

**North Central Weed Science Society
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December 2012**

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Executive Committee Reports

President – Bryan Young

Lee Van Wychen, Director of Science Policy, has solicited support, in the form of NCWSS as a signatory on multi-stakeholder letters, or input from the NCWSS on numerous occasions in regards to regulatory issues or proposed bills in Washington D.C. These issues related mostly to the availability of federal grant funding for weed science, support for federal programs that pertain to weed management during deliberations on budget recession, general support that encourages science-based decisions in policy development (ex. biofuels and invasive species), and responsible progress on administrative activity (Farm Bill, transgenic crop trait regulatory delays, etc.). In August I attended the 2012 NCWSS Summer Weed Contest hosted by Doug and Cathy Nord at Diamond Ag Research in Larned, KS. Doug, Cathy, the rest of the Diamond Ag staff, and the numerous volunteers implemented an excellent contest for young, aspiring weed scientists. This contest continues to be an important part of the NCWSS and I'm excited about the possibility of having the NEWSS join us for the contest in 2013. Per the MOP, I contacted all Distinguished Achievement Award recipients and elected Fellows and invited them to the awards luncheon. Committee membership lists will be created and made available at the registration desk for members to reaffirm their committee membership interests or join new committees. These lists will also be sent to committee chairs to use at their committee meetings. I extend thanks to Mark Wrucke, Dave Johnson, Phil Banks, Christy Sprague, Emilio Oyarzabal, and all the Board members who provided excellent service when called upon over the past year.

Recommendation of Board Consideration: Are there any issues pertaining to education or policy for which the NCWSS should improve our activity or communicate these with WSSA? One example may be urging WSSA and those involved in the weed science discipline to be consistent in our messaging on the different herbicide modes of action.

Suggestions for the Future: The NCWSS should continue to seek out opportunities for education within the region. Should we consider what opportunities exist to increase awareness and impact of the NCWSS such as “branding” our society efforts? I know we use the NCWSS logo on all official materials, but do we reference the NCWSS often during our outreach efforts? Should we be partners on regional outreach products that are sponsored by multiple universities and industry? Perhaps this should be discussed annually by the Strategic Planning Committee.

President Elect – David Johnson

Development of 2012 annual meeting program was my main activity. The 2012 meeting will include a total of 209 presentations (85 posters and 124 oral presentations). All submissions were done through the WSSA abstracts web site, and went very smoothly. I appreciate the help of David Kruger of Ag Renaissance. Two symposia were developed: “Invasive potential of biofuel crops” (organized by Scott Flynn) and “Finding a career in weed science” (organized by Connor Ferguson and Ashley Schlichenmayer). In addition, a student quiz bowl will be run at the BASF student mixer. There are 31 poster (23 grad and 8 undergrad) and 32 oral papers in the student contests. Oral paper contest presentations were divided into four sections for judging, and all will occur on Tuesday afternoon so judging decisions can be made in time for the Awards Luncheon. When possible, non-contest presentations on similar topics were interspersed within the contest papers so judges would have more time to evaluate and make notes on contest papers. Oral paper recording is offered for the first time this year. A total of 27 authors agreed to have

their papers recorded and posted to the web site. An additional 16 agreed to have the .PDF of their slides only (no voice) posted. For posters, 21 will be posted as .PDF files to the web site. I would like to recognize the work of Brian Jenks, Bruce Ackley, and the Strategic Planning Committee to help make this happen. Bill Iseminger of Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site in Illinois will open the General Session with a presentation on how a pre-Columbian culture in the St. Louis area used many plants we now consider to be weeds for sustenance, and Dale Shaner will speak on his perspectives on the future of the weed science profession. In addition, Lee Van Wychen and Duane Rathmann will report on Science Policy and CAST activities, respectively, Bryan Young will make the Presidential Address, and Aaron Hager will present a necrology report. Expenditures for the program are mainly to cover expenses for invited symposia and general session speakers. Airfare, mileage/parking, and lodging (through hotel comp. rooms), plus meeting registration will be covered.

Suggestions for the Future: I have a number of symposia ideas suggested in previous meetings that we did not use this year, and will pass this list to JD Green for his consideration.

