

NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting  
University Inn  
Lafayette, IN  
1:00 p.m., July 17, 2002

1. Call to order. President D. Peterson presiding.
2. Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer. Quorum present.  
Board members present: D. Peterson, M. Horak, J. Doll, C. Boerboom, B. Hartzler, B. Johnson, B. Young, J. Martin, D. Rathmann, R. Schmidt, S. Nolte.
3. Summer contest. K. Al-Khatib reported that a total of 18 teams comprised of 11 graduate teams, seven undergraduate teams, and 18 individuals, totaling 90 students from 14 universities will be competing in the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest. M. Peterson is coordinating over 60 volunteers to provide assistance. The estimated cost to host the 2002 contest was about \$10,000. This cost was offset with \$1,880 in registration fees and \$7,500 (\$1,000 of Bell sponsorship) from the NCWSS. New regulators were purchased by Dow from Bell, who provided a 50% discount. The 2003 contest will be held at the Syngenta station at Champaign, IL. New guidelines will be written for hosting the contest after the contest is complete. The complimentary room from Hyatt for the undergraduate contest winner is being confirmed by D. Peterson. By consensus, if the winner cannot attend the annual meeting, the award will be offered to the second place undergraduate. The chair of the Resident Education Committee will provide the student's name to the LAC chair, who will confirm room arrangements.
4. Minutes of the December Board Meetings. The minutes were reviewed by C. Boerboom. J. Martin moved and B. Young seconded the motion to accept the minutes of both meetings as written. The motion passed.
5. Computer Committee. B. Pringnitz reported the new web address for the Society's site is NCWSS.org, which is no longer on the university server. The new address makes the site portable. There will be a \$280/year server charge for this independent site. Pringnitz reviewed typical web initiation (\$1,000) and maintenance fees (\$35/h). The Proceedings and newsletter will be added to the site shortly. The web-based title submission procedure will continue as in the past. The LCD projection system at the annual meeting will use a slightly modified collection procedure. Comments were raised on the reliability of some of the LCD remotes at the last meeting and the preference for electronic over IR remotes.
6. Treasurers/Executive Secretary Report. R. Schmidt reported on the deviations of current income and expenses versus the 2002 budget. The annual meeting expenses were less than projected and total expenses were about \$8,000 less than budgeted. As a result, the Society may have a \$900 gain rather than the projected net loss of \$4,600. In 2002, there are 696 members, which is similar to the previous year. Sales of the 2001 Proceedings and 2001 Research Report are 242 and 188 copies, respectively. Attendance at the 2001 annual meeting was 501 (including fellows) plus 24 one day registrations and the net gain was about \$9,990 for the meeting. The Executive Committee discussed a new database for the Society, information that would be desired, and software options. R. Schmidt reviewed the current database system. A list serve is being planned with B. Pringnitz.
7. WSSA Representative. J. Retzinger emailed a written report. Highlights: 1) WSSA President Majek reported that the electronic presentations generally went well. He suggested that electronic presentations be pre-loaded before members travel to the annual meeting to enable "bugs" to be identified and fixed in advance. D. Shaner suggested that Section chairs be given options in running their sessions. For example, a chair might choose a small poster session with discussion, rather than the usual 15-minute presentations. 2) The Calendar Committee requested \$5000 to cover costs of producing a calendar featuring weed pictures from the photo contest. These calendars would be made available for sale at the regional weed science society meetings. 3) The 2003 annual meeting program will follow a Monday through Thursday format, with the Board meeting starting Sunday a.m. Committee meetings will be scheduled in mornings and evenings in order to avoid conflicts with presentations and other Society-wide functions. Committee reports will be presented at the Friday Board meeting. 4) Statements identifying the types of research to be

published in *Weed Science* and *Weed Technology* were discussed. The following mission statements for the journals were adopted:

The Weed Science Society of America publishes original research and scholarship in the form of peer-reviewed articles in two international journals. *Weed Science* is focused on understanding “why” phenomena occur. As such, it focuses on fundamental research directly related to all aspects of weed science, including invasive plant species. *Weed Technology* focuses on understanding “how” weeds are managed. As such, it is focused on more applied aspects concerning the management of *weeds and invasive plant species*.

