



**NCWSS Board Meeting Agenda  
Conference Room-Third Floor  
Hyatt Regency Columbus, OH  
June 13, 2013  
8:30 am EDT**

**Conference call information:**

**1-800-725-9556  
Access: 4852521#**

1. Call to Order (President): David Johnson
2. Roll Call (Secretary-Treasurer): David Simpson
3. President Report: David Johnson
4. President-Elect Report: J.D. Green
5. Vice President Report: John Hinz
6. Past President Report: Bryan Young
7. Secretary-Treasurer Report: David Simpson
8. Proceedings Editor Report: Bob Hartzler
9. Communications Editor Report: Harlene Hatterman-Valenti
10. WSSA Representative: Mark Bernards
11. CAST Representative: Curtis Thompson
12. Executive Secretary Report: Phil Banks
13. Director of Science Policy: Lee VanWychen
14. Old Business:
  - Recommendation from Strategic Planning Committee.
  - Review Invoicing for Sustaining Members.
  - Utilization of funds for summer weed contest.
15. New Business:
16. Adjourn
17. Lunch
18. Local Arrangement Committee and Interested Board Members to Review Facilities for 2013 NCWSS Annual Meeting in December.

**NCWSS Board of Directors**  
**Summer 2013 Board Meeting**

Roll call [12 Quorum]

<b>Officers</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>June 13</b>
President	David Johnson	present
President Elect	J.D. Green	present
Vice President	John Hinz	On call
Secretary-Treasurer	David Simpson	present
Editor-NCWSS Proceedings	Bob Hartzler	On call
Editor-Newsletter	Harlene Hatterman-Valenti	absent
WSSA Representative	Mark Bernards	On call
CAST Representative	Curtis Thompson	On call
Past President	Bryan Young	On call
Executive Secretary	Phil Banks	present
Director of Science Policy	Lee VanWychen	Call in

<b>Directors at Large</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>June 13</b>
Strategic Planning	Brian Jenks	Called in for his report
Extension	Vince Davis	Call in
Industry	Chris Kamienski	present
Resident Education	Cheryl Dunne	On call
Graduate Student	Lacy Valentine	absent
Central Region	Dawn Refsell	absent
Western Region	Lowell Sandell	absent
Eastern Region	Glen Murphy	absent

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:40 am EST by Dave Johnson.  
Roll call performed by David Simpson.  
A quorum is present for an Executive Board meeting.

Dave Johnson called for Committee and Officer Reports.

**NCWSS Board Office or Committee Name: President**  
**Officer or Chairperson Name: Dave Johnson**  
**Date of Preparation: June 13, 2013**

All committee assignments for 2013 were made and posted on the NCWSS web site. NCWSS was asked to consider co-signing a letter from the American Farm Bureau Federation, the Biotechnology Industry Organization, and the Congressional Hunger Center to the FDA stating that the 60-day public comment period on the FDA's environmental assessment of transgenic salmon should not be extended. Consensus in the NCWSS Executive Committee was that this request was out of NCWSS' scope and we declined to co-sign.

Presentation viewing on NCWSS website as of June 10 was 48 presentations have been downloaded for viewing by eight unique computer IP addresses. Of these downloads, 35 were of .pdf and 13 were of .mp4 files. This is for the period after February 25, 2013. Requests done prior to February 25 were not logged.

The 2013 summer contest will be hosted by Monsanto at the Monsanto Learning Center in Monmouth, IL on July 24 and 25. This will be a joint contest with NEWSS, but held under NCWSS rules. Scoring for teams from each society will be done separately and each society will present their own awards. I approved a couple of minor rules changes proposed by the Resident Education Committee and the host.