Vice President – J.D. Green

My primary activity has been involvement with the WSSA's Public Awareness Committee. This committee meets biweekly via conference call and has issued 15 press releases to date this year. Significant news releases have included 'Endorsement of Strategies to Reduce Threat of Herbicide Resistance to Agricultural Productivity', 'Biofuel Best Management Practices Imperative to Protect Against Plant Invaders', and an 'Objective Look at Issues Associated with "Least Toxic Pesticides" Applied as a "Last Resort".' This committee has initiated a Pesticide Steward Series with three news articles released to date and is also finalizing a Weed Fact Sheet. This fact sheet which highlights intriguing information about weeds should be of interest to not only weed scientists, but the general public as well. These press releases are available through the WSSA website (<http://www.wssa.net/WSSA/PressRoom/index.htm>).

Past President – Mark Wrucke

The committee solicited nominations for the Distinguished Achievement Awards through an announcement in the NCWSS newsletter, and email reminder to the membership and through an email to the state directors. Four new nominations were received and three nominations from past years were considered. The committee received two nominations for the Outstanding Graduate Student Award. The committee reviewed, ranked and selected four individuals to receive Distinguished Achievement Awards. These names were submitted to the Executive Committee and approved. Names, biographies and photos were sent to Phil Banks for inclusion in the awards program and preparation of the plaques. The two candidates for the Outstanding Graduate Student award will be interviewed by the committee at the annual meeting and a winner selected.

Budget Needs: Funding for plaques.

Suggestions for the Future: Two of the nominations will be forwarded for consideration again next year. One nomination has expired after being considered for three years. Active solicitation of nominations for both the Distinguished Achievement Award and the Outstanding Graduate Student is required.

Current Committee Members: Mark Wrucke (Chair), Bryan Young (Vice Chair), Ryan Tichich, Jan Michael, Dennis Belcher, Roger Becker, Bill Witt, Larry Hageman, and Chris Boerboom (Past Chair)

Suggestions for Future Committee Members: At least one new member will need to be added to the committee for next year to replace Dennis Belcher.

Secretary/Treasurer – Christy Sprague

Recorded and sent out meeting minutes for all Board Meetings during the 2011-2012 term. Worked closely with Executive Committee on Board of Director agendas and programs.

Proceedings Editor – Bob Hartzler

No report submitted.

Communications Editor – Harlene Hatterman-Valenti

I continued to work with Glenn Nice and Phil Banks to transfer NCWSS information to the three newsletters and the NCWSS web site when appropriate.

WSSA Representative – Mark Bernards

I attended the summer WSSA board meeting, August 18-19, 2012 in Baltimore, MD, held at in the Hilton Baltimore. The location offers excellent proximity to the harbor, Camden Field, and numerous restaurants.

WSSA Executive Board for February 2012 – February 2013

Past-President	Mike Barrett
President	Rodney Lym
President-elect (Program chair)	Jim Kells
Vice-President	Joe DiTomaso
Secretary	John Madsen
Treasurer	Ian Burke
Members-at-Large	Anne Legere, Sarah Ward, Les Glasgow, Daniel Kunkel
Chair, Constitution and MOP	Peter Porpiglia
Director of Publications	James Anderson
Executive Secretary	Joyce Lancaster – Allen Marketing and Management

Future WSSA meetings:

- 2013 Baltimore, MD (Feb 4-7) – Joint meeting with NEWSS
- 2014 Vancouver, BC (Feb 3-6) – Joint meeting with CWSS
- 2015 Lexington, KY
- 2016 San Juan, PR
- 2017 Tucson, AZ

WSSA Outcomes:

WSSA will be renewing its contract with Allen Press for meetings through the 2016 WSSA meeting. WSSA will also renew its contract with Allen Press for management services (membership registration and records, executive secretary, accounting and other online services,

etc.) through 2015. There is a new WSSA Website content manager: Muthukumar Bagavathiannan, currently a Post-Doc at the University of Arkansas. His first task will be to work with David Krueger to get redesigned WSSA website launched. He will be responsible for providing information for the WSSA web manager (Krueger) to upload, and will act as the first gate-keeper when members of the society request something to be added. The goal is to have a more complete and current website. The NCWSS is well-represented among candidates (Dallas Peterson for vice-president and Andrew Kniss for member-at-large). If the constitutional amendment on reducing the number of at-large members passes from the society vote, there will not be an election for a member-at-large until 2014, and then again in 2016. The editor for the 10th edition of the Herbicide Handbook will be Dale Shaner. There will be a print version and a committee is working to determine how to best facilitate the development of a digital version. A Special Issue of Weed Science in January 2014 is underway “Weed Science Methods”.

