for students or maybe even sponsor student travel to WSSA. Bryan asked Phil for suggestions for funds. Phil's suggestion was to try to go after students that are maybe undergrads for recruitment for attending the Annual NCWSS Meeting. J.D. suggested that the Strategic Planning committee think about the timing of this meeting and the time of Student participation particularly for undergraduate students.

13. Director of Science Policy. Lee VanWychen was fogged in D.C. and was not able to attend the meeting.

Interest Group Committees:

14. Strategic Planning Committee's Report. Chair Brian Jenks summarized his written report. There will be 27 recorded oral presentations, 16 .PDF files, and 21 posters posted on the web-site. The committee feels that everything should go well with the recording of presentations. A PowerPoint was sent to the moderator and a short video on instructions. There is a meeting with the moderators tonight on how to do the recording. Currently, there is no plan to record the questions after the presentation. The questions will be edited out if they are recorded. The committee will review how much the recordings have been viewed to determine if this is a worthwhile endeavor in the future. This should probably be examined at summer meeting. There was a question on who will be storing the thumb drives and microphones? Since the meeting will be in Columbus, OH Bruce Ackley will be storing them until next year. The State Directors are to poll the states about the timing of the NCWSS meeting for the Strategic Planning meeting tomorrow. There needs to be a slight change in the MOP about the chair and Central region director. The Strategic Planning committee will have to revisit how they would like Chairmanship and Vice Chair determined.

15. Extension Committee's Report. Chair Doug Shoup reported that the committee discussed the Herbicide Selection Tool that is being developed by Lowell Sandell from the University of Nebraska.

16. Industry Committee's Report. Chair Dawn Refsell summarized her written report. Dawn suggested that it would be nice to have one contact for each company and each company be represented on the industry committee. She also indicated that in order for a company to present at the "What's new in industry" symposium that company needs to be a Sustaining Member.

17. Resident Education Committee's Report. Chair Fritz Koppatschek summarized his written report and thanked Diamond Ag for hosting the 2012 NCWSS Summer Weed Contest. Forty-four students competed. The 2013 contest is scheduled to be hosted by Monsanto on July 24 and 25 at Monmouth, IL. The resident education committee has invited the NEWSS for participation. In 2014, David Johnson with at DuPont and Pioneer has offered to host the contest in Johnston, IA. At this meeting there are eight undergraduate posters that will be presented.

18. Graduate Student Committee's Report. Chair Connor Ferguson was not in attendance, since he was on the Monsanto tour. Connor did provide a written report. J.D. Green asked David Johnson on who should be in charge of the graduate student quiz bowl in the future. David Johnson would like to continue with this and determine how successful it is. Maybe his should be a topic for the Resident Education committee to discuss.

Standing Committees:

19. Distinguished Achievement Awards. Mark Wrucke reported that there were two nominations for the Outstanding Graduate Student award.

20. Fellow Award. Mike Owen's report reported that this year three members of the society will be awarded the Fellows Award.

21. Finance, Steering, and Policy. Christy Sprague summarized her written report, echoing Executive Secretary Phil Bank's comments that the Society is in great financial shape.

22. Future Site Selection. Charles Slack reported the recommendation from the committee is that the 2015 Annual NCWSS Meeting be held in Indianapolis on Dec. 7-10th. There is a \$129 room rate. *Motion passed.*
23. Invasive Plants. Steve Young provided a written report, but was not in attendance. There was some discussion about the Invasive Plants group. It was thought that perhaps the Board should put a charge on this committee on their thoughts of how the NCWSS should move forward with the Invasive Plants committee. David Johnson and Bryan Young will both be attending this committee meeting.
24. Local Arrangements. Emilio Oyarzabal was not able to attend, but he provided a written report.
25. Nominating. Gary Finn's written report suggested making a change to the MOP to reflect online voting, this was discussed earlier as a change. Also that photos and biographies should be provided for voting.
26. Program. David Johnson commented on the program in his President-Elect's report.
27. Resolutions and Necrology. Aaron Hager had a couple of questions on the criteria for a person to be recognized in the necrology reports. Should the person be NCWSS member? What about someone who is not a member, but has made a significant contribution to the society. Should there be a formal process in place? It was suggested that Aaron and his committee should discuss this and come up with the verbiage to reflect their decision.
28. Regional Director's Reports. No reports.
29. Old Business. None.
30. New Business. It was brought up that the NCWSS needs to continue to explore what opportunities may exist to continue the educational role of the society. Should NCWSS be more involved? Should there be sponsorship? Could the NCWSS be a clearing house for educational materials? Bryan Young was trying to generate thoughts on education from the NCWSS standpoint. Where can we serve the region better? Dave Johnson also suggested that the summer board meeting be available by teleconference for those who will not be able to travel to the meeting site. Should the society consider getting a NCWSS conference call? Is there some mechanism to do this? The board asked Phil to explore this concept.
31. Adjourn. David Johnson moved to adjourn at 4:17 pm. Bob Hartzler seconded. *Motion Passed.*