



NCWSS Board Meeting Minutes
Thoroughbred 4, Hyatt Regency Lexington
Lexington, KY
December 15, 2010

1. Call to Order. 7:10 pm President Mark Wrucke presiding.
2. Roll Call by Christy Sprague (Secretary-Treasurer). Quorum present. Board Members: M. Wrucke, B. Young, D. Johnson, C. Sprague, H. Hatterman-Valenti, K. Bradley, D. Rathmann, C. Boerboom, P. Banks, W. Everman, J. Stachler, R. Tichich, B. Kappler, J. Roskamp, T. Klingman (proxy for D. Thomas), and B. Jenks. Others present at the meeting: L. VanWychen, J. Lindquist, R. Smeda, and K. Howatt.
3. President's Report. Mark Wrucke thanked Charlie Slack, Sarah Carter, and the local arrangement committee for all their work. Mark would also like to know who all of the Vice-chairs and volunteers are for the committees. Mark will be in contact the chairs if he needs new committee members.
4. President-Elect's Report. Bryan Young reported that next year's NCWSS Annual Meeting could have over 600 attendees with the invasive plant groups. Bryan is looking symposia ideas. Some ideas are: 1) Giant ragweed (Emilie Regnier, OSU), 2) Molecular side of weed science (Graduate students), and 3) another suggestion was a symposia focusing on graduate student interests (i.e., interviewing skills (industry and academia), herbicide registration process, writing grants, careers in academia and industry, courses important to employers, trait registrations, or basic skills in becoming a good teacher).
5. Vice President's Report. Dave Johnson indicated that it is an honor to have been elected to this role.
6. Past President's Report. Chris Boerboom thanked Mark Wrucke on the tremendous job he did in pulling together a good program.
7. Secretary-Treasurer's Report. Christy Sprague asked for approval of the Executive Committee Summer Meeting Minutes. Chris Boerboom made the motion to approve the minutes, Bryan Young seconded the motion. No discussion. ***Approval of minutes passes.***
8. Proceedings Editor's Report. Bob Hartzler was not in attendance. The abstracts are currently not posted on-line. It was thought that then should be posted by next week. Again if members would like to purchase hard copies they can do so through Curran Associates. Phil Banks will send an email to listserv on how the Proceedings can be purchased.
9. Communications Editor's Report. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti - No report.
10. WSSA Representative. Kevin Bradley – No report.
11. CAST Representative. Duane Rathmann – No report.
12. Executive Secretary's Report. Phil Banks reported that we had 360 people registered for the 2010 Annual Meeting. This is 45 more people than last year. There were 42 walk-ins. There were 15 people that just registered for one-day of the conference. There were very few no shows. There were six people that contacted Phil indicating that they would not be able to attend. Overall registration went well and the local arrangements committee was great to work with. There may be 35 lunches that we will need to pay for that was not used at the Awards Luncheon.
13. Director of Science Policy. Lee VanWychen reported that some of the current programs like CAR/RAMP and the Regional IPM programs are not in the Senate version of the 2011 budget and these programs could be at risk. In the Senate version of the budget this \$10 Million difference looks like it is moved to SARE.

The concern is that there are many CAR/RAMP grants that would not fall into SARE funding. The budgets are still up in the air. In the House version it looks like earmarks are being hid in this budget.

Interest Group Committees:

