



**NCWSS Board Meeting**  
**Thoroughbred 4, Hyatt Regency Lexington**  
**Lexington, KY**  
**December 13, 2010**

**Notes of Board Member Discussion (Quorum of 12 was not met)**

1. Call to Order. 1:15 pm, President Chris Boerboom started the meeting with member discussions, since a quorum was not present. Due to travel conditions a quorum was never met, so there was not an official meeting. The following is a discussion of different issues and reports. All Board related business will be voted on at the December 15, 2010 NCWSS Board Meeting.
2. Roll Call. Members present at the discussion included C. Boerboom, M. Wrucke, B. Young, C. Sprague, K. Bradley, D. Rathmann, M. Holm, P. Banks, M. Bernards, and A. Robinson. H. Hatterman-Valenti and D. Thomas arrived late.
3. President's Report. Chris Boerboom started with the discussion stating that as a Society we are financially sound. Right now we are in the position to appropriate funds to do some different things for the good of the Society. Chris would like to have the Long Range Planning, Organizational Affairs and Membership Committee (soon to be Strategic Planning committee) consider some potential opportunities where the Society could concentrate some of these funds. Chris thanked Mark Wrucke for all of his work on the NCWSS Annual Meeting Program.
4. President-Elect's Report. Mark Wrucke reported that the new title and abstract submission program with AgRenaissance will be an excellent system for future programs and meetings. David Krueger with AgRenaissance now has the template for the NCWSS program, which should make putting the program simpler next year. Mark suggested that next year in early September someone submit some "fake" titles to the system to make sure that the format is working correctly. He also indicated that the submission program allows you to choose how things are listed, i.e., author names, full or abbreviated. What is critical is to provide clear directions for submission, so issues like duplicate periods do not occur. This year we have similar paper numbers as last year and there are four undergraduate posters. Mark thanked Charlie Slack and his local arrangements committee. Mark also indicated that we may need to reimburse one of the symposium speakers, "Dean Baas" and potentially "David Bridges" one of the key note speakers. The reimbursement that we have generally used for non-NCWSS members in the past has been \$1,500. The finance committee may want to consider increasing this amount. There is nothing stated in the MOP, so it may not really be an issue. Phil Banks suggested that Bryan Young provide him with Administrative rights and access for the program next year. This may alleviate some problems that Bryan may encounter. It was suggested that it may be a good idea to have Mark Wrucke as President, Bryan Young as President-Elect, Bob Hartzler as Proceedings Editor, and Phil Banks as Executive Secretary to all have administrative access to this system for next year's meeting.
5. Vice President's Report. Bryan Young reported that his major activity this year has been with the WSSA, Public Awareness committee. He noted that this year the committee had 12 press releases and there was a lot of effort put forward in the videos that were taped at last year's WSSA meeting. Bryan also brought up a press release that was released from Allen Press on a Weed Science publication that may have led to some negative connotations. The press release is printed as Appendix A in the committee reports. Allen Press "Joyce Lancaster" should be in communication with the Public Awareness committee prior to these press releases. Allen Press should at a minimum contact WSSA prior to the press releases to make sure they are aware of the press releases. The Public Awareness committee is important to Lee VanWychen, Director of Science Policy. Lee uses these press releases in Washington. The question was raised, "How can the Public Awareness committee build off from the journal articles?". Bryan will make some suggestions to this committee. Chris Boerboom suggested that Bryan visit with David Johnson as he moves into this role for the NCWSS as the new Vice President.
6. Past President's Report. Mick Holm deferred his report to the Distinguished Achievement Awards committee report.