Recommendation (Questions) for Board Action:

- Currently, Allen Press’ publication contract under consideration. Is NCWSS satisfied with service they have received?
- A concept of having a WSSA liason in USDA-NIFA (similar to liason in EPA) is under consideration. This person would be an advocate and try to help increase federal funding for weed science-related research. Any thoughts on this?

Budget Needs: Travel expenses (~\$1000) to attend the WSSA summer board meeting in Vancouver, BC July 9-10, 2013.

CAST Representative – Duane Rathmann

I participated in 3 conference calls with the Plant Science working group to edit and advance commentary and issue paper topics. I also attended the annual CAST meeting in Kansas City on November 13-15. I supplied slides on CAST for the 2011 NCWSS general session and will give a 10 minute presentation on CAST at the 2012 general session. I also supplied articles for NCWSS newsletters.

Recommendation for Board Action:

- The NCWSS support of CAST (Council for Agricultural Science and Technology) and of our Science Policy Director in Washington represent two methods of outreach for a fair and accurate voice for agriculture. Continue support as a society member of CAST.
- Help to encourage NCWSS member understanding of CAST and encourage individual membership through an option in the NCWSS annual meeting registration.

Budget Needs: My only costs incurred were hotel expenses at the annual meeting. I was able to drive the last two years with meetings in Des Moines and Kansas City so my costs were less than \$500. NCWSS may want to keep \$1500 in budget to allow for air travel if necessary in the future.

Suggestions for the Future: Continue with newsletter articles and a small presentation at the annual meeting.

Suggestions for Future CAST chair: Be sure there is a good transfer of information to understand the role of CAST representative.

CAST Society Representative Roles

Background: Each member society will designate one representative to serve a three-year term on the CAST Board of Representatives. The representative is expected to attend an annual CAST

meeting of the board each year, participate throughout the year as a member of one work group, and serve as a liaison between CAST and the society. For CAST to be as functional as possible, it is paramount that member societies consider the individual to be appointed and the following responsibilities before making their appointments.

Duties:

Attendance/Participation: 1) Attend an annual CAST meeting. In the event that the Representative cannot attend, it is his/her responsibility to arrange for an informed substitute to represent his/her society. The society is responsible for all travel expenses related to attendance of the annual meeting. 2) Participate actively in work group assignments, conference calls, etc. as appropriate. The representative may serve on one work group: Animal Ag and Environment, Food Science and Safety, or Plant Ag and Environment. 3) Consider participating as an individual member of CAST during his/her tenure as a Representative. Membership categories include: Individual, Century Club, Friends of CAST, Presidents Club, Millennium Club, and Lifetime Membership. 4) Coordinate set up, take down, and staffing of the CAST display at member society meetings. CAST uses a tabletop display that explains the role of CAST and contains display copies of recent publications. 5) Communicate effectively and regularly with the society he/she represents, including reporting to his/her society board, newsletter, and other avenues as available and appropriate. 6) Coordinate or facilitate efforts of the CAST staff to enhance communications between CAST and member societies.

Development Support: 1) Encourage colleagues to be members of CAST. 2) Assist with sustaining membership by identifying appropriate companies/ organizations to approach for membership and identifying appropriate contacts when possible. 3) Encourage financial contributions, both unrestricted and for specific purposes, from individuals, companies, nonprofit organizations, and academic and governmental entities.

Organization: 1) Understand the organizational structure of CAST and participate actively in a work group. 2) Ensure that the status of organizational strength and human resources available are commensurate with the requirements of the long-range goals. 3) Assess the effectiveness of the CAST organization and make recommendations to improve its performance.