14. Long Range Planning, Organizational Affairs and Membership (Strategic Planning) Committee. The new chair is Wesley Everman and Liz Stahl is the vice-chair. The second agenda item from this committee was to discuss Plans to Attract, Develop and Retain New Weed Scientists. There was no action item brought forward from this committee associated with this discussion. However, there was discussion of why we may not be attracting undergraduate students. It was suggested that a survey could be developed to get at this question. There was a suggestion that we want to have some activity for undergraduates at our annual meetings. The ASA meetings have a Quiz Bowl for undergraduate students. It was suggested that the Graduate Student Committee be charged with organizing an event for undergraduate students. The Resident Education Committee also discussed ways to attract undergraduate students. It was also suggested that we may be able to provide some funding to off-set registration and travel costs. Another item on this committee's agenda concerned the visual recording of presentations and posters for internet viewing. The committee wants to explore the details of making this happen. Can this system be integrated into the online submission? Again this would only be voluntary there is no requirement for the posting of presentations or posters. The thought is only members would have access until a specified date i.e., March 1. This service could be password protected and secure. Phil Banks will work with David Krueger to see if this is possible with the new website. We would want the presentations converted to .pdf files. The exploration of this system is a motion from the committee. How much it would cost? Phil Banks thinks that this would be part of the web maintenance fee. Phil and Glenn nice will be in communication with David Krueger. ***Motion passes*** to examine this system further. The State Directors are now charged with having at least one nomination for a DAA or Fellow come from their state. Wesley Everman will send out an email to the committee reminding them of this. NCWSS membership: most members are currently happy with the size of our membership (300 to 350 annual meeting attendees and about 500 members). The final discussion of this committee had to do with engagement of NCWSS with Federal agencies. It will be important to work with Lee VanWychen and Jill Schroeder on these matters. There was no action item on this agenda item other than we should be inviting Senators and House Reps to our field days.
15. Extension Committee. Jeff Stachler is the new Extension Committee chair and Doug Shoup is the vice-chair. The extension committee discussed having a symposium on media, how to use social media for communications, etc. Mark Bernards will be putting together a proposal on this idea.
16. Industry Committee. Ryan Tichich announced that the Industry Breakfast is tomorrow morning and then David Saunders will be the new chair. Ryan sent in his committee report following Thursday's meeting. Dawn Refsell is the new vice-chair for the Industry committee. There was discussion at the meeting about trying to capitalize on the idea that we will be partnering with the invasive group. A potential symposium idea brought forward was putting the complete pest management package together for a cropping system (weed control, fungicides, and other types of management).
17. Resident Education Committee. Brady Kappler (chair), Fritz Koppatschek (vice chair), Cheryl Dunne (2nd vice chair). The resident education committee is proposing to give \$500 per NCWSS University to offset travel for the 2011 Weed Olympics. If not all Universities register a team the remainder of the funds will be split among the registered Universities. For the 2012 contest, the committee would like to approach Diamond Ag (Doug Nord) in Kansas. This would be a western location. The plan for 2013 is to have Leslie Lloyd approach Monsanto for their Monmouth facility. The Undergraduate Hyatt Award will continue to be given the undergraduate summer contest award winner. There was some discussion in developing a new undergraduate award. An ad hoc committee chaired by Jeff Stachler will develop a proposal on a new undergraduate award and propose it prior to summer contest. They would like to have this proposal voted on by email. A straw poll showed very favorable support. Mike DeFelice has suggested that the NCWSS purchase the Weeds of the Midwestern United States and Central Canada for all graduate student members of the NCWSS. There would be between 75 to 80 students the first time that would cost only \$1500 to \$1800. A suggestion was thought that this could be part of the contest awards. There was a lot of discussion. Many advisors brought up that they are currently buying their students this

book. Jared Roskamp will contact the graduate students and see how many of them don't already have this book.

18. Graduate Student Committee. Jared Roskamp reported he wanted to make sure that the undergraduates are invited to participate in the graduate student luncheon. Would it be possible to change the name to "Student Luncheon" to be all inclusive?

Standing Committees:

19. Distinguished Achievement Awards. Chris Boerboom will work on suggesting new committee members to Mark Wrucke. Chris will also be working hard on trying to get more nominations and making sure that there is adequate notification of membership for these nominations.
20. Fellow Award. Mike Owen is willing to stay on as chair of this committee.
21. Finance, Steering, and Public Policy. Christy Sprague reported that the finance committee met with Executive Secretary, Phil Banks and went through the 2010 expenditures and investments. At the summer board meeting it was voted to do away with the yearly audit that the NCWSS had every year that cost the Society \$4,000. An audit is not required of a non-profit organization. The members of the Finance, Steering, and Public Policy thought that it may be good to have an external audit every 3 to 5 years, but this will be flexible. The Stipends were reviewed for the Editors and Secretary Treasurer and it was decided that they remain the same. Glenn Nice has asked to stay on as the person to format the NCWSS newsletter, which has been \$250 per issue (3 issues per year). The budget was reviewed and finalized and will be presented at the Wednesday night NCWSS Board meeting. There was also some discussion of development of a Statement of Investments for the NCWSS. The committee decided that we should remain short-term liquid unless interest rates improve. It was also discussed that the investments should remain in the form of CDs and that they should be with institutions that are FDIC approved. In general, we would like to have the CDs diversified with different institutions. The thought was when the CDs mature the Executive Secretary will contact the Secretary-Treasurer and discuss the purchase of the next CD. If interest rates improve it was thought to ladder the investments over time. All members agreed to serve another term on this committee.
22. Future Site Selection. Charles Slack reported that the committee recommends Hyatt Columbus, OH (Hyatt) for the 2013 meeting the 2nd week of December (Dec. 9-12). This *motion* for the committee *passes*. Mark Loux has volunteered to be the local arrangements committee chair. Mick Holm is encouraging Charlie to look at Minneapolis in 2014.
23. Local Arrangements. Charles Slack reported that this was a very successful meeting. Everyone agreed that this location had great meeting space. Everyone commended Charlie and Sarah on an excellent job.
24. Nominating committee. The only position up for election next year is vice-president.
25. Program. Bryan Young asked for everyone's patience with venue next year. The program committee will meet at WSSA in Portland.
26. Resolutions and Necrology. Aaron Hager is the new chair. Kirk Howatt will be the vice-chair. Kirk presented the resolutions. Jeff Stachler seconded the motion. The *motion to accept the resolutions passes*. It was brought up that the necrology report should be put on the web and that it be updated easily since this is a fluid list. Also it was discussed to have all lists be first name, middle initial, and last name.