**NCWSS Board Office or Committee Name: President-Elect**  
**Officer or Chairperson Name: JD Green**  
**Date of Preparation: June 13, 2013**

### **President-Elect report at Summer 2013 Board Meeting:**

The 2013 program for the annual NCWSS meeting is under development. At the annual WSSA meeting in February I met with Bryan Young, Vince Davis, and Mark Bernards to begin planning the program. For the General Session we discussed the possibilities of key note speakers who could address world food challenges with the increasing world population. I have made contact with Dr. Phil Stahlman, current CAST President, who has agreed to speak. I also have leads for a few other individuals as possible General Session speakers. We are also making plans, as in the past, to have a joint meeting with the Midwest Invasive Plant Network (MIPN), who is being represented by Mark Renz and Katherine Howe. Therefore, on Wednesday afternoon an "Invasive Plant Symposia" is being proposed. The other symposium under development is "Using Social Networking and Other Media for Weed Science" lead by Vince Davis and Doug Shoup. We will also plan to include "What's New in Industry" again this year.

A few changes in the paper and poster section titles are being proposed (see attachment). For example, the Agronomic Crops I (Cereals/Sugar Beets/Dry Beans) did not have a paper presented in this section at the meeting last year and the Forestry, Industrial, Turf, Aquatics, Forage, and Range section appears to be too diverse. Another recommendation is to continue to provide opportunities for graduate students during the annual meeting such as the Quiz Bowl. Furthermore, there may be an opportunity for a pre-meeting tour of the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company in Marysville, Ohio. Last year the Monsanto and Missouri Botanical Garden tour was well received. If the NCWSS desires to support this activity, the society may need to make a financial commitment for a chartered bus service and also appoint someone to take the lead on coordinating.

JD made recommendation to rearrange the sections for Agronomic Crops I and Forestry, Industrial, Turf, Aquatics, Forage, and Range. Board agreed for JD to move forward to make changes to these sections. Dave Johnson indicated that BASF would be interested in hosting the Quiz Bowl. JD is to follow up with BASF that they are willing to support this as a large society function. Need to confirm that Dow AgroSciences will sponsor the graduate student

luncheon. It was noted that there needs to be clearer communication that the Quiz Bowl is open to the entire society in the program.

**JD made motion to NCWSS support a pre-meeting tour to Scotts and the NCWSS would support the transportation portion of the costs for graduate student and professors. Seconded by Mark Benards.**

Discussion: Is this only open to graduate student or to other members. Clarification is that it will be advertised as graduate student and advisor. There will need to be sign up form associated with the trip to coordinate with Phil. Estimated cost is \$1500 for transportation. JD will check with his contact with Scotts to see if they will serve as local contact and cover the cost of lunch.

**NCWSS Board Office or Committee Name: Vice-President  
Officer or Chairperson Name: John Hinz  
Date of Preparation: June 13, 2013**

The North Central Weed Science Society Vice President is a member of the WSSA Public Awareness Committee. This committee has 2 teleconferences each month. From these teleconferences, press releases are generated. Eighteen press releases were generated in 2012. Some of the subjects covered by the press releases include: Pesticide drift, Pesticide Storage, Worker Protection and The Contributions of Extension. WSSA members can sign up to receive the press releases by logging into their account on the WSSA website. The committee is also working on updating the WSSA Career Brochure.

**NCWSS Board Office or Committee Name: Past President  
Officer or Chairperson Name: Bryan Young  
Date of Preparation: June 13, 2013**

The primary duties of the Past President are to chair the Distinguished Achievement Award committee and represent the NCWSS on the WSSA nominations committee. An initial invitation for the NCWSS 2013 Distinguished Achievement Award nominations was included in the Past President article in the Spring 2013 newsletter. Further plans to solicit nominations will include an email to the membership and contacting each of the state directors.

The Outstanding Graduate Student award was a point of discussion at the December board meeting in regards to the requirement for the DAA committee to interview finalists at the annual conference. Some on the committee members felt the interview was not necessary and isn't required for the other DAA categories. I have discussed this issue with some of the DAA committee members this spring and thus far the consensus has been to drop the interview requirement. I will address this issue with the full committee and provide a recommendation for board action, if necessary, later this summer.