7. Secretary-Treasurer's Report. Christy Sprague reported on the new state directors for the Long Range Planning, Organizational Affairs and Membership committee. The minutes for the 2010 Summer Executive Committee meeting will need to be approved at Wednesday's Board Meeting when a quorum is present. Christy also mentioned that the new MOP will need to be approved once a quorum is present.
8. Proceedings Editor's Report. Bob Hartzler was not able to attend the meeting. Bob in his written report indicated that he was satisfied with the new submission program for the abstracts. Bob was wondering if the stipend be the same or be adjusted to a lower level with this new process. The new process does not take as much work from the Proceedings Editor.
9. Communications Editor's Report. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti was not present during her report. Harlene raised questions in her written report. She wondered if the timing of the newsletters should be changed to mid-March, mid-June, and mid-September. This would be a change in the MOP to the Spring issue to be listed as Feb/Mar and the Fall issue to Sept/Oct. This will need to be voted on when we have a quorum. Phil Banks suggested that the newsletters and Board Minutes be archived on the NCWSS website. There was also a question on whether the newsletters are still being archived at Iowa State University. We will ask Bob Hartzler to check on this.
10. WSSA Representative's Report. Kevin Bradley introduced Dr. Michael Barrett as the President-Elect for the WSSA. Mike discussed that WSSA is still looking for collaborators for joint meetings. The 2013 meeting will be jointly held with the Northeast Weed Science Society (NEWSS). The 2014 meeting will be jointly held with the Canadian Weed Science Society (CWSS). Mike wants to have open communication with the Regional Weed Science Societies. One of his goals is to make sure that the Regional Societies do not get run over by WSSA. This year WSSA worked on the renegotiation of the fees for the Director of Science Policy. The NCWSS contributions were reduced. There are certain items that WSSA should take the lead on, i.e., the EPA liaison. WSSA hosted two tours this year on Invasive Species for Congress. The field tours were in Florida and New Mexico. Jill Schroeder organized these tours. Other issues that WSSA has been trying to deal with are to trying to get Weed Science funding back into NIFA and journal turn around time. WSSA needs to be aware of any issues that regional societies are encountering. The 2011 WSSA meeting is in Portland, OR and the program is shaping up nicely. Chris Boerboom suggested that we may want to work with WSSA to host a group from EPA on a field trip to examine some of the issues that new regulations may have on Midwest production areas. It was suggested that the Long Range Planning, Organizational Affairs and Membership Committee (soon to be Strategic Planning committee) work on this and approach Jill Schroeder on how this should proceed.
11. CAST Representative's Report. Duane Rathmann discussed his written report. He also indicated that CAST has restructured. The NCWSS representative is on the Board of Representatives for CAST. Duane likes the new arrangement. Duane would like to solicit papers for CAST from the NCWSS. CAST is also using different types of media. Duane is a member of the Plant Agriculture and the Environmental Science Work Group. He indicated that the review process can be a challenge. There are currently 12 members of NCWSS that are members of CAST. We need to encourage individual memberships. There was some discussion on how we may be able to promote CAST and try to bundle a CAST membership with NCWSS registration. The question was brought up if we could create symposia for NCWSS from some of CAST's issue papers. This would be a good way to collaborate with CAST and encourage NCWSS involvement. Kevin Bradley brought up that WSSA has a group that is really focusing on Weed Resistance. The question was also raised about the availability and cost of CAST publications. They are all available to members and some of the publications are free and some are for a charge. Interpretative summaries are free, publications in hard copy are \$18.00, and electronic copies are \$10.00. Final questions included: How do we get more active in CAST? How can NCWSS capitalize from our CAST membership, maybe a symposia or general session in the future?
12. Executive Secretary's Report. Phil Banks indicated that Bob Schmidt was very helpful in the transition of the Executive Secretary position. Currently the fiscal year for is from Dec. 1 to Nov. 30. As of November 30 we were \$17,889 ahead of where we started. At the Executive Committee meeting this summer we decided to discontinue the NCWSS Proceeding CD and hard copy. We will be working with Curran

