



NCWSS Board Meeting Minutes
66th Annual Meeting of the NCWSS
Managers Suite (3rd Floor)
Hyatt Regency Milwaukee
December 12, 2011

1. Call to Order. President Mark Wrucke called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.
2. Roll Call by Secretary-Treasurer Christy Sprague. NCWSS Board members present included: M. Wrucke, B. Young, D. Johnson, C. Sprague, H. Hattermen-Valenti, K. Bradley, C. Boerboom, P. Banks, J. Stachler, D. Saunders, B. Kappler, J. Roskamp, J. Krum (filling in for D. Thomas), and B. Jenks. Quorum. Additional attendees were M. Owen, A. Miller, and J.D. Green.
3. President's Report. President Mark Wrucke reported on different activities that he been involved with as President of the NCWSS. This information can be found in his written report. One of the highlights was the big success of the 2011 Weed Olympics that were held in Knoxville, TN. The NCWSS was represented well. The NCWSS had the overall 1st place team and 1st place individual. Mark also mentioned the NCWSS co-sponsored an EPA tour of Glyphosate-Resistant Weeds in IL, MO, and AR. The tour will be highlighted at the General Session by speakers Dr. Jill Schroeder (EPA Liaison) and Dr. Bill Chism (EPA). There were a fair number Distinguished Achievement Award and Fellow nominations this year which is encouraging. Mark also thanked Bryan Young for his leadership in developing the program with the Invasive weed groups. Mark also thanked Mick Holm and the local arrangements committee and Phil Banks as the Executive Secretary for all their help. There was some discussion of increasing the stipend for the Giant Ragweed symposium, since they requested an additional \$1,500. This was approved prior to the meeting. Additionally, the 2012 NCWSS Summer Student contest is scheduled for August 9th in Larned, KS with Diamond Ag (Doug Nord) as the host.
4. President-Elect's Report. President-Elect Bryan Young highlighted activities from his report. Bryan was most extensively involved with program planning. There were very few problems with the title and abstract submission process through the website. Most problems occurred with speakers from the Invasive weed groups, because they were unfamiliar with the system. There are 193 papers and 75 posters scheduled for this meeting, with a significant number coming from the Invasive and Giant Ragweed Symposiums. Bryan mentioned that Bill Chism and Jill Schroeder will be speaking at the General Session about the summer EPA Herbicide Resistance Tour and other potential EPA collaborations with NCWSS. The Giant Ragweed symposium has requested an additional \$1,500 for their symposia, all speakers registered for the conference. Because of the registration costs Chris Boerboom moved that we increase the amount for this full-day symposium to \$3,250. Jeff Stachler provided the 2nd. *Motion Passed*. The members of the Giant Ragweed symposium would like to have a link on the NCWSS site for recorded audio and visual (PowerPoint) presentations from this symposium using Camtasia software. David Johnson provided a motion that included: Prior to the Giant Ragweed Symposium going online, authors would need to sign the consent form for release of their recorded presentations on the website, the President would review the visual and audio presentations for quality, and that the symposium presentations would be open to the public, and be posted for a period of at least one year. Chris Boerboom provided the 2nd. There was a fair amount of discussion about pros and cons and if it should be members only. This has been one charge of the Strategic Planning committee. There is a waiver that all speakers must sign prior to their presentations being posted. Phil Banks has provided this waiver (consent form) to the symposium leadership. The consent form indicates that the presentations only be linked through the NCWSS. The Board felt that this symposium will be a good test run for future presentations and posters being posted online. *Motion Passed*. The Strategic Planning committee was charged with continuing to examine the possibility of recording of the presentations in the future. There was also talk of including a few questions about the quality of the presentations and if people accessing these presentations found them

useful. The board found it important to also track the number of times the presentations were accessed to determine if the presentations on the web were a worthwhile endeavor.

