

NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting
Hyatt Regency Crown Center
Kansas City, MO
8:23 p.m., December 13, 2000

1. Call to Order. President D. Rathmann presiding.
2. Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer. Quorum present.
Board members present: D. Rathmann, D. Peterson, M. Horak, C. Boerboom, B. Hartzler, B. Johnson, B. Young, K. Harrison, T. Peters, J. Kells, R. Schmidt, A. Hager, J. Fenderson, M. Barrett, J. Kaufman, D. Bruns, P. Sprankle, H. Martin, D. Deneke, R. Proost, A. Mesbah, C. Sprague, S. Oltmans, D. Nicolai, D. Johnson.
3. D. Rathmann reviewed the agenda and requested phone and email information from all Board members.
4. Executive Secretary's Report. R. Schmidt reported that the attendance is currently 493 as compared to 603 for 1999. The banquet had 350 guaranteed and 332 people seated.
5. Proceedings Editor. B. Hartzler reported that having abstracts available to printed off at the meeting was very successful. Two reams of paper were used in printing. The computer used to print abstracts will be moved to the pre-function area next year. B. Hartzler will have a proposal regarding the Proceedings at the summer Board meeting.
6. Research Report Editor. B. Young reported that about 150 CDs of the Research Report were delivered at the meeting. It was commented on the possibility of combining the Proceedings and the Research Report. However, this may require needing to have the abstract submitted quite early to have the CD available at the meeting. The CD requires about 1 month for duplication.
8. WSSA Representative. K. Harrison asked that any issues regarding WSSA be passed along to him and to get WSSA committee reports turned in.
9. Finance, Steering & Policy. C. Boerboom presented a proposed budget for 2001 and moved that the Board approve the budget. J. Fenderson seconded the motion. It was questioned if adequate support for the web site and B. Pringnitz believed it adequate, but would monitor it. The motion to approve the 2001 budget passed. It was questioned if there needs to be a higher bracket for sponsor member dues since some companies are consolidating and may have much greater sales. It was noted that sponsor dues had increased recently. A policy for refunding registration fees was discussed in consideration of the snow storm. It was noted that registration materials noted a December 1st deadline for requesting refunds in full. The Finance, Steering, and Policy Committee had recommended a full refund less the membership dues. R. Schmidt recommended membership dues and the cost of the banquet be retained to account for meals that needed to be guaranteed and that requests for refunds be extended until the end of the week. This was approved by consensus.
10. Legislative Information. D. Peterson reported that the committee discussed priority issues for the DSP and recommend less activity in the area of biotechnology.
11. Local Arrangements. J. Bloomberg reported that the meeting ran smooth with excellent support by the hotel and excellent facilities. However, the weather was uncontrollable. It was questioned if security was required. It was noted that the intruder at Columbus may have been a problem because

the meeting rooms were on the first floor. C. Slack discussed being short on room reservations and is negotiating with the Hyatt national sales manager. No definitive resolution will be made until the hotel's take on rooms and food is determined. C. Slack mentioned that it will be challenging to estimate the number of rooms to reserve for the meeting three years into the future.

12. Extension. C. Sprague reported that the committee discussed the USDA publication on systemic herbicides and will have WSSA's Extension Committee pursue this publication. The extension section liked using the LCD projector.
13. Program. D. Peterson solicited ideas for the general session and symposia for next year's meeting. Regarding comments on the limited number of papers in some sections (eg. 2 papers in the soils section), it was requested that papers on a topic should be kept together if sections are joined. D. Peterson noted that more time may be needed for the poster session in the future because of the increasing number of posters. Because of the hotel facilities in 2001, there will be two sessions. The possibility of ending the meeting on Wednesday was raised because of the declining number of papers that are being presented. The Program Committee will meet at the WSSA meeting.
14. Resolutions & Necrology. R. Proost reported that he will finish the necrology biographies now that he has received additional information. R. Proost presented the following resolutions.

RESOLUTION ON: Local Arrangement Committee for the 55th 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 well organized Local Arrangements Committee is crucial to the conduct of a successful annual meeting; and

WHEREAS Chairperson Jim Bloomberg and the 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 Kansas City, MO, December 11 – 14, 2000 for the 55th Annual Meeting commends Jim Bloomberg and the Local Arrangements Committee for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with the excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.

RESOLUTION ON: The North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest.

WHEREAS the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest requires adequate facilities in order to conduct the contest in an orderly and educational manner; and

WHEREAS the facilities at provided by the Bayer Corporation in West Lafayette, IN provided an excellent environment; and

WHEREAS the Summer Contest Host and staff of Bayer Corporation in West Lafayette, IN met the needs of the Society and had the dedication for a successful North Central Collegiate Weed Contest;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Weed Science Society in session at Kansas City, MO, December 11 – 14, 2000 for the 55th Annual Meeting commends David Doran and the staff of Bayer corporation for their outstanding efforts and hard work in providing the Society with an excellent facility and a well run and educational Weed Science Contest.