Mike Owen is interesting in furthering the involvement of Herbicide Resistance Summit program in Washington DC. Summit is in conjunction with National Academy of Science with the WSSA involved. Wanting to keep momentum from first meeting in 2012, to address how you change the farmer's approach to weed resistance. A September workshop in 2013 for 30-50 people that are viewed as stakeholders which include grower associations (Soybean Grower, National Corn Growers ...) At WSSA in 2014, there will be a session to discuss potential actions from this workshop. Proposal is to have Mike Owen serve as NCWSS representative to the meeting. Currently it is unclear what financial support request might be in the future. Bryan to have a follow up discussion with Mike concerning being NCWSS representative and follow up with Dave Johnson.

**NCWSS Board Office or Committee Name: Secretary/ Treasurer  
Officer or Chairperson Name: David Simpson  
Date of Preparation: June 13, 2013**

**David moved that we accepted the meeting minutes. Seconded by John Hinz. Meeting minutes were approved.**

**NCWSS Board Office or Committee Name: Proceedings Editor**  
**Officer or Chairperson Name: Bob Hartzler**  
**Date of Preparation: June 13, 2013**

No report provided.

**NCWSS Board Office or Committee Name: Communications Editor Report**  
**Officer or Chairperson Name: Harlene Hatterman-Valenti**  
**Date of Preparation: June 13, 2013**

No report presented

**NCWSS Board Office or Committee Name: Executive Secretary Report**  
**Officer or Chairperson Name: Phil Banks**  
**Date of Preparation: June 13, 2013**

**Final 2012 Annual Meeting Numbers:** Final attendance for the St. Louis meeting was: 315 regular members, 21 Fellows and 82 students (418 total; \$90,787.00 in registration fees). For the Industry Breakfast there were 106 paid. Approximately 48 members that did not attend the annual meeting have renewed their membership as of June 5, 2013. Total current membership in NCWSS is 500 (63 Fellows; 354 regular members; 83 students).

**Finances:** The current net worth of the NCWSS and the investment status is attached as well as the net worth at the end of the fiscal year (November 30, 2012) and the cash flow from the past fiscal year. NCWSS has a current net worth of approximately \$447,431.00, which is approximately \$ 7,000 more than this time last year. The increase is primarily due to income from the annual meeting that is in excess of the meeting and other operating expenses. Income over expense would have been higher except for the \$20,000 payment for the Weed Contest which exceeded the \$ 8,000 in donations by \$12,000.. Interest income from our investments, remain low (approximately \$ 2,200.00). I will discuss other investment options with the Finance Committee over the next few months.

Other than required payments to support the Director of Science Policy (\$ 10,800 due in October), support for the weed contest (\$8,500), Web Master (\$ 2000 for two quarters) and the quarterly (2) management fee (total of \$12,500) we will not have any other significant expenditures through the fiscal year (November 30). Income from registration for the 2013 meeting will begin in September and Sustaining Member dues will begin in November.

Our financial activities and accounts were audited following the end of the fiscal year by Beasley Mitchell & Co. The audit is attached. A \$4.53 over reimbursement was discovered and corrected. No other problems were found. The cost of the audit was \$1500, not counting the additional time required of the Executive Secretary required to prepare the information for the accountant.

**Other Activities:** I maintain a current listserv to be used in communicating with the membership and I work with the Proceedings Editor and Newsletter Editors on posting the Proceedings and Newsletters to the website. I provide the Webmaster with updated annual meeting, weed contest and society information such as committees, officers, past presidents, award winners and fellows, all which are posted at the website. The minutes of the annual and summer Board meetings are posted as they become available.

**Preparation for 2013 Meeting:** The Board needs to set the registration rates for the Columbus meeting. I recommend no change in fees from last year (\$240 for regular members, \$170 for Fellows and \$120 for student members). The registration process will be the same as last year. We will also need to set the registration rate for the Invasive Species Symposium in association with MIPN. At the Milwaukee meeting in 2011 the rate was \$150 for preregistration and \$ 200 for onsite registration. We split the registration fees with the co-sponsors as well as exhibitors fees. We also split the costs associated with the symposium. NCWSS also agreed to provide up to \$1500 in speakers fees and expenses for the Invasives Symposium.

