

NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting

Galt House Hotel
Louisville, KY
8:40 pm, December 3, 2003



1. Call to Order. President J. Doll presiding.
2. Roll call by Secretary-Treasurer J. Green. Quorum present.
Board members present. J. Doll, T. Peters, S. Miller, J. Green, B. Johnson, B. Young, R. Becker, K. Al-Khatib, M. Horak, R. Schmidt, B. Henry, J. Bruce, H. Flanigan, D. Franzenburg (for K. Schaefer), C. Thompson, G. Murphy, K. Renner, D. Belcher, W. Fithian, K. Howatt, B. Miller, P. Sikkema, D. Deneke (for D. Vos), S. Sandborn (for T. Hartberg), C. Alford, D. Nordby, B. Fronning, K. Thorsness, C. Sprague.
3. J. Doll recognized and congratulated incoming Vice President S. Miller and new CAST Representative K. Al-Khatib and also welcomed other new members to the Board of Directors. President Doll again congratulated R. Schmidt for his special Presidential Award recognizing his 27 years of service to the North Central Weed Science Society.
4. Executive Secretary Report. R. Schmidt reported an attendance of 381 at the 2003 annual meeting which was significantly lower than last year. Eighty percent of those attending preregistered for the meeting with approximately 90% registering by credit card. The banquet had 301 people seated which represent 90% of the meeting attendees. Seventeen who had preregistered for the annual meeting did not attend.
5. Proceedings Editor. B. Hartzler was not present and no report given. An electronic copy of the abstracts was available for printing individual copies during the meeting.
6. Research Report Editor. No report.
7. Communications Editor. No report.
8. WSSA Representative. No report.
9. CAST Representative. No report.
10. Finance, Steering and Policy. J. Green presented the 2004 budget which projects a deficit for the next fiscal year. After some discussion, J. Doll requested that the Finance Committee consider whether or not a deficit cap should be included in our fiscal policy within our operating procedures. Since our financial reserves currently exceeds our minimum MOP requirement of two times our annual operating expenses, M. Horak indicated that we may need some time and flexibility during the next three years to see if we need to make any major adjustments in our budget. S. Miller moved to approve the proposed budget. K. Howatt seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
11. Fellow. No report.
12. Distinguished Achievement Awards. M. Horak encouraged nominations for next year.
13. Legislation, Regulatory, and Public Policy. T. Peters reported. The committee discussed the status of the Regulatory & Crop Consultants Special Interest Group. With a decline in interest by the crop consultant group, it is recommended that the regulatory component within this special interest group

be incorporated into the Legislation, Regulatory and Public Policy Committee. The inclusion of the regulatory group is a natural fit as a result of board action taken last year to rename this committee. The committee also recommends adding the Director of Science Policy, Rob Hedberg as a co-chair of the committee. M. Horak reported on behalf of Rob Hedberg that the national Invasive Species Advisory Committee had three members representing weed science, but one individual would be resigning; therefore, he is soliciting a nominee for this position. Also, there is a concern that the National Research Initiative grants have been drifting away from production agriculture and R. Hedberg with the WSSA will be developing a statement expressing a concern relative to these grants and reporting back to the weed science societies on this issue.

14. Local Arrangements. C. Slack reported a successful meeting with a few minor interruptions from hotel construction. The society exceeded their room block for the meeting so he does not anticipate any financial penalties from the hotel.
15. Future Site Selection. C. Slack indicated that the 2006 meeting will be in Milwaukee on December 10-14 at the Hyatt Regency. In the future the committee is considering St. Louis for 2007.
16. Program. J. Doll reported a few no shows for presentations, but not above normal. Several good comments were received about the program including the presentations by speakers for the General Session. T. Peters requested help on ideas for symposia and other topics for the meeting next year. An Invasive Species section and possibly an Industry Update session were suggested for consideration.
17. Publicity and Public Relations. No report.
18. Career Placement. No report by committee. J. Doll indicated that three or four resumes were placed in the career placement room, but no jobs were listed. Since this is a valuable service to the members, the society should continue to provide space for this activity during the annual meeting.
19. Membership. P. Stahlman reported the committee met to discuss ways to increase membership. They are considering a demographic analysis of the membership to assess the past and current constituency of the society members. Kelley Nelson was elected the new vice chair of the committee. J. Doll commented that older membership committee reports contained more detail about the demographics of the membership than in recent years.
20. Nominating. No report.
21. Extension. D. Nordby reported that the Extension symposium is scheduled for Thursday morning. Issues discussed by the committee included the following: a) a revision of the NCWSS web site to include publications that are available from various states, b) future updates of weed management guides published by each state, and c) revision of the North Central regional publication on Herbicide Mode of Action. Richard Proost was elected the new vice chair.
22. Resolution and Necrology. M. Peterson presented the following resolutions:
 - 1) **RESOLUTION ON:** The Hotel Meeting Facility for the 58th 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 Galt House Hotel of Louisville, KY provided an excellent and spacious meeting environment; and