Operations: 1) Critically assess results achieved by CAST in light of its philosophy, annual and long-range goals, and the performance of similar organizations. 2) Ensure that the finances of CAST are adequate for its current needs and its long-range strategy. 3) Provide CAST with candid and constructive criticism, advice, and comments.

Term: 3 Years

Executive Secretary – Phil Banks

The current (as of November 30, 2012) net worth of the NCWSS is \$508,668.58 which is \$15,544.88 higher than reported on December 1, 2011. We have \$86,713.52 in a one year CD (0.5%) and \$126,893.04 in a 12 month CD (0.5%) with American Heritage National Bank and \$118,881.75 with Merrill Lynch (fixed account). The remaining amount is split between a checking account and money market account (0.4%). The current economic climate still does not offer many good investment options. I will meet with the Finance Committee and the Treasurer to go over the books for the year and discuss investment strategy. Also, the books for the 2011-12 fiscal year will undergo a formal audit by our CPA. The results of the audit will be presented to the Finance Committee when it is done.

Pre-registration as of December 1, 2012 is 345 (18 Fellows (two retired and free registration), 73 Students, 254 Regular Members). For the Industry Breakfast, 86 have paid. The local arrangements committee headed by Emilio Oyarzabal will provide support for on-site registration. The Hyatt has been very helpful and cooperative as we have prepared for the annual meeting.

Below is a summary of past meeting preregistration:

	St. Louis <u>2012</u>	Milwaukee <u>2011</u>	Lexington <u>2010</u>	Kansas City <u>2009</u>	Indianapolis <u>2008</u>	St. Louis <u>2007</u>
Members	272	264	256	223	268	270
Students	<u>73</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>52</u>
Total	345	326	313	280	322	322
Final attendance	????	360	361	315	349	357

Recommendations for consideration:

Over the past three years, the net worth of NCWSS has increased by approximately \$60,000. The Board should consider action that where these funds could be used to support appropriate activities for the Society (ie, student scholarships, educational publications, special invited speakers of interest to the membership at the annual meeting, etc.).

Director of Science Policy – Lee VanWychen

No report submitted.

Special Interest Group Committee Reports

Strategic Planning Committee – Brian Jenks

The Strategic Planning committee discussed the pros and cons of posting papers and posters on the website. The committee unanimously approved giving presenters the option to: 1) record voice and PowerPoint, 2) upload PowerPoint with no voice, and 3) upload posters. Each presenter will choose whether or not to have their presentation posted on the website. The presentations will be available for viewing to NCWSS members for one year. Website usage will be tracked to determine its usefulness to the members.

Recommendation for Board Action: The committee recommended that the Board approve the recording and uploading of presentations to the website. The board approved this recommendation at the summer board meeting.

Budget Needs: Software, thumb drives, and microphones are needed to record presentations. The approximate cost will be \$1,100 (\$700 mics + \$179 Camtasia Studio software + \$200 thumb drives).

Current Committee Members: Central Region: Mark Vogt (IA-2014), Aaron Hager (IL-2014), Eric Spandl (MN-2014), Kent Woodall (MO-2012), Allan Miller (WI-2013), and David Thomas* (IL-2012). Eastern Region: David Hillger (IN-2012), Erin Taylor (MI-2013), Bruce Ackley (OH-2013), Darren Robinson (ON-2014), and Glen Murphy* (KY-2012). Western

Region: Dale Shaner (CO-2012), Tate Castillo (KS-2013), Harlene Hatterman-Valenti (ND-2014), Lowell Sandell* (NE-2013), Trevor Dale (SD-2012), and Andrew Kniss (WY-2014).
 Chair: Brian Jenks (ND-2014). Vice Chair: Bruce Ackley. *Regional Director.
Suggestions for Future Committee Members: Dawn Refsell (MO), Mark Waddington (KY)

Extension Committee – Doug Shoup

The Extension Committee discussed the herbicide selection tool being developed by Lowell Sandell from NE.