**Motion made by JD. Green to set the registration fee for the 2013 NCWSS meeting at \$240 for regular members, \$170 for Fellows and \$120 for student members which is equal to 2012 meeting. Seconded by Mark Benards. No further discussion. Motion passed.**

**NCWSS Board Office or Committee Name:** WSSA Representative  
**Officer or Chairperson Name:** Mark L. Bernards  
**Date of Preparation:** June 13, 2013

**A. WSSA Executive Board for February 2013– February 2014**

Board Membership	Name
Past-President	Rod Lym
President	Jim Kells
President-elect (Program chair)	Joseph DiTomaso
Vice-President	Dallas Peterson
Secretary	John Madsen
Treasurer	Ian Burke
Members-at-Large	Sarah Ward, Les Glasgow, Daniel Kunkel, Andrew Kniss
Chair, Constitution and MOP	Peter Porpiglia
Director of Publications	James Anderson
Executive Secretary	Joyce Lancaster
<a href="http://www.wssa.net">www.wssa.net</a>	

**B. WSSA Summer Board Meeting**

Will be held July 9-10 in Vancouver, British Columbia

**C. Outcomes from Winter WSSA Board Meeting (and subsequent email discussions) Relevant to NCWSS**

1. Mike Barrett will be the new EPA Liason (replacing Jill Schroeder).

2. Vote next week on changing formatting of references in WSSA journals to format below:

Anderson JV, Horvath DP, Chao WS, Foley ME, Hernandez AG, Thimmapuram J, Liu L, Gong GL, Band M, Kim R, Mikel MA (2007) Characterization of an EST database for the perennial weed leafy spurge: an important resource for weed biology research. Weed Sci 55:193-203

3. New contract with Allen Press – there is discussion on whether to keep print format as an option or to go entirely to electronic. Is there any opinion from the NCWSS board?

- Recommendation from the NCWSS board was that WSSA maintain a hardcopy of the Weed Science and Weed Technology in addition to electronic copies.

4. There is a new format for the WSSA webpage. Muthu Bagavathiannan is the website content manager, and is actively seeking for items that may be added.

5. Education committee at WSSA is inactive and searching for a champion

6. The board is exploring ways to make the Herbicide Handbook available electronically.

7. Science Policy items:

- a. Working on a potential statement on climate change
- b. Still working to fill USDA-ARS National Program Leader for Weed Science position

**D. Future WSSA Meetings**

2014 Vancouver, Canada (joint meeting with CWSS)

2015 Lexington, KY

2016 San Juan, Puerto Rico – potentially a joint meeting with SWSS

2017 Tucson, AZ

**NCWSS Board Office or Committee Name: CAST Representative**  
**Officer or Chairperson Name: Curt Thompson**  
**Date of Preparation: June 13, 2013**

Dr. Phil Stahlman, CAST President, has provided excellent leadership for CAST since the 2012 Fall CAST meeting held in Kansas City.

Dr. David Songstad has been selected as CAST President-Elect for 2013-14. Dr. Songstad is the Director of Research/Cell Biology for Cibus and has been involved with CAST since 2006. He will resume duties from Dr. Phil Stahlman at the conclusion of the 2013 Fall board meeting.

Ag quick CAST is CAST's New Publication Series. Each one-page Ag quickCAST contains excerpted material from its companion CAST document in an easy-to-read format consisting of topic sentences and bulleted lists. Each document identifies experts to contact for more information and provides a link to the full CAST publication. This is a quick way to review publications developed by CAST.

Recent Issue paper March 2013.

*Food, Fuel, and Plant Nutrient Use in the Future*

A number of proposed issue papers are being worked on including a series relating to Ag Innovations to Feed the World by 2050. Breeding and genetics, Crop Protection and Enhancement, and Crop Production Technologies are some of the topics to be addressed in this series.

CAST Friday notes continue to provide information on CAST activities to CAST members and others. Also, visit the CAST site at <http://www.cast-science.org/> and become a member if you currently are no.

CAST Meetings:

The CAST Fall board meeting will be held in Atlanta Georgia on October 29-31, 2013 and will be lead by President Phil Stahlman. Thompson will attend. Thompson is a member of the CAST Plant Work Group chaired by Todd Peterson a WinField Technology Innovation Manager. This work group has met via conference calls on January 9, March 4, April 11, and May 17, 2013 of which Thompson participated.