- 5) The WSSA meeting abstracts be offered exclusively on CD by the 2004 meeting. 6) WSSA is investigating entering into the management of an ARI-EPA grant that deals with worker protection training. In this agreement, overhead funds would be generated for WSSA as funds are expended for activities associated with the grant. WSSA would gain management experience and exposure in educational grants for a national agency. The Society would gain overhead funds that could be used to fund a consultant as Director of Education position unless WSSA decides to hire personnel. Successful completion of this grant would establish WSSA as a partner for EPA and potentially other federal agencies.
8. Washington Liaison. J. Doll reported that R. Hedberg has been active with the regulatory issues of the CARAT committee, the atrazine review, and drift management. Invasive weeds have also been important with an invasive weeds awareness week and an invasive weeds conference being planned for 2003 in conjunction with the Ecological Society of America. The potential of including APHIS into Homeland Security was considered a poor idea. By consensus, it was recommended that M. Horak invite R. Hedberg for the general session.
9. CAST Representative. J. Martin provided the following highlights of CAST activities. 1) Agricultural Research Institute: CAST is developing plans to accept the responsibilities and transfer support associated with the EPA-ARI worker protection standard contract and the Educational Support Fund. 2) CSREES essay contest: In collaboration with the USDA CSREES and NRCS, CAST is directing a program to educate youth about the science of agriculture. Students in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will be invited to write on one of seven preselected topics. The national winner and their parents will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for National Agriculture Weed in March 2003. 3) Membership Partners Program: The NCWSS helped initiate the program last year, which allows each participating society to receive a portion of CAST dues for each new member recruited. The NCWSS had 12 members join CAST as a new member. The NCWSS received \$215 as a result. 4) Recent publications included titles on the regulatory process for biotechnology, impact of invasive pest species, urban and agricultural communities, and environmental impacts of biotech corn, soybeans and cotton. J. Martin will arrange with M. Horak a time at the annual meeting for CAST members to discuss activities.
10. Long Range Planning Committee. D. Rathmann reviewed several short-term financial suggestions from committee: 1) Annual meeting registration must be a main source of income with a bundled fee to make income more predictable, cover all expenses, and provide a \$10,000 profit goal for the Society. Annual meeting expense expectations (\$50,000) should be reviewed with the current and previous local arrangements chairs prior to the summer meeting. 2) Publications should be combined into one CD and mailed to all members in January to provide enough time for indexing and producing a quality product. Currently, the research reports are very rushed and very brief due to the early dates needed to have them ready at the annual meeting. The proceedings were produced on a separate CD for the first time in 2001 and distributed at the annual meeting. The publications produce little income, but charging members as a part of the registration fee will assure a better profit since the minimum print volume for CDs exceeds our total needs. S. Nolte has worked with the editors to accomplish a January mailing of both publications on one CD. 3) R. Schmidt has proposed newsletter options with editor B. Johnson and web editor B. Pringnitz regarding an electronic newsletter plan. One option is for one hard copy per year, which would include the call for papers, and save \$1,900/yr. 4) A fair, but strict policy for no show, graduate, and fellow member registration fees are necessary to maintain a profitable annual meeting. 5) Stipends for web proceedings,

and research report editors should be evaluated to reflect an even pay of \$500/yr each as suggested in the 2003 budget proposal.

B. Hartzler noted that he will have a later abstract submission date. There was consensus to stay with abstracts rather than accepting full papers for the Proceedings. M. Horak will contact the LAC to have a computer and printer by the registration desk for members to print individual abstracts at the meeting. D. Rathmann moved and J. Doll seconded that a joint Research Report and Proceedings CD be produced and mailed to meeting attendees following the meeting. The motion passed. The potential for direct mailing will be investigated.