Industry – Dawn Refsell

The primary committee activities for the year were centered on raising funds for the Society Social at the annual meeting and identifying a speaker for the Industry Breakfast. The goal of our fund raising activities was to provide sufficient resources to cover much of the food and beverages at the Social. As a result, \$8,000+ was collected. Company contributions are noted below:

Company	Amount	Company	Amount
Valent	\$1,000.00	Gowan	\$250.00
DuPont	\$1,000.00	Winfield Solutions, Inc.	committed
Dow	\$500.00	BASF	\$1,000.00
Syngenta	\$800.00	Monsanto	\$1,000.00
Bayer Crop Protection	\$1,000.00	TKI	\$250.00
FMC	\$1,000.00	Gylling Data Management	\$200.00
			\$8,000.00

The speaker for the breakfast will be Dr. Ivan Baxter, Research Computational Biologist USDA-ARS, Danforth Plant Science Center. He is part of a team integrating weedy traits (salinity tolerance, drought resistance, etc.) into crops. Dr. Baxter’s title is: Ionomics: Elemental Profiling Identifies the Genetic and Physiological Mechanisms of Environmental Adaptation. As a pilot program in 2012, to incentivize sustaining membership to the society and determine participation in the Industry Update section of the program, we limited participation to only sustaining members of the society. This worked well as we obtained additional sustaining members in 2012 and there were no objections.

Suggestions for the Future: Continue to use Sustaining membership as leverage for participation in Industry Update.

Current committee members: Dawn Refsell (Chair), Chris Kamienski (Vice-chair), Dave Saunders, Brent Petersen, Mark Peterson, Dave Johnson, John Willis, Nick Vandervort, Greg Dahl, Stott Howard, Gary Schmitz, John Hinz, Mayank S. Malik, Helen Flanigan, and Jeff Ellis.

Resident Education Committee – Fritz Koppatschek

The major action for 2012 was the summer weed contest that was hosted by Diamond Ag in Larned, KS. A total of 44 students participated. The 2013 contest will be hosted by Monsanto

at its Monmouth, IL facility. The contest will occur on July 24 and 25. The NEWSS will also participate in the contest. Pioneer has expressed interest in hosting the 2014 contest. Poster and paper contests are going well. The undergrad poster contest has 9 participants.

Budget Needs: At the present time the 2013 contest would be minimal cost to the NCWSS. Monsanto will be picking up the majority of costs.

Current Committee Members: Fritz Koppatschek (Chair), Cheryl Dunne (1st Vice Chair), Tate Castillio (2nd Vice Chair), Andrew Robinson, Mark Renz, Anita Dille, Gregroy Arnel, Jeff Stachler, Bruce Ackley, Eric Schroder, Doug Nord (Past Weed Contest Host), and Brady Kappler (Past Chair).

Graduate Students – Connor Ferguson

NCWSS with the help of Vice-chair Ashley Schlichenmayer sent a delegate to the WSSA Graduate Student Committee meeting and was the only regional society represented of the four. With the help of Ashley, Dave Johnson and myself, the graduate student committee worked extensively to coordinate new programming at this year's NCWSS meeting to include a quiz bowl during the BASF mixer, a tour of Monsanto and the Missouri Botanical Gardens and a brand-new symposium for graduate students in the area of professional and career development to occur on Wednesday morning.

Recommendations for the Future: Based on the actions taken to plan this year's NCWSS meeting, we would hope that next year's committee would continue to add programs for students and develop the new portions from this year. We would also like to see more work from the graduate student committee with the summer weed contest to help defray some of the planning and potentially add some programming or activities to create a better product and contest for students. The contest itself was great, but there is certainly down-times in the evenings that activities or functions could be coordinated for the future.

Current Committee Members: Connor Ferguson (Chair), Ashley Schlichenmayer (Vice chair), Dave Johnson (Advisor/Mentor), other graduate students (though input has been minimal).

Suggestions for Future Committee Members: Early in the spring semester I sent an email to the graduate student list petitioning to have a member from every university as an advisory board in addition to the President and VP. This will help to disseminate information to each university more easily and create a broader base of support for the committee and create input from each member university.

Standing Committee Reports

Distinguished Achievement Awards – Mark Wrucke

See Past President's report.