**NWCSS Strategic Planning Committee Report: Director of Science Policy**  
**Officer or Chairperson Name: Lee VanWychen**  
**Date of Preparation: June 13, 2013**

**APHIS delay of 2,4-D and Dicamba.** The science policy committee had a lengthy discussion on the APHIS decision for additional Environmental Impact Statement's (EIS's) on 2,4-D and dicamba at our May 15 conference call. The conversation focused on four questions I received from reporters. Here are the 4 questions and the answers I replied back with:

- 1) What does this decision mean for the spread of glyphosate resistant weeds in North America? Does it exacerbate the problem? Delaying the introduction of additional management tools, even for a season or two will exacerbate the problem of managing herbicide resistant weeds. Resistance prevention activities where mixed mechanisms-of-action are useful will also be delayed resulting in greater selection pressure for resistance development for those few herbicide mechanisms-of-action in use today. No new herbicide mechanism-of-action has been discovered in over 20 years.

Even the USDA in their news release on this topic notes these GE crops would provide farmers the flexibility for new applications of these herbicides while also offering farmers additional planting options. To implement Integrated Weed Management programs, farmers need a variety of tools to be available, including use of new herbicide options like the ones currently in their queue.

- 2) Are stacked traits a significant tool, in the fight against herbicide resistance? Yes, they can be an effective part of the tool box of options for the farmer. Essentially, new traits for herbicide selectivity introduce new mechanisms-of-action into a crop where they were not present previously and greatly assist in providing alternate modes-of-action for resistance management and prevention. This is not to minimize

the needed contributions of cultural approaches to weed management that also need to be adopted, but new herbicide tools are tremendously useful.

Many global experts on weed management have advocated for the value of stacked herbicide-tolerant traits as one of the tools to manage glyphosate resistant weeds. These traits provide the farmer with additional tools and flexibility for implementing Integrated Weed Management programs. Like any tool, proper stewardship to ensure the sustainability of their effectiveness is needed. The WSSA is a leader in helping farmers learn the importance of and the key practices in effectively managing resistance and using such tools.

- 3) Simply, what is the WSSA's position on the delay? Is an additional review needed? We support the sound scientific assessment of any new tool for managing weed resistance. The petitions for these particular tools have been under review by APHIS for as long as four years. In fact, draft Environmental Assessments or EA's for the 2,4-D tolerant crops, which assessed the scientific issues were already developed and released for public comment. The USDA also notes that these specific herbicides have been approved by the US EPA and safely and widely used across the country since the 1960's to control weeds on crop and non-crop sites.

Extending reviews, such as in the case these EIS's, will delay the availability of new technologies to aid the farmer and increase the cost of introducing new technologies. The USDA has committed to streamlining the process for review and deregulation of new biotech tools, yet this action does not address that goal.

- 4) What does this say about the regulatory approval process in the U.S.? There is no doubt the U.S. regulatory process is thorough and listens to all voices as part of its decision-making process. The USDA has stated it will rely on a science-based regulatory framework to develop biotech tools that help the farmer. Agriculture needs the USDA to continue to base the agency's decisions on the science and to continue to look for ways for the process to be as efficient as possible. It is essential that the process become more predictable with established timelines and criteria for review and deregulation approvals. As the scientific community looks at future research needs and development of weed management programs, it is important for them to know in advance when tools will become available. Long story short, it is a respectable process, but timing delays hinder the implementation of programs to address the challenge of weed resistance.

**EPA Subject Matter Expert (SME)** The WSSA has selected Michael Barrett as the next Weed Science SME to liaise with EPA. Mike was in DC last week for his first official visit, along with Jill Schroeder, who helped get him acclimated to the people, programs, and processes at EPA. On a separate but related matter, Mike is looking into the possibility of establishing a similar SME position within USDA-NIFA.

