

NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting  
Hyatt Regency Milwaukee  
Milwaukee, WI  
8:37 p.m., December 12, 2001

1. Call to Order. President D. Peterson presiding. Peterson introduced Fred Reichelt, Director National Accounts for Hyatt Regency, who expressed his appreciation of hosting our meeting.
2. Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer. Quorum present.  
Board members present: D. Peterson, M. Horak, J. Doll, C. Boerboom, B. Johnson, B. Young, J. Retzinger, J. Martin, D. Rathmann, R. Schmidt, A. Hager, D. Childs, D. Franzenburg, C. Thompson, M. Barrett, K. Renner, F. Breitenbach, W. Fithian, J. Harbour, B. Miller, C. Medlin, P. Sikkema, D. Deneke, S. Ditmarsen, C. Alford, J. Stachler, S. Nolte, D. Ruen, M. Obermeier, K. Al-Khatib.
3. Executive Secretary's Report. R. Schmidt reported that the attendance is currently 501 with 406 members and 95 students. There have been 11 one-day full registrations and 13 one-day student registrations. The banquet had 338 people seated with two extra chairs.
4. Newsletter Editor. B. Johnson stated the intent was to continue with a print version of the newsletter for 2002. Options for posting the newsletter on the NCWSS web site could be explored or member opinions could be gained through a survey in the newsletter. A straw poll of the Board indicated support for electronic delivery of the newsletter, but several Board members still wished to have a print version.
5. Research Report Editor. B. Young received no complaints on the Research Report. A suggestion was made that it would be desirable to allow the inclusion of figures or tables in the Proceedings because space is not limiting on the Proceedings CD.
6. WSSA Representative. No report.
7. CAST Representative. J. Martin expressed the desire to have a time and location reserved in next year's program for CAST members and other interested individuals to meet and discuss CAST issues.
10. Finance, Steering & Policy. C. Boerboom moved to increase the management fee for R. Schmidt by \$2,000 from \$15,000 and J. Martin seconded the motion. J. Martin noted that this was a minor increase in the fee. It was suggested that there should be a plan for reappraisal in the future and that the fee should be routinely reviewed by the Executive Committee. The question was called and the motion passed. Boerboom distributed a budget for 2002 and described the limited flexibility in budget adjustments. Regarding the Society's support for the summer contest, K. Al-Khatib moved that each contestant of the summer contest pay a \$20 pre-registration fee on May 1<sup>st</sup> and this registration fee be forwarded to the host company. D. Ruen seconded the motion. Many items were discussed regarding the issue including: pre-registration would help limit no-shows; pre-registration would not work on a team basis because individuals also enter; companies are still concerned about the time commitment and would like universities to also host the event; and a question if a fee will discourage 2-year or even 4-year schools from participating. It was also requested that more awards be given to undergraduate individuals, but this was limited in the past because of the expense. It was suggested to announce more individual winners and present them with certificates to provide both recognition and limit expense. It was noted the pre-contest dinner should be changed to a less expensive mixer and that hats were not necessary, which was endorsed by the graduate students.

The Hyatt has offered complimentary lodging as a scholarship for the individual undergraduate winner. The motion on the pre-registration fee passed. Boerboom moved the Board approve the 2002 budget and J. Martin seconded the motion. It was asked if the Board can approve a budget that projects a net loss. The MOP does not specify annual profitability, only that the reserve exceed twice operating expenses. The question was called and the motion passed.

11. Fellow. D. Peterson will strongly encourage Fellow nominations.
12. Legislative. R. Hedberg thanked the Board for the meeting and identified atrazine and the USDA weed science job track as current issues. Board members also expressed interest in spray drift. J. Doll will be Hedberg's primary contact with the Board during the next year.
13. Local Arrangements. J. Doll noted the Hyatt was excellent to work with and will be providing them with a critique on the next day.
14. Extension. J. Stachler noted the Extension Committee may suggest a discussion-type symposium for next year.
15. Program. M. Horak is starting to plan for 2002. Potential general session speakers may include a speaker from the St. Louis Botanical Garden on plant diversity to be followed by a speaker on weed bio-diversity. A request has been distributed for symposia. A planning meeting will be held at WSSA.
16. Resolutions & Necrology. R. Zollinger presented the following resolutions.

RESOLUTION ON: Local Arrangement Committee for the 56<sup>th</sup> 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 Jerry Doll 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 Milwaukee, WI, December 10 – 13, 2001 for the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting commends Jerry Doll 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 the Monsanto Agronomy Center in Monmouth, IL provided an excellent environment; and

WHEREAS the Summer Contest Host and staff of Monsanto in Monmouth, IL 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 Milwaukee, WI, December 10 – 13, 2001 for the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting commends Marvin Spaur and the staff of Monsanto 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 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the North Central Weed Science Society.