Fellows Award Committee – Mike Owen

Solicited and evaluated three nominations for selection as North Central Weed Science Society Fellow award.

Recommendation for Board Action: Recommended that three members be selected as Fellows of the North Central Weed Science Society. These members were Robert G. Hartzler, Peter H. Sikkema, and Roger L. Becker.

Current Committee Members: Micheal D.K. Owen (Chair), Adrian Moses, Dain Bruns, Duane Rathmann, J.D. Green and Richard Zollinger.

Finance and Steering Policy Committee – Christy Sprague

Committee Members: Harlene Hatterman-Valenti (Vice Chair), Kelly Nelson, Bill Johnson, Greg Krueger, Eric Spandl and Phil Banks (Ex Officio).

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS:

Table 1. NCWSS Income and Expenses (excluding investments), 2002-2012

Year	Total Income	Total Expenses
	\$	
2002	92,889	98,527
2003	102,820	113,999
2004	97,538	92,709
2005	81,225	99,272
2006	99,945	104,463
2007	107,988	104,350
2008	102,244	99,221
2009	116,271	108,717
2010	99,035	90,826
2011	97,057	100,144
2012	128,477	131,779

Table 2. Income and Expenses, 2012

	Income	Expenses	Net Profit (Loss)
	\$		
Program Services	42,601	68,497	(25,896)
Publications	2,309	1,597	712
2012 Annual Meeting	83,567	61,685	21,882
Total	128,477	131,779	(3,302)

Table 3. NCWSS Net Worth Statement, 2012

Assets	Balance
Checking	79,923.22
Money Market	94,048.91
Merrill Lynch Money Market	118,881.75
American Heritage CD#2	126,893.04
American Heritage CD#1	86,713.52
PayPal Balance	2,208.14
Total Assets	\$508,668.58
Total Assets (reported 12/11)	493,123.70
Net Change	\$15,544.88

At the close of the 2012 fiscal year, the Society has an invested financial reserve of \$332,488.31 which exceeds twice the annual operating expense of the Society (\$131,779) by over 50% as mandated in

the Manual of Operating Procedures, Chapter 10. Therefore, the financial reserve is more than adequate at this time. This fiscal year the total income was \$128,477 and the total operating expenses were \$131,779. The year ended with an overall financial loss of \$3,302.

The 2011 annual meeting (2012 fiscal year) generated a net profit of \$21,882. Income from the NCWSS Publications was a net profit of \$712. Whereas, expenses exceeded income for program services by \$25,896, which was within the 2012 budget. Major expenses include the Management Fee (\$20,000), the WSSA Director of Science Policy (\$12,263), and an additional expense of (\$3,500) for the annual NCWSS summer contest.

Future Site Selection – Charlie Slack

The committee looked at the Hyatt Regency hotels in Lexington and Indianapolis. Indianapolis has the dates of December 6th-10th and Lexington has the dates of December 13th-17th. Both hotels had similar proposals and continue to offer the Hyatt undergraduate scholarship.

Recommendation for Board Action: The committee recommends the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis to be the site for 2015. The contracted dates will be December 5th-10th. The meeting dates will be Monday December 7th-10th.

Current Committee Members: Mark Wrucke, Mick Holm, Kirk Howatt, David Simpson and Sara Carter.

Suggestions for Future Committee Members: Mark Loux

Invasive Plants – Steve Young

NAIPSC, which the NCWSS promoted on their webpage (S. Young); 6 educational programs in Nebraska on invasive plants targeting approx. 500 high school students (S. Young); new online course on invasive plants that reached capacity in less than 2 weeks (S. Young); high school student from Connecticut applies for 2013 WSSA Student Fellowship Award (S. Young, mentor)

Budget Needs: \$10,000 for developing a conference on invasive plants apart from the NCWSS annual meetings, but sponsored by the NCWSS

Suggestions for the Future: Due to the lack of interest (only one submission on invasive plants was received for the 2012 meetings), the NCWSS needs to make a greater commitment to the area of invasive plants and less reliance on outside organizations (e.g., MIPN) or eliminate invasive plants as a part of the NCWSS.

