



**NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting  
Hyatt Regency Crown Center  
Kansas City, MO  
December 14, 2005**

1. Call to Order. 9:00 pm. President Stephen Miller presiding.
2. Roll Call by Secretary-Treasurer J. D. Green. Quorum present.  
Board members present: S. Miller, A. Moses, B. Johnson, J. Green, H. Hatterman-Valenti, B. Young, A. Dille, K. Al-Khatib, T. Peters, R. Schmidt, P. Tranel, H. Flanigan, L. Lloyd, D. Nord, G. Murphy, A. Chomas, B. Miller, D. Belcher, J. Spotanski, B. Kuehl, J. Taylor, D. Robinsen, D. Vos, S. Sanborn, A. Kniss, L. Stahl, S. Bowman (for C. Schuster), B. Petersen, J. Stachler.
3. President. No report.
4. President Elect. Adrian Moses reported that he met Wednesday morning with other NCWSS representatives and members from the Midwest Invasive Plant Network to begin planning for 2006 annual meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He also requested that state representatives give him ideas on how to make the NCWSS more visible in their area and to bring new members to the 2006 annual meeting.
5. Past President. No report
6. Executive Secretary. R. Schmidt reported that the final attendance was 279 members, 53 students for a total registration of 332 individuals compared to 336 members last year. Banquet had 225 individuals who attended. The Gene Flow Symposium had 58 registrations and 39 registered for the Invasive Species Symposium (17 one-day and 22 one and half-day).
7. Proceedings Editor. Not present.
8. Research Report Editor. No report.
9. Communications Editor. No report.
10. WSSA Representative. No report.
11. CAST Representative. No report.
12. WSSA Director of Science Policy. Lee Van Wychen reported that the Invasive Species Symposium workshop was a success. He was able to meet during the meeting with representatives with the Midwest Invasive Plant Network about the upcoming National Invasive Weed Awareness Week. He looks forward to working with the NCWSS society in the coming year.
13. Extension. Lizabeth Stahl reported that the Kevin Bradley was elected the new vice chair. The committee discussed the possibility of having a 2 hour workshop session next year to allow for a panel and open discussion on specific topics. They also discussed some new extension publications that are being developed. Adrian Moses commented that the Extension session was well attended.

14. Graduate Students. Vice Chair Scott Bowman reported for Chris Schuster. He thanked the society for changing the format of the poster session and sponsoring the society mixer. They discussed updating the function of the career placement center; 14 job opportunities were posted at the meeting. Students would like to continue the Collegiate Weed Science Contest and would prefer to stay in the North Central region.
15. Resident Education. Jeff Stachler reported that they have five potential hosts for the 2006 Collegiate Weed Science Contest which includes the University of Arkansas, two sites in Iowa, one in Nebraska, and one in Illinois. Their committee hopes to have a decision by late January. One of the other issues discussed is the funds to operate the contest. Currently the society contributes \$6500 and Bell Sprayers contributes \$1000 for the contest plus the registration fee received from student participants. The remaining financial support has come from industry. Two locations under consideration for the contest next year are private contractors which will need additional help with funding. The committee is proposing that anyone interested in hosting the contest submit a bid with the projected total cost to operate the event. After the amount funded by NCWSS and Bell Sprayers is subtracted from the total bid the committee would solicit funds from industry to obtain the remaining funds needed. The committee is working to select host sites at least three years in advance. Potential future hosts are Purdue University in 2007, the Ohio State University in 2008, and possibly Syngenta in 2009.

Dave Nicoli will be the new 2nd Vice Chair for the Resident Education Committee. The committee is considering new rule changes for the paper and poster contests including a requirement that the abstracts be submitted for the judges to have a copy before the annual meeting. There was a concern expressed that the poster contest was being judged during the society mixer time on Tuesday evening which created a few distraction problems. The judges would also like to have a split poster session so that the judging times could be split. The committee is considering a symposium in the future on teaching methods and how it relates to how students learn.

16. Industry. Brent Petersen indicated that they expect approximately 100 participants for the industry breakfast and business meeting tomorrow morning. President Miller again commended the committee for their effort in soliciting financial support for the society mixer and in soliciting new sustaining members which was increased by at least 15 companies this past year.
17. Research and Publications. Bryan Young reported that this committee needs a new chair for the coming year.
18. Distinguished Achievement Awards. Tom Peters reported the DAA Committee met to further discuss the Young Scientist Award. Currently, the award guidelines indicate that an individual must be nominated before their 40th birthday which could discriminate against someone who starts their education later in life or who change their career paths. Tom presented a motion to change the language in the MOP guidelines for the Young Scientist Award to state "Members nominated to receive the Young Scientist Award must have received their terminal degree no more than 10 years before receiving the award at the annual meeting." Kassim Al-Khatib seconded the motion. Discussion was held to clarify that the time limit implied in the new language is that the award must be received no more than 10 years after a terminal degree. Motion passed.