5. Vice President's Report. Vice President David Johnson reported that his main duty has been to be involved with the WSSA's Public Awareness committee. This committee meets weekly by conference call. This year this committee issued 14 to 15 press releases. The topics have been broad. David asked the question on when the new Vice President should start on these conference calls. The transfer of responsibilities should take place in January.
6. Past President's Report. Past President Chris Boerboom reported on activities related to the Distinguished Achievement Awards committee. Chris placed an announcement in NCWSS newsletter, emailed the State Directors, and emailed the NCWSS membership about these awards. This year's awards are going to Anita Dille (Education), Walter Fick (Education), Greg Dahl (Industry), Terry Wright (Industry), and Nader Soltani (Professional Staff). Two years ago the Outstanding Graduate Student award was created. Last year there were no nominations for this award and this year there was only one nomination. Part of this decision process for this award is an interview. A phone interview will be taking place this evening, since the nominee is not attending the NCWSS annual meeting. The individual will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon. There was some discussion on how to get more nominations for this award. It was discussed since this is a new award that we should give it some time.
7. Secretary-Treasurer's Report. Secretary-Treasurer Christy Sprague presented the minutes from the summer Executive Committee meeting. Bryan Young provided the motion to approve the minutes. David Johnson provided the second. *Motion Passed.*
8. Proceedings Editor's Report. Bob Hartzler was not in attendance. However, Bob has expressed some concern in this role with the new submission process. This will be discussed further at Wednesday's Board Meeting.
9. Communications Editor's Report. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti reported that the three NCWSS newsletters went to press this year and that she will continue in her role.
10. WSSA Representative's Report. Kevin Bradley provided highlights from his written report. Kevin reported that the WSSA has made an effort to reduce the number of committees. This will be Kevin's last meeting in this role. President Mark Wrucke thanked Kevin for his service as the WSSA representative.
11. CAST Representative's Report. Duane Rathmann was not able to attend this meeting. The Board read through his report. The one thing that Duane pointed out in his report was that the NCWSS did not accomplish its attempt to provide our membership easy access for CAST membership at the time of registering for the NCWSS Annual Meeting.
12. Executive Secretary's Report. Phil Banks provided highlights to his written report. One accomplishment that was highlighted was the development of the new NCWSS website that went live in March. David Krueger with Ag Renaissance is the contractor for this website, if there are any issues with the website please let Phil know. Preregistration for the NCWSS Annual Meeting went smoothly. He indicated that they are working to try to make a more seamless transition from NCWSS web access to title submission. Right now there could be two different logins and passwords. David Krueger did a great job in handling the title submissions from the Invasive weed groups for the meeting. Currently there are 326 people preregistered with 62 student registrations. Revenue from the Invasive portion of the meeting looks to be ~\$24,000. This money will be divided in half, one-half to the NCWSS and the other half to be split between MIPN and IPAW. Another issue Phil brought to the board is because our organization is incorporated in the State of Illinois, we need to have a registered agent in that State. Bryan Young (resident of Illinois) has been appointed to be the Registered Agent in the State of Illinois for the Society.

Mike DeFelice has finished the Interactive Encyclopedia of North American Weeds; this has been added to the NCWSS website. Phil also reported that the election process for new officers went well this year; however we are examining new ways for anonymous online voting. Phil has also received several requests to send the listserve job announcements. Phil has proposed to accumulate these announcements over a 2 to 3 week period and then send them out as a batch. Phil will put this announcement in the newsletter. There was a suggestion to just send them out monthly. The NCWSS made \$1,000 this year from the sales of the Weeds of the Midwestern United States and Central Canada. There was a suggestion from one of the Board members about being able to change the email address login for title submission. Phil will talk to David about this possibility.

13. Director of Science Policy's Report. Lee VanWychen reported on several activities that are happening in Washington D.C. There has been a lot of activity to save the Aquatic Plant Control program. The NPDES permitting is still up in the air on the final version. The appropriations cycle has held static for Ag Appropriations Bill this year - Smith Lever, Hatch, and AFRI are the same funding levels as last year. The Regional IPM Centers funding went from \$3 million to \$4 million dollars this year. There were 10 USDA-ARS labs that were closed this year. There is the possibility for more USDA-ARS facility closings in the upcoming fiscal year that would likely impact Weed Science. Lee also mentioned the deadline for public comment for the Environmental Impact Statement for Roundup Ready Sugarbeet is Dec. 15. Lee thanked Kevin Bradley and Bryan Young for the outstanding EPA Herbicide Resistance tour that they hosted this year and the NCWSS for their sponsorship. The National Ag Statistics Service has reduced the frequency of pesticide surveys. This is a tremendous loss. The Pesticide safety education program has been decreased by 75% over time. The question is "Who is going to pay for this?". Pesticide safety education is mandated under FIFRA.

Interest Group Committees:

14. Strategic Planning Committee. Currently there is not a chair for this committee. Brian Jenks is a member of this committee and provided some comments. Over the past year the Strategic Planning committee has been charged with researching the possibility of recording presentations from the NCWSS. There was a fair amount of discussion about this in Bryan Young's report. It has been determined that we will be using the Giant Ragweed symposium as a pilot program. Brian also indicated that there has been discussion of a quiz bowl for the graduate students. This is something the SWSS has at their annual meetings. Brian will be getting some feedback from the committee on this topic. There was also some discussion again about the EPA Herbicide Resistance Field Tour and where that may lead. Bryan Young indicated that tour was great with 12 individuals from EPA. The tour cost about \$20,000, \$3,000 was provided from the NCWSS. Jill Schroeder (EPA Liaison) was key in helping facilitate the tour. The question was raised "Are we doing enough for the graduate student education?". One thing that was pointed out is that the Strategic Planning committee is extremely important to the NCWSS and we need some leadership for this committee. Bryan Young will try to facilitate this at the upcoming committee meeting. Brian Jenks indicated that he would be willing to serve as the chair.
15. Extension Committee. Jeff Stachler provided highlights from his written report. Jeff brought up the idea of having Social Media symposia at the next NCWSS. Jeff raised the question if the NCWSS or WSSA can or should be developing smartphone apps and should we make the development of these apps a more unified effort.
16. Industry Committee. David Saunders indicated that fund raising for the Industry sponsored Society mixer went well this year. He also indicated that Steve Young from the University of Nebraska will be the Industry Breakfast speaker. He will be speaking on automated weed control.
17. Resident Education Committee. Brady Kappler provided a highlight of his written report. He mentioned that there is only one undergraduate poster for this year's meeting. This will be discussed at the Resident Education committee meeting. The 2012 NCWSS Student Summer Contest is scheduled for August 9 in

Larned, KS with Doug Nord and his company Diamond Ag as the host. There has been some discussion for possible locations for 2013. One possible location would be the Monsanto facility in Monmouth, IL. There was a question on whether there was a Resolution that addressed the Weed Olympics this year. Mark Wrucke sent a thank you note to the Weed Olympic Hosts this year on behalf of the Society.

18. Graduate Student Committee. Jared Roskamp provided highlights from his written report. He indicated that the graduate students are going to try to work more closely with other graduate students between the societies.

Standing Committees:

19. Distinguished Achievement Awards. See Past President's Report.
20. Fellow Award. Mike Owen reported that there were four nominations this year for Fellow's Award and three will be awarded according to the MOP. The society needs to be diligent in soliciting nominations.
21. Finance, Steering, and Policy. Christy Sprague provided highlights from the Finance, Steering, and Policy report. The bottom line is that the NCWSS is financially secure. Chris Boerboom stated that we have the financial resources to support Weed Science, so it is important to look for opportunities to do this, (i.e., EPA Herbicide Resistance Tour).
22. Future Site Selection. Charles Slack has suggested that the 2014 NCWSS be held at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, MN with the dates Dec. 1-4. These dates put us back to the first two weeks of December as indicated by the MOP. David Johnson provided the motion on Charlie's suggested location and dates, Jeff Stachler provided the second. *Motion Passed.* Eric Spandl with Winfield Solutions has volunteered to be the Local Arrangements chair for the Minneapolis meeting.
23. Invasive Plants. Reid Smeda was not able to attend the meeting. The Board read through his written report.
24. Local Arrangements. Mick Holm indicated that everything is under control. Mick has a great committee and the hotel has been great to work with. Emilio Oyarzabal from Monsanto has agreed to be local arrangements chair for next year's meeting in St. Louis, MO.
25. Nominating. Jeff Gunsolus was not able to attend. The Board read through his report. New officers will be J.D. Green for Vice President and Mark Bernards for the WSSA Representative.
26. Program. See President Elect's Report.
27. Resolutions and Necrology. Aaron Hager was not able to attend. The Board read through the written report. One suggestion was to make the formatting of the Fellows, Presidents, and Distinguished Achievement Awards recipient's names consistent in the NCWSS program. The suggestion was to change the formatting for the past President's section, since this was not in the same format as the other two sections.
28. Regional Director's Reports. No reports.
29. Old Business. No old business.
30. New Business. Bryan Young mentioned that Emilie Regnier has asked the Board to consider developing a working group on giant ragweed for the NCWSS, since giant ragweed impacts Weed Science and Public Health. It was suggested that Emilie and her group develop a proposal for this working group.

Chris Boerboom suggested that the limit for Symposia funding be raised to a minimum of \$2,000. Chris provided this as a motion and Bryan Young provided the second. There was a fair amount of discussion on what the expectations are for the symposia and what the funding should be used for. Also should certain speakers have complimentary registration? There are usually some complimentary rooms for lodging that the Executive Secretary keeps track of. Typically we do not comp NCWSS members for registration or lodging; however for outside non-members we may do this. Chris withdrew his motion. We will keep this information in the notes for the future. We will proceed with the idea with spending up to \$2000. J.D. Green brought up that the Executive Board usually discusses the finances of the symposia at the summer board meeting with recommendations from the Program Committee. This is how the matter of funding symposia should be addressed.

31. Adjourn. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti moved to adjourn at 4:16 pm. Jeff Stachler seconded. *Motion Passed.*