WHEREAS the North Central Weed Science Society relies on voluntary contribution of time, effort and expertise of its members selected to judge the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests; and

WHEREAS the judges selected for the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests for the 56<sup>th</sup> 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 Milwaukee, WI, December 10 – 13, 2001 for the 56<sup>th</sup> 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 56<sup>th</sup> 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 of Milwaukee, WI provided an excellent and spacious meeting environment; and

WHEREAS the staff and management of the Hyatt Regency of Milwaukee, WI 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 Milwaukee, WI, December 10 – 13, 2001 for the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting commends the Hyatt Regency, Patrick Donelly, General Manager, staff, and management for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.

B. Young moved to approve the resolutions and B. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed. J. Doll noted that there was positive feedback on having visitor bureau personnel present at the meeting and could be considered for future meetings.

17. Distinguished Achievement Awards. D. Rathmann stated that state/province directors should expect an email requesting assistance in nominating candidates.
18. Resident Education. K. Al-Khatib expressed the committee's support of the undergraduate poster contest and that the committee chair will supervise the contest in the future. Al-Khatib stated that new regulators are needed for the summer contest at an estimated cost of \$900. There were suggestions on ways to cut the Society's expense in replacing the equipment and it was also

questioned if Dow had volunteered to assist with refurbishing equipment. It was noted that R&D Sprayers already donates \$1,000 to support the summer contest. Al-Khatib will prepare a request for equipment repairs and coordinate this with D. Ruen. D. Peterson re-introduced Hyatt's offer for a scholarship to the undergraduate winner of the summer contest. M. Barrett moved that free lodging be offered as an award to the undergraduate winner of the summer contest. It was discussed that if the meeting is not being held at a Hyatt property, a request for a complimentary room be forwarded to the non-Hyatt hotel. If a scholarship is not offered, the award would not be made to the student. J. Martin seconded the motion. It was noted that the value of the award is greater than the graduate student awards, but that the award does not have a cash value. The motion passed.

19. Future Site. D. Peterson noted the 2004 meeting will be held in Columbus. J. Doll suggested that Milwaukee should remain in the rotation as local members are willing hosts. It was questioned about the potential to hold the meeting at a desirable site outside the region, but the difficulties in providing local arrangements was noted.
20. Electronic Communications. B. Pringnitz reported that 149 papers were delivered using LCD and 10 using slides. There was only one serious interruption with a LCD projector. Pre-collecting files worked well although the times of collection need to be adjusted slightly. Pringnitz complimented the section chairs for supplying the computer equipment and collecting the files. It was recommended that slide projectors not be used in the future. The master CDs of the papers will be destroyed and all section chairs are to delete the files from their computers. D. Rathmann moved that slide projectors not be used at the annual meeting and that LCD projectors be used exclusively to deliver papers. J. Stachler seconded the motion. The Electronic Communications Committee will work to have LCD projectors available from the local area for future meetings. The motion passed. Pringnitz was queried about support for his service editing the NCWSS web site. He provides about 20 to 25 hours of support annually and web editors receive a minimum of \$25 to 30 per hour. It was noted that some NCWSS editors receive a stipend and others do not. J. Doll moved that the Executive Committee review the stipends at the summer meeting. M. Barrett seconded the motion and the motion passed.
21. Industry. D. Nicolai reported there were 25 sustaining members and 4 to 6 displays at the meeting. There were 80 tickets sold for the industry breakfast. Larry Stenberg will speak on GMO trading issues and 0.5 hours of CCA credit will be available.
22. Research & Publications. M. Obermeier reported that the committee will explore potential methods of increasing the dissemination and use of research presented at the annual meeting. Ideas will be provided at the next Board meeting.
23. Graduate Students. S. Nolte reported that 40 students attended the lunch that was sponsored by Monsanto. It was suggested that the graduate student lunch needs to be announced better at the next meeting. Discussion continued on the expectations for the summer contest. D. Peterson will request K. Al-Khatib to prepare a written set of standardized expectations for the host of the summer contest.
24. Other reports or old business. D. Peterson discussed the formation of a long range planning committee to assess the future direction of the Society including long-term objectives and solutions. D. Rathmann agreed to serve as chair of the Long Range Planning and Organizational Affairs committee. The remainder of the committee will be appointed by D. Peterson and D. Rathmann and include members that can represent different interest groups within the society. It was suggested that members could be polled through the newsletter for their opinion on Society objectives, value of specific activities, etc.

D. Peterson and M. Horak will explore potential database, equipment, and software needs by R. Schmidt before the summer Board meeting. Schmidt's current computer is 1.5 years old and was purchased by the SWSS. The summer Board meeting will be held on July 17, 2002 and the summer contest will be July 18.

25. Adjourn. 10:44 p.m. J. Martin moved to adjourn, seconded by B. Young. Motion passed.