**USDA ARS Weed Science NPL**. Administrator Knipling has said he does not plan on refilling the National Program Leader for Weed Science. I have attached a draft letter that will be signed by the six national and regional weed science society presidents. The letter is asking them to hire a new weed science National Program Leader to replace the tragic loss of John Lydon.

**Herbicide Resistance Summit II** - Follow-up stakeholder workshop on herbicide resistant weeds being developed by Summit I Planning Committee. to present ideas and description of programs that would significantly positively impact grower behavior. The stakeholder workshop in Sept. will be used to gather input from a wide array groups and organizations. That information will be used for the Herbicide Resistance Summit II to present ideas and programs that would significantly positively impact grower behavior.

**Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) Stakeholder funding group**. I have participated on behalf of WSSA. Carol Somody, (Sygenta stewardship director and chair of WSSA's public awareness committee), has co-chaired this group and has put in an extraordinary amount of time and effort trying to ensure a stable funding source for federal support of PSEP. The current proposal is for industry to provide \$1.5 million per year for annual restricted "gifts/contracts" over a 3 year period (2014-16). Consideration for funding in Years 4 and 5 contingent on progress.

Each gift/contract would have a “challenge” and “education” component. I have additional info and a powerpoint regarding the proposal. Please contact me if you would like to see them.

**Managing Weeds in a Changing Climate-** The Science Policy Committee recommends that the National and Regional Weed Science Societies adopt a position statement that captures the research opportunities presented by the challenge of managing weeds in a changing climate. Current draft statement: *“The National and Regional Weed Science Societies support research on the impacts of climate variation on weeds in managed and natural ecosystems. Changes in temperature, precipitation, water body depth, carbon dioxide and other atmospheric gases will alter the effectiveness of management strategies for weeds and invasive plants. We recognize that many weeds respond more positively to increasing CO<sub>2</sub> than other crops and that the efficacy of some herbicides decrease on weeds grown at increased CO<sub>2</sub> levels. Furthermore, the range of suitable habitats for weeds and invasive plants will change as the climate changes. The WSSA encourages federal and state governments to fund weed science research that will help address the negative impacts of a changing climate.”*

**Aquatic Plant Control Research Program (APCRP)-** still waiting to hear if OMB will include any FY 2013 money for APCR. Administration once again did not ask for APCR money for FY 2014.

**2014 Administration Budget numbers.** AFRI proposed at \$383 M, up from \$275 M for FY 2013. Capacity programs such as Smith-Lever (Extension) and Hatch Act (Experiment Stations) held constant at FY 2012 dollars. USDA once again proposed a “Crop Protection” line that consolidates the funding for the following five programs: IPM Centers, PMAP, Extension IPM, Biocontrol Grants, and the Expert IPM Decision Support. However, IR-4 is not included in this funding line, like it was last year, thus they will not be subject to indirect recovery costs.

**2013 Farm Bill,** NPDES fix language in House version, but not in Senate. Senator Roberts (KS) offered and then withdrew his NPDES fix amendment during mark-up, but Chairman Stabenow deemed the amendment not germane to the larger bill. No vote was taken on the amendment. Sen. Roberts expressed his strong support for the Senate to accept the House Farm Bill NPDES fix language during any conference negotiations.

**NCWSS Board Office or Committee Name: Strategic Planning Committee**  
**Officer or Chairperson Name: Brian Jenks**  
**Date of Preparation: June 13, 2013**

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) has recommendations regarding the recording of presentations as well as three projects that would need funding.

**Sub-committee to oversee recording of presentations:** Oral presentations were recorded for the first time at the 2012 Conference. Brian Jenks and Bruce Ackley took responsibility for this assignment. The Strategic Planning Committee discussed forming a sub-committee to annually organize the recording of presentations. This sub-committee would consist of 3-4 individuals that would serve 3-year terms. At least two of the individuals should have served on the committee previously to maintain continuity. Responsibilities would include pre-conference planning, moderator training, set-up for each session, collection of thumb drives and microphones, file editing, etc. This sub-committee could fall under the Program Committee or Local Arrangements Committee.