RESOLUTION ON: Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contest Judges for the 55th 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 member selected to judge the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests; and

WHEREAS the judges selected for the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests for the 55th 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 Kansas City, MO, December 11 – 14, 2000 for the 55th Annual Meeting commends the judges of the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contest for their inputs of time, labor and cooperation in providing the Society with well run, successful contests at this Annual Meeting.

RESOLUTION ON: The Hotel Meeting Facilities for the 55th 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 Crown Center of Kansas City, MO provided an excellent and spacious meeting environment; and

WHEREAS the staff and management of the Hyatt Regency Crown Center of Kansas City, MO 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 Kansas City, MO, December 11 – 14, 2000 for the 55th Annual Meeting commends the Hyatt Regency Crown Center, its staff and management for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.

J. Fenderson moved to approve the resolutions and D. Nicolai seconded the motion. The motion passed.

15. Future Site. C. Slack reported that the committee had considered Columbus, Indianapolis, and Cincinnati were considered for the 2003 site, but preferred the Galt House at Louisville for November 30 to December 4. D. Peterson moved that the 2003 annual meeting be held at the Galt House in Louisville from November 30 through December 4, 2003. The motion was seconded by T. Peters and the motion passed. These dates will not conflict with the ASTA meeting dates. In 2004, the ASTA meeting dates are December 8 to 10. A straw poll indicated preference for a mid-December meeting over a late November-early December meeting. The committee will schedule the 2004 meeting for December 12 to 16.

16. Computer. B. Pringnitz reported that of three sections with the LCD projectors and 29 possible papers, only 17 presentations used the projectors. The fewest projector presentations were used in the corn section. There were several technical problems discovered in the morning before the sessions, but the sessions went well. The committee will proceed towards full use of LCD projection in all sections with the option of slide projectors for backup. At this time, all of the future hotels will allow the Society to bring in our own equipment. The time commitment of the projectionist may change to loading papers before the start of the sessions. The papers will be collected on a CD as a backup. The Future Site Committee should inquire about the Society bringing in LCD projection equipment. The graduate students prefer the LCD projection option and request that options be developed regarding presentations. It was suggested that the graduate student paper coordinator develop guidelines. A straw poll indicated that B. Pringnitz should develop a proposal for LCD projector use for the next meeting.
17. Resident Education. D. Johnson reported the summer contest will be on July 19, 2001 at Monmouth, IL and hosted by Monsanto. The summer Board meeting will be July 18. It was questioned on how the poster judges can efficiently judge posters during a 1.5 hour session. A split session was suggested to provide more time, but this would not help if poster topics were grouped on the same day. It would help if the number of posters to be judged was limited to six or seven. Increasing the number of sections would help limit the number of posters to be judged. It would also assist the judges if they had the abstracts prior to the poster session. B. Hartzler stated that the abstracts could be provided. It was also suggested that the poster judges would benefit from having 8.5 by 11 inch copies of the posters to refer to after the poster session. R. Smeda encourages undergraduates to attend the summer contest. There was no suggestion to increase the Society's support of the summer contest.
18. Industry. D. Nicolai reported that positive comments were received on having the display booths to the main corridor. There were no problems with security by removing equipment at night. The committee will be working on recruiting sustaining members, especially on the mid-tier members. There are currently 67 tickets reserved for the industry breakfast.
19. Research & Publications. B. Young reported that the Research Report will only be developed as PC-compatible and it may not be possible to deliver the Report when the meeting occurs before December 10.
20. Graduate Students. S. Oltmans reported that the Bayer-sponsored lunch for the graduate student was an excellent success with 25 to 30 in attendance for the business meeting.
21. Other reports or old business. None.
22. New business. J. Kells addressed two issues to update the manual of operating procedures (MOP). First, J. Kells suggested that the Vice President be formally appointed as the chair of the Legislative Committee to track the activities of the DSP. This would require two changes to the MOP. J. Kells moved that these changes be made via a 30-day advanced notice ballot. M. Barrett seconded the motion and the motion passed. Second, J. Kells discussed eliminating the Constitution and Operating Procedures Committee, a standing committee, and assigning the maintenance and other responsibilities to those of the Secretary-Treasurer, which would require a change in the bylaws. C. Boerboom moved that these changes be made via a 30-day advanced notice ballot. J. Kells seconded the motion and the motion passed.
23. Adjourn. 10:20 p.m. J. Kaufman moved to adjourn, seconded by D. Johnson. Motion passed.