Annual meeting registration fees were reviewed along with budget projections. C. Boerboom moved that a bundled full member registration be \$200 where \$30 would be allocated toward membership, \$140 toward meeting expenses, and \$30 towards CD production. M. Horak seconded the motion and the motion passed. M. Horak moved that student meeting registration fees include the banquet tickets and that all fees (membership and registration) be one half for students. B. Johnson seconded the motion and it passed. This fee structure complies with the MOP. C. Boerboom moved that anyone may become a member for \$30 or purchase a CD for \$30. J. Doll seconded the motion and the motion passed. By consensus, it was determined that R. Schmidt would invoice fellows and honorary members separately for \$140 for meeting registration. This would provide a complimentary membership and CD as dictated in the MOP. B. Johnson moved that \$40 be charged for a 1-day registration and \$20 for students. D. Rathmann seconded the motion and the motion passed. B. Johnson moved to delete Chapter 2, section 1, 1 subsection 6 and edit the second paragraphs of Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 of the MOP to remove mention of free banquet tickets for students in the paper and poster contests. J. Doll seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Three options for electronic and printed newsletter distribution and costs were presented by R. Schmidt. B. Johnson moved to adopt the option whereby a notice with the web site of the spring and fall newsletters would be emailed to members. Approximately 150 members without email would be mailed printed copies of these newsletters. The summer newsletter would be sent to all members as a printed copy and members would also be notified by email. B. Young seconded the motion and the motion passed. This option should save the Society about \$1,800/yr.

Current stipends and duties of the editors was discussed. C. Boerboom moved to add the following stipends to the 2003 proposed budget: \$750 for the Research Report and Proceedings Editors, \$500 for the Web Editor, and \$250 for the Newsletter Editor and Secretary/Treasurer. M. Horak seconded the motion and the motion passed.

D. Rathmann reviewed three long-term considerations from the committee. 1) The consensus at the 2001 annual meeting was that the membership wishes to remain a weed science society and does not want to merge with another organization. The membership voted unanimously that they would rather have a substantial increase in annual meeting fees. 2) The membership desired to expand the scope of the annual meeting since many positions have responsibilities beyond weed science. New sections or other venues need to be created to attract papers in areas of current interest to replace sections with less participation such as industrial, forestry, turf and aquatics and regulatory and crop consultants. 3) Merging with another organization for purposes of an annual meeting does not necessarily have a financial benefit because each organization will still need to have their own registration. Overlapping meetings with organizations like SWSS or ASTA should be explored to provide a one stop event covering a broader range of topics compared to the current NCWSS meetings.

11. Distinguished Achievement Awards. D. Rathmann reported there were four nominations that will carryover from last year.
12. Fellow Award. No report.
13. 2002 St. Louis Meeting. M. Horak outlined the planned events for the annual meeting including Roger Cousens' address during the general session; the symposia on weed community shifts, application

equipment and technology as it influences weed control in the future, and glyphosate resistant weeds; a pre-meeting tour by Monsanto; and BASF's hosting of the student mixer.

14. State Directors. C. Boerboom will notify IA, IL, MN, ND, ONT, WY to elect new state directors.
15. New Business. D. Peterson will notify the Nomination Committee that nominees will be needed for the Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer positions. D. Peterson will coordinate B. Young, J. Mathews, G. Nice, and K. Adams to assess software and equipment needs for a database. It was recommended that commercial "off-the-shelf" software be considered. J. Martin suggested the Society coordinate with the SWSS to potentially share costs. Any required purchases can be approved by email notification. C. Boerboom moved and J. Martin seconded that the management fee increase by \$500 for the 2003 fiscal year budget. Motion passed.
16. Adjourn. 5:53 p.m. B. Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by B. Hartzler. Motion passed.