NCWSS Resolutions for 2010

1. **RESOLUTION ON:** The Hotel Meeting Facility for the 65th 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 Lexington of Lexington, KY provided an excellent and spacious meeting environment; and

WHEREAS the staff and management of the Hyatt Regency Lexington of Lexington, KY 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 Science Society in session at Lexington, KY, December 13-16, 2010 for the 65th Annual Meeting commends the Hyatt Regency Lexington management and staff for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.

2. **RESOLUTION ON:** Local Arrangements Committee for the 65th 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 Charlie Slack 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 Science Society in session at Lexington, KY, December 13-16, 2010 for the 65th Annual Meeting commends Charlie Slack 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 65th 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 65th Annual Meeting fulfilled their obligations and responsibilities with dedication and commitment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Weed Science Society in session at Lexington, KY, December 13-16, 2010 for the 65th 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.

27. Invasive Plants Committee. Reid Smeda is the chair and Steve Young (UNL) is the vice-chair. It was recommended by this committee to have the Keynote speaker of next year's Annual Meeting General Session address invasive plants.
28. Regional Director's Reports: There was considerable discussion on whether the abstracts should be password protected. It was decided that the abstracts should be available to everyone on the website. It would be great to have the abstracts linked to the password protected visual presentations.
29. Old Business. Chris Boerboom made the motion to approve the proposal on revamping and maintenance of the NCWSS website by AgRenaissance. Christy Sprague seconded the motion. ***The motion passes.*** It will take 60 to 90 days to rebuild the website. Phil will send out membership renewals from the revamped website.

Chris Boerboom made a motion to pass the proposed NCWSS budget for 2011 (see attached). Jeff Stachler seconded the motion. ***The motion passes.***

There was a final motion to vote on the 30-day ballot for approval of the new Manual of Operating Procedures. There was a friendly amendment on page 11- Communications Editor 1 to change the Spring issue to Feb/Mar, and the Fall issue to Sept/Oct. There was also a friendly amendment to remove a sentence pg 29. Ryan Tichich made the motion; Harlene Hatterman-Valenti seconded the motion with the friendly amendment. ***The MOP was approved.***

30. New Business. There was continued discussion on trying to provide NCWSS members with the option of becoming CAST members on the NCWSS registration. If this can be tied together there could be more involvement from individual members from NCWSS. Bryan Young proposed that this be an option with next year's NCWSS membership. Duane Rathmann provided a second. We would need to include a convenience charge to offset credit card fees. *The motion passed.*
31. Christy Sprague moved to adjourn, Jeff Stachler seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

**NORTH CENTRAL WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY
2011 BUDGET**

	2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Budget
INCOME			
Program Services			
Membership Dues	\$12,600	\$ 13,214	\$ 14,000
Sustaining Membership	14,000	12,250	14,500
Investment Income	5,000	4,407	4,000
Miscellaneous			
Total	<u>\$31,600</u>	<u>\$ 29,871</u>	<u>\$32,500</u>
PUBLICATIONS			
Proceedings	\$10,000	\$ 9,750	\$ 2,000
Weed DVD			
Weeds of Midwest & Canada	0	614	\$ 1,500
Total	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,364</u>	<u>\$ 3,500</u>
ANNUAL MEETING			
Registration	\$63,000	\$58,800	\$ 69450
Total	<u>\$63,000</u>	<u>\$58,800</u>	<u>\$ 69450</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$104,600	\$99,035	\$ 105,450
EXPENSES			
Program Services			
Telephone	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ NA
Postage	500	236	\$ 300
Insurance, Legal & Audit	2,300	515	\$ 1015
Office Supplies	500	87	\$ 100
Newsletter	750	750	\$ 750
Newsletter Editor stipen	750	750	\$ 750
Web Administrator	500	500	\$ 4,000*
Organization Dues	1,500	1,500	\$ 1,500
General Printing	250	0	\$ 0
Weed Contest	8,500	0	\$ 8,500
Travel	5,000	4,057	\$ 5,000
Management Fee	20,000	20,000	\$ 20,000
Stipend-Secretary/Treasurer	750	750	\$ 750
WSSA Science Director	16,000	10,930	\$ 12,263
MIPN and Ag Network	1,000	0	\$0
New website design			\$ 5,500*
Miscellaneous	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,099</u>	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
Total	<u>\$63,300</u>	<u>\$ 42,174</u>	<u>\$62,428</u>
PUBLICATIONS			
Proceedings	\$2,700	1,902	\$ 0
Stipen - Proceedings Editor	750	750	\$ 750
Total	<u>\$3,450</u>	<u>\$2,652</u>	<u>\$ 750</u>
ANNUAL MEETING			
Annual Meeting Expenses	\$48,000	\$ 46,000	\$ 48,000
Total	<u>\$48,000</u>	<u>\$ 46,000</u>	<u>\$ 48,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$114,750	\$ 90,826	\$111,178
Gain (Loss)	(\$10,150)	\$ 8,209	(\$ 5,728)

*contingent on web proposal passing