19. Fellow. Dennis Belcher reported that Leroy Cobia will be the new committee chair and Steve Weller is the new vice chair. The committee has already begun to actively solicit nominees for the Fellow Award next year.

20. Finance, Steering and Policy. J. D. Green reported that the committee met to review the society's financial status and recommends no changes in allocation of investments for the coming year and no changes to the stipends for the three Editors and the Secretary/Treasurer. The committee recommended a new line item in the budget for the Website Manager with an amount of \$500 included for the 2006 budget year. J. D. Green moved to add the new line item and Bill Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed. The committee discussed financial support for the WSSA Director of Science Policy and recommends that the board renews our financial obligation to this position on an annual basis until we know that membership numbers have stabilized. J. D. Green moved to approve the 2006 budget with a projected loss of \$5,300. Tom Peters seconded the motion. It is the committee's opinion that as long as the society maintains over a 2x reserve above expenses as mandated by our bylaws, then it is appropriate to approve a budget with a projected negative balance. Question was raised about why the publication being sold by the society "Invasive Species of the Midwest" was not included in the 2006 budget. R. Schmidt noted that 150 copies were bought by the society and shipped to the annual meeting, but only 20 copies have been purchased to date. Motion to approve the 2006 budget passed.

21. Resolutions and Necrology. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti presented five resolutions for approval:

1. **RESOLUTION ON:** The Hotel Meeting Facility for the 60th 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 Society in session at Kansas City, MO, December 12-15, 2005 for the 60th Annual Meeting commends the Hyatt Regency Crown Center management and staff team for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.

2. **RESOLUTION ON:** Local Arrangements Committee for the 60th 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 diligent and well organized Local Arrangements Committee is crucial to the conduct of a successful Annual meeting; and

**WHEREAS** Co-Chairs John Wollam and Mike Edenfield, and 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 Society in session at Kansas City, MO, December 12-15, 2005 for the 60th Annual Meeting commends John Wollam and Mike Edenfield and the Local Arrangements Committee for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with the excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.

- 3. RESOLUTION ON:** Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contest Judges for the 60th 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 60th Annual Meeting fulfilled their obligations and responsibilities with dedication and commitment;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Central Weed Society in session at Kansas City, MO, December 12-15, 2005 for the 60th Annual Meeting commends the judges of the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests for their inputs of time, labor, and cooperation in providing the Society with well run, successful contests at this Annual Meeting.
- 4. 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 Kansas State University and the Department of Agronomy Ashland Bottoms Research Farm provided an excellent environment; and  
**WHEREAS** the Summer Contest host and staff of Kansas State University and the Department of Agronomy Ashland Bottoms Research Farm met the needs of the Society and had dedication for a successful North Central Collegiate Weed Contest;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Central Weed Society in session at Kansas City, MO, December 12-15, 2005 for the 60th Annual Meeting commends the Kansas State Weed Science group for their outstanding efforts and hard work in providing the Society with an excellent facility and a well run and educational Weed Science Contest.
- 5. RESOLUTION ON:** The recruitment of sustaining members by Kip Sanders.  
**WHEREAS** Kip Sanders worked diligently to increase the number of sustaining members of the North Central Weed Science Society,  
**WHEREAS** he generously offered his time, energy, and persistency to provide income to the Society;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the North Central Weed Society in session at Kansas City, MO, December 12-15, 2005 for the 60th Annual Meeting commends Kip Sanders for his hard work and persistency to increase sustaining membership for the Society.

Bill Johnson moved to approve these resolutions and Helen Flanigan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

22. Legislation, Regulatory and Public Policy. No report.
23. Local Arrangements. On behalf of the membership President Miller thanked John Wollam and Mike Edenfield for an outstanding job hosting the 2005 annual meeting in Kansas City. John Wollam reported that the meeting resulted in approximately 865 room nights which was way over the amount initially requested and the hotel was able and willing to accommodate. The society will meet the minimum requirements for expenditures with the hotel. The new Local Arrangements Committee Chair is Mick Holm for the 2006 meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. John Wollam thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the society in his capacity as co-chair of local arrangements.
24. Program Committee. President Miller indicated that the meeting survey is still available at the registration desk for completion by attendees. If anyone has suggestions for symposia for the meeting next year should contact Adrian Moses.