WHEREAS the staff and management of the Galt House Hotel of Louisville, KY 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 Louisville, KY on December 1-4, 2003 for the 58th Annual Meeting commends the Galt House, Jill Naiser, Andrea Bresnahan, Cathy Decker, Hotel Management, and Staff for their efforts in providing the Society with excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.

2) **RESOLUTION ON:** Local Arrangements Committee for the 58th 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 Chairperson Charles Slack 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 Louisville, KY on December 1-4, 2003 for the 58th Annual Meeting commends Charles Slack 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 58th 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 58th Annual Meeting fulfilled their obligations and responsibilities with dedication and commitment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Weed Society in session at Louisville, KY on December 1-4, 2003 for the 58th 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 the Syngenta Crop Protection Research Facility at Champaign, IL provided an excellent environment; and

WHEREAS the Summer Contest Host and staff of Syngenta Crop Protection in Champaign, IL 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 Louisville, KY on December 1-4, 2003 for the 58th Annual Meeting commends Don Pullins and the staff at Syngenta Crop Protection 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 Hyatt Undergraduate Award for the 58th Annual Meeting of the North Central Weed Science Society.

WHEREAS the North Central Weed Science Society provides educational opportunities for undergraduates at the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest; and

WHEREAS the Hyatt Regency Corporation recognizes educational excellence and has established an award honoring the undergraduate winner of the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Weed Society in session at Louisville, KY on December 1-4, 2003 for the 58th Annual Meeting commends the Hyatt Regency Corporation for its financial support of complimentary lodging for the undergraduate winner of the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest at the Annual Meeting.

M. Horak moved to accept the resolutions and W. Fithian seconded the motion. Motion passed. The committee elected Tony White as chair and Harlene Hatterman-Valenti as vice chair.

23. Collegiate Weed Science Contest. University of Minnesota will host the summer contest on July 20, 2004 in Waseca, MN. Bev Durgan has agreed to chair the contest.
24. Long Range Planning. D. Rathmann reported that the committee will be very active within the next several months. They had a very productive Long Range Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday afternoon. He noted that with attendance down for the annual meeting it will be difficult to achieve the 2004 budget. Two primary issues that were discussed by the committee were: 1) financial issues, which are probably easiest to fix by membership fee increases, money making activities, or starting an endowment fund; and 2) charting the future course for the society, which is the more difficult issue. Comments received during the past year from the membership have included a) wanting a more cross-discipline program, b) fewer professional meetings to attend, and c) less travel or lower cost for the attendee. The committee is beginning to discuss a three to five year plan and have identified three possible outcomes which are 1) remain "as is" and adjust member fees, registration costs to maintain the society structure currently in place; 2) partnering with a "like" organization or another society with a weed science focus; and 3) partnering with other related agricultural societies or disciplines. Several considerations will need to be evaluated when considering these options. Long range planning will be a major topic of discussion at the summer board meeting, perhaps with a facilitator. A letter will be sent to the other regional weed science societies to create a dialogue with these other organizations on future direction.

D. Rathmann asked for questions or comments on his report. J. Doll indicated that we may want to consider contacting the board of directors of companies to see if an overall Plant or Crop Protection Conference would be an attractive venue. It was suggested that in addition to contacting other weed science societies we may also want to go ahead and contact other organizations of plant protection disciplines. Another comment expressed was that the NCWSS maintain its current identity but have a highlighted event at each annual meeting that would encourage others individuals to participate -- such as a focus on national pest resistant issues. The board was reminded that at the General Session a few years ago a consensus of the membership at that time was to maintain our identity. Other comments included whether one or two centralized locations for the annual meeting should be considered. Some of the groups that previously met at the NCWSS (eg. forestry and aquatics) are now having their own successful group meetings. Thus, is there a way we could broaden our identity as a venue for overall weed management in different environments, not just weed management for agronomic crops which now appears to be our primary identity.