Associates for those who would want to purchase a hard copy. Curran Associates now has NCWSS Proceedings from 2008 to current. As a NCWSS member you can purchase a hard copy of the Proceedings for \$40 plus shipping. For non-members the hard copy price is \$129 per copy. The NCWSS will receive \$20 for every copy purchased. Phil indicated that he will be sending out information about how the Proceedings can be purchased and to libraries and organizations that have purchased the Proceedings in the past. Phil also announced that Glenn Nice had indicated that he would like to step down as the webmaster and it was decided at the summer Executive Committee meeting that Phil was going to lead the search on for Glenn's replacement. Phil had narrowed the search to Tony White or David Krueger with (AgRenaissance). Tony felt that he currently did not have time to take on this position. David Krueger submitted a proposal on development of the NCWSS website. The proposal contained a two-step process: 1) development of a new website with a user database and 2) upkeep and maintenance of the website. The new database driven website would allow members to update their profiles, and it would include certain areas with member only access. For example, the Proceedings could be housed in a secure place for member access only. The web-site would also support on-line meeting registration. There might be a change in the hosting service and potentially the credit card vendor. The title-abstract submission program is included in the web-service. The cost is \$5,500 for the website re-design. Chris Boerboom sent the proposal to Glenn Nice for him to review. Glenn indicated that he was very comfortable with the proposal and he thought it was a good proposal. Phil Banks and Glenn Nice will work with David Krueger to get the new NCWSS website set up. To be clear David will not be an editor of the web-site, the NCWSS would want to appoint someone as the content editor. This editor could be Phil Banks and/or Harlene Hatterman-Valenti (Communications Editor). Phil also reported that preregistration went smoothly this year and it was all electronic. There were 320 people that preregistered this year. Phil had some recommendations that are listed in his annual report. It was also brought up that Pamela Smith from Farm Journal media would be attending the meeting.

13. Director of Science Policy's Report. Lee VanWychen will send in a written report. Lee reported on some of the possible funding issues at the Federal level. It looks like funding for programs will be tight this year. The AFRI grants may increase from \$262 Million to \$269 Million. What does this mean for Weed Science? There has been some talk that specific things will be included for Weed Science, but without an increase in funding this may not happen, especially with the Forward Funding direction that NIFA has been using. On the regulation side, EPA is supposed to have a draft of the NPDES regulations at the end of January. They expect that the States will be ready to implement these regulations by April. There has been support that if you apply a pesticide according to FIFRA labeling that you can waive the NPDES permit. Hopefully this will be the case. Herbicide resistance is the #1 issue that Lee has been dealing with. There were the "Superweed" hearings earlier this year. Mike Owen, Steve Weller, and Dave Mortensen all testified at these hearings. Currently there is an issue paper and full paper on Weed Resistance being wrote "Understanding the obstacles to BMP to stop herbicide resistance" is the theme.

***Interest Group Committees:***

14. Long Range Planning, Organizational Affairs, and Membership (Strategic Planning) Committee. Mike Owen as the current chair was unable to attend the Board meeting. Bryan Young provided the report. Bryan indicated that there are six main issues that this committee will be discussing. These items are all listed in the committee reports. These items will be discussed at Tuesday's meeting of this committee.
15. Extension Committee. Mark Bernards discussed his written report. The main issue that he pointed out is that Extension really needs to figure out how we position ourselves toward NIFA funding. Chris Boerboom encouraged the extension committee to identify symposia for next year.
16. Industry Committee. Ryan Tichich was unable to attend the Board Meeting. See Ryan's written report.
17. Resident Education Committee. John Lindquist was unable to attend the Board Meeting. However, Greg Armel from the University of Tennessee was at the meeting to present the concept of the 2011 Weed Olympics as a summer contest for NCWSS students. The contest will take place at the East Tennessee Research Farm, near Knoxville, TN. The contest rules will be a conglomeration of the rules from the NEWSS, NCWSS, and the SWSS. Greg is attending all of the Regional meetings to promote the Weed Olympics. The contest will be held on July 27, 2011, with July 26 as the travel day. The hotel rooms will