Current Committee Members: Steve Young (Chair), Catherine Tarasoff (Vice Chair), Jim Harbour, Kevin Gibson, Roger Becker, Bob Masters, Mark Renz, Walt Fick, Joe Omielan, Reid Smeda.

Local Arrangements – Emilio Oyarzabal

The committee serves to satisfy the local needs of the annual Society meeting. Mick Holm, the 2011 chairperson of the Local Arrangements committee, provided the current committee excellent information and guidance. Additionally, graduate students from the University of Missouri and Southern Illinois University have also provided invaluable assistance. Special thanks to John Walsh with Rosen's for transporting and storing the Society's crates.

Recommendation for Board Action: Mark Loux promised to provide a name and address for shipping crates to Ohio for winter storage. I suggest recognizing the graduate students and John Walsh for their contributions.

Budget Needs: No current needs. We have only incurred some printer charges and will incur expenses shipping crates at the end of the meeting.

Current Committee Members: I requested the help of Drs. Smeda, Bradley, and Young, and they enrolled their graduate students.

Nominating Committee – Gary Finn

The Nominating Committee, with the assistance of Phil Banks, conducted an online based election for the positions of NCWSS Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and CAST representative. The Committee solicited and put forward two highly qualified candidates for each position.

For Vice President: John Hintz (Bayer) and Eric Spandl (Land O Lakes).

For Secretary/Treasurer: David Simpson (Dow AgroSciences) and Greg Kruger (Univ. of Nebraska).

For CAST Representative: Curtis Thompson (KSU) and Helen Flanigan (DuPont).

The voting for the V.P., Secretary/Treasurer, and CAST rep. positions was competitive but after comparing vote tallies with Phil Bank's tallies the results were the same: John Hintz received the most votes for V.P., David Simpson received the most votes for Secretary/Treasurer, and Curtis Thompson received the most votes for CAST rep. Of the approximately 500 qualified voters, 109 members voted in the election (approximately 22% of the membership voted).

Recommendation for Board Action: The committee would like to recommend to the Board that the Operating Guide form the nominating committee be changed to include the on-line voting procedure set up by Phil Banks and used in this year's (2012) elections. Likewise, the committee recommends that to include a photo as well as the bio for each candidate.

Budget Needs: Contact Phil Banks regarding details

Suggestions for the Future: See Recommendations for Board Action

Current Committee Members: Gary Finn (Chair), Bernie Zandstra (Vice-chair), Peter Sikkema, Stott Howard, Karen Renner, Brent Neuberger, Dallas Peterson, and Bernie Zandstra.

Suggestions for Future Committee Members: Voting response over the last two years indicates that the candidates not chosen for any particular position should be encouraged to consider future NCWSS opportunities as they garnered a lot of support and a list of potential candidates will be sent forward to the next committee chair – Bernie Zandstra.

Program Committee – David Johnson

Information is reported under the President-Elect report.

Resolutions and Necrology – Aaron Hager

The Committee monitored various newsletters, news and media outlets for announcements of the passing of individuals associated with the NCWSS. In mid-October an email was sent to the NCWSS membership requesting the Committee receive notification and information about the passing of any members during 2012. The Committee received notifications of three members who passed away in 2012. During the upcoming General Session, the Committee will present the names of three deceased individuals associated with the NCWSS: Mr. Dale Bush, Dr. Stanley Ries, Dr. Richard J. (Dick) Aldrich.

Recommendation for Board Action: An asterisk should be placed next to the name of Dale Bush (1983) in the Honorary Members/Fellows list.

Suggestions for the Future: Continue to monitor media outlets for announcements of the passing of society members. Consider providing the Committee with an electronic version of past members and provide guidelines to help determine who should be included in the Necrology report. For example, is the report limited to society members only, or should others who have made contributions to the society or weed science in general be included? If the report is limited to members only, is there a suggested number of years of membership? In other words, would someone who held only one year of membership be included in a report?

Current Committee Members: Aaron Hager (Chair), Kirk Howatt (Vice Chair), Tom Bauman, Donald Penner, Patrick Tranel.

Suggestions for Future Committee Members: Continue to update the Presidents, Honorees and Fellows list.