25. Electronic Communications. G. Nice expressed his appreciation to the Local Arrangements Committee for their assistance and providing the LCD projectors. The drop-off box was very successful for individuals with presentations. Few problems were encountered with computers and remotes. Future suggestions include a) consider an internet access for the membership at the hotel during the meeting; b) encourage Local Arrangements to contact the Electronic Communications Committee before renting equipment that may already be available; c) encourage moderators to bring

computers with CD burners; and d) continue to have copier in LCD viewing room, but we do not need a screen for viewing. New members of the committee include Harlene Hatterman-Valenti and Eric Spandle. G. Nice will continue to be chair; no vice chair was elected. J. Doll commended the committee for a job well done. J. Doll acknowledged that this was an important committee (currently a special committee appointed by the President) and asked Glen to develop a proposal for the board to consider for making this a standing committee within the society with a set of guidelines, activities, and responsibilities.

26. Herbicide Resistance. J. Stachler asked whether this committee should also be a standing committee or should it be abandoned as a committee. Information gathered and presented in the past by the committee is not being documented. They need more guidance from the board on direction. The committee discussed potential future symposia on insect, weed and herbicide interactions on weed resistance. A report has obtained from various states on the status of weed resistance in their state. Gary Finn has been selected as vice chair. A suggestion was made to include the weed resistance information on the Proceedings CD or on the NCWSS web site. The committee was encouraged to forward their information on to Ian Heap for the WSSA web site. A discussion was held on the status of the Herbicide Resistance Committee as a special appointed committee and whether it should become a standing committee with specific duties. J. Doll stated that the historical prospective of this committee should be investigated before a decision is made.
27. Resident Education. C. Sprague indicated a large attendance at the committee meeting. The paper and poster contests at the annual meeting went well. A major discussion was held on the summer Collegiate Weed Contest. Many options were discussed for changing the contest rules. However, they will keep the contest rules the same as last year. They plan to drop the banquet at the contest, but have a barbeque. They will encourage individuals to complete the survey on the web site for future direction of the summer contest. J. Stachler was elected 2nd vice chair and T. Threewitt will become 1st vice chair. J. Doll inquired if the Collegiate Weed Science Contest Committee should remain as a special committee or become a subcommittee within the Resident Education Special Interest Group. A recommendation was made to delete this special committee and merge it into the Resident Education Group Committee. No action is needed by the board since the duties and responsibilities of this committee are already in the MOP as a subcommittee under Resident Education.
28. Industry. D. Bruns presented a recommendation from the Industry and Resident Education committees for an addition to the MOP (Section III, Chapter 5, Rules, Item E. Location) that states that "The Resident Education and Industry Committees shall jointly work together to identify and secure future summer contest host locations". M. Horak moved to accept the recommendation and Joe Bruce seconded the motion. Motion passed. The committee also recommended that the program committee consider moving the Industry breakfast to Tuesday or Wednesday; however, it was discussed that this could impact the hotel room blocks reserved on Wednesday night.
29. Regulatory and Crop Consultants. C. Sprague moved to conduct a 30-day ballot to dissolve the Regulatory and Crop Consultants Interest Group and remove all references to this committee from the MOP. W. Fithian seconded the motion and motion was approved.
30. Research and Publications. No report or representation from the committee. J. Doll indicated that this Interest Group is seeking future direction and purpose.
31. Graduate Students. B. Fronning on behalf of the graduate students thanked BASF for the mixer Monday night and Monsanto for the luncheon on Wednesday. Approximately 60 students attended the luncheon which has been increasing every year. Vince Davis (Purdue University) was elected

vice chair; Ryan Miller (University of Minnesota) was appointed to represent the NCWSS graduate students at the WSSA town meeting. Activities by the committee include putting together a list serve of graduate students. They requested if the NCWSS web site could include a section for the graduate students to communicate with other students about their research projects. J. Doll commented that a symposium had been considered this past year for a graduate student workshop on how to prepare a good paper or poster, but did not materialize. It should be considered for next year. R. Becker indicated that the WSSA is in the process of formalizing a graduate student representative on the WSSA Board of Directors.

32. Other Reports or Old Business. None

33. New Business. J. Doll commented that there has been more discussion on how to make Rob Hedberg more visible in our society. He pointed out that R. Hedberg has been appointed a co-chair of the Legislation, Regulatory and Public Policy Committee, listed in the annual meeting program, and on the NCWSS web site. However, the NCWSS Manual of Operating Procedures does not mention the Director of Science Policy and should be considered in the future when the WSSA has formalized his appointment.

The summer Executive Board meeting will be tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2004 after the summer contest.

34. Adjourn. 10:43 pm. S. Miller moved to adjourn and seconded by D. Belcher. Motion passed.