be \$95 per night. Transportation to and from the event from the hotel will be provided. The Weed Olympics will have Weed ID, Sprayer Calibration, Farmer Problems, Herbicide ID as the events. They are expecting over 100 students. The rules will allow teams to be formed across different universities. The website for the Weed Olympics is [www.weedolympics2011.org](http://www.weedolympics2011.org). The organizers are Jim Brosnon and Greg Armel. There will be no registration fee. Individual companies have been asked for sponsorship on a tiered level. The event is set up to be fun and educational. Greg will be placing flyers for the event at the registration desk and will be presenting this as the General Session. There is the opportunity for the Regional Societies to have Regional Awards. The team and individual awards will include 1<sup>st</sup> place grad and undergraduate. The preregistration deadline will be at the end of May. They will be asking for volunteers, but don't want coaches involved in the running of the contest. The individual societies will not be asked for sponsorship. The idea was brought forward that if the NCWSS wanted to support our students that we could underwrite team travel. The Resident Education Committee will be charged with developing a proposal to make this happen (\$8,500 is budgeted). Greg was asked that if the NCWSS Executive Committee decided to have their Summer Meeting would there be a room where they could meet. This looks like the meeting time would be a possibility.

18. Graduate Student Committee. Andrew Robinson reported that the graduate students had an idea for a symposium on molecular genetics. The graduate student lunch is on Tuesday and is sponsored by Dow AgroSciences.

***Standing Committees:***

19. Distinguished Achievement Awards. Mick Holm reported that we really need more nominations for the Distinguished Achievement Awards. There were no Outstanding Graduate Award nominations this year.
20. Fellow Award. Mike Owen was not able to attend the meeting. However, from his written report no nominations for Fellows were received this year. It is important that the State Directors work with others in their states on providing possible nominations for the DAA and Fellows.
21. Finance, Steering, and Public Policy. Christy Sprague reported on the financial status of the Society. We are strong financially. The individual financial report can be found in the committee reports.
22. Future Site Selection. Charles Slack reported that the committee recommends Columbus, OH (Hyatt) for the 2013 meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December (Dec. 9-12). The room rate would be \$118 per night. Columbus offered a 10% rebate to the Society; this could translate in to ~\$8,000. Mark Loux has volunteered to be the local arrangements committee chair.
23. Local Arrangements. Charles Slack reported that everything is set of the meeting. Charlie and Mark Wrucke visited the hotel earlier this year. Currently, we are 100+ rooms over the room block.
24. Nominating. Jeff Gunsolus was not able to attend. He did provide a written report. There was a 30% election response. David Johnson was elected to the Vice-President's position. This was all done through electronic voting. It was suggested that next year a second reminder to vote should be sent out.
25. Program. Mark Wrucke covered the program in his President-elect's report.
26. Resolutions and Necrology. Kirk Howatt updated lists of deceased former members. There were four deaths this past year. See Kirk's report.
27. Invasive Plants. Byron Sleugh was not able to attend. The Invasive Plants committee will be extensively involved with the planning of next year's NCWSS joint meeting with Midwest Invasive Plants Network (MIPN).
28. Electronic Communications. Glenn Nice provided a written report. The major recommendations are to find a replacement web-master and to dissolve the Electronic Communications committee (will be voted on in the new MOP).

29. Regional Director's Reports: No reports.
30. Old Business: Board Action is required on the 30-day ballot for approval of the Manual of Operating Procedures (MOP). This will be carried until the Wednesday night meeting, so there is quorum. There was some discussion that the Executive Committee needs to be cautious not to drive the direction of the Long Range Planning, Organizational Affairs, and Membership Committee.
31. New Business: MIPN and the Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin (IPAW) will participate in the 2011 NCWSS meeting in Milwaukee, WI. Jerry Doll, Mick Holm, Mark Renz and Byron Sleugh will work with Bryan Young to develop the program and integrate the meetings. It will be a different style of meeting.

The NCWSS also received a proposal for sponsorship from Brandon Kreig with the Stewardship Network for the meeting "Science Practice and Art of Restoring Native Ecosystems" at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, MI on Jan. 21 - 22, 2011. Last year we support the conference at \$1,000. Do we want to sponsor this in 2011? What value do we get out of sponsorship? Last year we were able to promote the "Weeds of the Midwestern United States and Central Canada" book. It was discussed we probably don't want to continue down this road. Chris Boerboom will respond to Brandon that we will plan to invest in the joint NCWSS and MIPN meeting next year.

32. No adjournment. Meeting ended at 4:30 pm.