25. Future Site Selection. The next annual meetings will be held in Milwaukee, WI on December 11-14, 2006; St. Louis, MO on December 10-13, 2007; and Indianapolis, IN on December 8-11, 2008.
26. Publicity and Public Relations. Adrian Moses commented that the two symposia at the annual meeting were well advertised during the past year and he strongly recommends that we begin to advertise symposia early again this year for the next annual meeting. Positive comments were received from NCWSS members and other individuals who were here primarily to attend the Invasive Species Workshop or Gene Flow Symposium about the society's willingness to organize these two activities as part of our program.
27. Membership. Phil Stahlman indicated that he received one comment about consideration of adding an Associate Member category for individuals who attend a one-day symposia or workshop as a way to expand membership.
28. Nominating. Kirk Howatt indicated that the committee currently does not have a new vice chair and new members need to be added to this committee. The committee does not recommend expanding the voting privileges at this time to all members for election of new officers, but his committee will review the MOP on policy for getting nominee biographies to the board of directors prior to the election.
29. Collegiate Summer Weed Science Contest. Bill Johnson indicated that Trey Koger (SWSS Contest Committee) needs to be contacted as soon as possible to indicate what NCWSS plans are for the 2006 contest so that the SWSS can plan accordingly.
30. Long Range Planning Committee. Wayne Fithian reported that the Membership and Long Range Planning Committees met together on Tuesday afternoon and went through the membership survey results with the intent of developing a preliminary strategic plan in time for the upcoming summer board meeting. The committee recommended to the board that the Research Report and the position of Editor for the Research Report be eliminated without changing the amount charged for the CD containing the NCWSS Proceedings to be effective for the 2006 annual meeting. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti moved that a 30-day advance notice ballot be conducted to approve these changes within the bylaws of the Manual of Operating Procedures. Kassim Al-Khatib seconded the motion. Discussion was held on this course of action. The LRP committee commented that according to the survey the membership saw little value in the NCWSS Research Report. Bryan Young commented that in addition to the information in the Research report he currently compiles and oversees the production of the CD containing the annual Proceedings / Research Report. Approval of this motion will require some changes on whoever takes responsibility for this activity. It was noted that eliminating the Research Report should slightly decrease operating costs for the society. Motion passed.

Long Range Planning also requested direction from the board about developing a position on the board for an Invasive Species Representative that would give them a voice in the society affairs. This issue was extensively discussed but the consensus by the board is that it may be too premature to add them as a board member at this time. In the meantime, a specific session for invasive species should be added to the program similar to the corn or soybean sessions since members of the invasive species group plans to meet with us again next year.

31. **Herbicide Resistance.** Jeff Stachler indicated that the committee met to discuss the current status of resistant weeds within the north central region. As a recommendation from the committee, he presented a motion to dissolve the Herbicide Resistance Committee as a society Special Interest Committee. Bill Johnson seconded the motion and motion passed.
32. **Electronic Communications.** Glenn Nice reported no major problems associated with electronic equipment at the presentation sessions. The committee met to discuss some future activities for the committee including the development of procedures that would allow the submission of meeting presentations online through the NCWSS website without bringing it to the annual meeting on a diskette.
33. **Symposium Reports.** Michael Horak indicated that the Gene Flow Symposia was very successful and was good at bringing in people who do not typically attend the NCWSS. Nearly 60 individuals registered specifically for the symposia. The first session was attended by approximately 125 people who included individuals who came just for the symposia as well as members of the NCWSS. Participants would like to meet again in two years when the NCWSS meets in St. Louis. He requested that the board consider setting aside some of the funds received for the Gene Flow Symposia for use at a future symposia meeting since approximately \$5,000 was supported by a grant from Monsanto in addition to funds provided by the society and this amount should exceed the financial support needed to bring in speakers for this activity. The proposal was discussed, but no action taken. President Miller indicated that the board should consider this item in the future after we have an opportunity to review the actual income and expenses for this symposium.

Invasive Weeds Symposia. Steve Miller reported that the number of participants were less than expected; however, Adrian Moses indicated that Kevin Gibson did a good job organizing and they were pleased with the people who did attend. Thirty-nine individuals registered specifically for the Invasive Species session. This symposium did build a foundation for future interaction for those interested in invasive species.

34. **Old Business.** A recommendation was presented by the Finance, Steering and Policy Committee to make the Long Range Planning Committee a Standing Committee. President Miller asked the Secretary/Treasurer to work with LRP Committee to develop the specific duties for this committee so that it could be incorporated as a Standing Committee in the MOP with future board consideration.
35. **New Business.** President Miller asked the board for any suggested changes in the annual meeting program format. A suggestion was made to merge the Weed Biology and Weed Ecology sessions together so that both sessions would not be offered at the same time during the meeting. A comment was made that the new session “What’s New in Industry” had good participation with a good mix of academia and industry, but it was suggested that it should start a little earlier in the day.
36. **Adjourn.** Bill Johnson moved to adjourn at 11:12 pm. Seconded by Andrew Kniss and motion passed.