At the December Board meeting, it was stated that the Society is financially stable and there may be funds available for worthy projects. The Strategic Planning Committee discussed possible uses of these funds: 1) Awards for best videos of student research projects, 2) scholarships for first-time graduate and undergraduate students, and 3) support travel to Weed Contests

**Student videos:** The committee discussed the concept of encouraging students to make an Extension-type video summarizing their research. The objective would be to give the students an opportunity to present their research to a different audience (farmer, dealer, consultant, etc.). The video would be placed on the NCWSS website, but any other university could link to the site making it more visible around the country. The videos could enhance the NCWSS’s education role. A deadline would be set for submission, a committee would judge the videos, and winners would be recognized at the annual meeting. Awards would likely be equivalent to awards given for oral and poster presentations at the annual meeting. It was suggested that this concept be further developed and implemented by the Resident Education Committee.

**Student scholarships:** The committee discussed making scholarships available for first-time graduate and undergraduate students. The WSSA currently has such a program for graduate students. WSSA currently pays for registration fees and up to four nights of hotel accommodation. The students and/or their advisor are responsible for all remaining costs including travel and meals. WSSA requires a 300-word application letter from the student and a supporting letter from an

advisor. The Strategic Planning Committee concluded that the NCWSS could adopt this concept, modify it as necessary, and make this available to undergraduate and graduate students. It was suggested that this concept be further developed and implemented by the Resident Education Committee.

Weed Contests: The committee recommends using funds to support travel to weed contests. If the NCWSS does not have a contest, then we should support travel to an alternative contest (e.g., SWSS, NEWSS). If the host of the NCWSS contest does not request financial aid, then support travel to the NCWSS contest. Funding decisions could be delegated to the Summer Contest Committee.

**Motion made by Brian Jenks to create an additional sub-committee on Presentation to the Program Committee consisting of 3 members who serve a 3 year term. Responsibilities would include pre-conference planning, moderator training, set-up for each session, collection of thumb drives and microphones and file editing. Second by John Hinz. Motion withdrawn and will be presented at December Board meeting to create the sub-committee. In the interim, Dave Johnson and Brian Jenks will meet to develop recommended changes to MOP and create an ad-hoc committee for the 2013 NCWSS Annual Meeting.**

Discussion on award for best video of the student research project with the competition residing in the resident committee for the 2014 meeting. Recommendation from the board is to have the SPC and REC and Graduate Student rep and Extension Committees to develop a framework on contest format, timeline, awards, and processes.

**SPC made motion for the NCWSS to fund a maximum of 4 student scholarships to cover the registration fees and hotel room costs beginning in 2014. Selection for the scholarships will be done as an essay contest. Criteria will be undergraduate students or graduate students in a discipline other than weed science. Vince Davis second. Motion Passed. The REC will take action and come forward with the defined process for the essay contest at the December meeting.**

Discussion on potential funding of travel costs to the NCWSS summer weed contest. **Brian Jenks moved that if the host of the NCWSS contest does not request financial aid, then NCWSS will use the funds in the budget to support teams travel to the NCWSS contest. The amount of funding allocated to each team will be defined by the Contest Sub-committee of the REC. Mark Benards made a second. Motion Passed.**

Mark Rentz joined the meeting as representative from MIPN. Proposal is 1.5 day symposium in 2013 with a goal of 200 participants but may need reduce registration costs but predicting 100-200 participants. MIPN would use NCWSS title submission process. Proposal of a \$60 pre-registration and \$75 day of registration for MIPN. MIPN would put posters up on Wednesday afternoon and take down Thursday afternoon. **Motion was made to hold a joint meeting between MIPN and NCWSS symposium with the set registration fees at \$60 pre-registration and \$75 day of registration and graduate student registration fee of \$30 with MIPN and NCWSS splitting the fees 50:50. Curtis Thompson seconded. Motion passed.**

**Motion to conclude the Summer Board Meeting made by John Hinz. Seconded by David Simpson. Motion passed and meeting concluded.**

Meeting concluded at 11:45 am.

J.D. Green, Mark Loux and Dave Johnson to meet with the hotel to discuss 2013 hotel needs and review the rooms following the meeting.