



Minutes of March 2021 NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting

Date: March 15, 2021

Place: Zoom meeting

Time: 2 to 5 pm central time

Roll Call:

Officer	Name	Roll Call
President	Harlene Hatterman-Valenti	X
President Elect	Reid Smeda	X
Vice President	David Simpson	X
Secretary-Treasurer	Amit Jhala	X
Editor-NCWSS Proceedings	Joe Wuerffel	X
Editor- Communication/Newsletter	Joe Ikley	X
WSSA Representative	Brett Miller	X
CAST Representative	John Hinz	X
Past President	Stott Howard	X
Executive Secretary	Kelley Mazur	X
Director of Science Policy	Lee Van Wychen	X
Strategic Planning	Sarah Lancaster	X
Extension	Joe Ikley	X
Industry	Lowell Sandell	X
Resident Education	Devin Hammer	X
Graduate Student	Alexis Meadows	X
Central Region	Dan Smith	X
Western Region	Trevor Israel	X
Eastern Region	Erin Haramoto	X

Voting Results:

- **Motion 1:** Include WSSA harassment language in the NCWSS MOP.
- **Motion 2:** Include information of NCWSS Video Contest in NCWSS MOP.

Approve; Not approve; Abstain

Officer	Name	Motion 1	Motion 2
President	Harlene Hatterman-Valenti	Approve	Approve
President Elect	Reid Smeda	Approve	Approve
Vice President	David Simpson	Approve	Approve
Secretary-Treasurer	Amit Jhala	Approve	Approve
Editor-NCWSS Proceedings	Joe Wuerffel	Approve	Approve
Editor- Communication/Newsletter	Joe Ikley	Approve	Approve
WSSA Representative	Brett Miller	Approve	Approve
CAST Representative	John Hinz	Approve	Approve
Past President	Stott Howard	Approve	Approve
Executive Secretary	Kelley Mazur	Ex-Officio (Non-voting members)	
Director of Science Policy	Lee Van Wychen		
Strategic Planning	Sarah Lancaster	Approve	Approve
Extension	Joe Ikley	Approve	Approve
Industry	Lowell Sandell	Approve	Approve
Resident Education	Devin Hammer	Approve	Approve
Graduate Student	Alexis Meadows	Approve	Approve
Central Region	Dan Smith	Approve	Approve
Western Region	Trevor Israel	Approve	Approve
Eastern Region	Erin Haramoto	Approve	Approve

President: Harlene Hatterman-Valenti

- An interest group committee and standing committee (Extension and Invasive Plants) seem to have little merit as a separate committee and have been joined with the section business meeting the past couple of years. There is a need to review their need along with inconsistencies in the MOP and to bring forward recommendations.
Action: No Change is needed.

Resident Education Committee Chair- Davin Hammer

- Dissolve the separate subcommittee regarding contest rules and move duties over to the Resident Education section in MOP. This is one of the responsibilities of the Resident Education Committee and currently creates confusion regarding Chair responsibility.
Action: No Change is needed.

Strategic Planning Committee Chair- Sarah Lancaster

- A member survey was discussed by Sarah L. with regard to potential adjustments to society activities that would add greater value to members and clients.
Action: Sarah will adjust questions as discussed in a meeting and will circulate the link of questionnaire to NCWSS BOD for further comments. Incentives: \$500 was approved by the NCWSS BOD. Strategic Planning Committee can use this fund to encourage survey respondents by providing incentives such as Amazon Gift Card; Weed Bingo, etc.

Communications /Newsletter Editor – Joe Ikley

- Summer Newsletter: April 2 is the deadline to submit information in summer newsletter.
- 2021 NCWSS Student Weed Contest at NDSU: Approval from NDSU to organize Weed Contest July 29-30, 2021. April 30 will be the final call to make the decision.
Action: Joe will contact the coaches at various universities. Final decision will be made during April 30 NCWSS BOD meeting.

Executive Secretary – Kelley Mazur

- NCWSS website redesign proposal by Apex Web Studio
Action: More information will be shared by Kelley to NCWSS BOD members.
- Update on 2021 NCWSS meeting to be held at Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI
Action: Will be discussed in April NCWSS BOD meeting. Christy Sprague will be the local Chair.
- A Post-virtual meeting survey was accomplished in Dec/Jan to get feedback from the members. Attached excel file has response from members. Any topic to discuss?
Action: Reid suggested if posters can be made available online for 30 days after the meeting?

WSSA Representative – Brett Miller

- Joint annual meeting of NCWSS with WSSA:
Action: NCWSS BOD members were supportive of the joint meeting. Brett will make a proposal to WSSA for more details and action. To be discussed in next meeting.

Vice President Elect- Reid Smeda

- Partnering with Midwest Invasive Plant Network (MIPN) and Michigan Invasive Species Coalition (MISC) for joint session(s) at 2021 NCWSS meeting
Action: Reid will follow up with them to get more information about number of attendees, registration cost, etc. To be discussed in April BOD meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer: Amit Jhala

- Number of Attendees in 2020 Virtual Meeting: Total: 345; Regular: 228 (66%); Students: 92 (27%); Fellow: 25 (7%)
- 2021 NCWSS in-person registration fees: Regular member: \$375; Student: \$125; Honorary members/Fellows: \$225

Action:

- Prepare minutes of March 2021 NCWSS BOD meeting.
- Arrange a Zoom meeting of NCWSS BOD on April 30, 2021 to discuss details of Student Weed Contest and NCWSS annual meeting.
- Include information of NCWSS Video Contest in NCWSS MOP.

Graduate Students' Committee Chair- Alexis Meadows

➤ **Graduate Students' activities proposed for Spring, Summer, and Fall 2021**

- 1- Mentoring Program – Travel Enrichment Experience (TEE): 1 week during the summer, similar to WSSA's TEE program: Target 3 students/positions. Application and selection process to be defined after we find sponsors; we can probably adapt WSSA's. Discussion: Find potential sponsors and groups willing to host students for this experience. If we find sponsors, this will have no cost for the NCWSS.

Action: Work with the Resident Education Committee Chair (Devin Hammer) for further action and plan to identify industry sponsors.

- 2- Statics Lectures/Workshop in R: We are recruiting volunteers willing to teach how to analyze data in R and are planning on organizing webinars for the NCWSS Students for this and Recruit potential speakers to teach and share material. Discussion: Can we work on this and use the NCWSS to deposit/share material? This will have no cost for the society, except the time of people involved in the organization.

Action: NCWSS BOD are supportive of this workshop. Alexis to provide material/information to Executive Secretary (Kelley Mazur) and she will upload on NCWSS webpage.

- 3- Scientific Writing Lectures: We are planning to recruit speakers (academic, industry, government employees) to share their perspectives on scientific writing. We are planning on doing this also as a webinar for the NCWSS students. Discussion: Raise potential names and invite them. This will have no cost for the society, except the time of people involved in the organization.

Action: Alexis to provide information to Executive Secretary (Kelley Mazur) and she will circulate e-mail to NCWSS members to recruit speakers.

CAST Representative - John Hinz

Fellow Awards Committee has two suggestions to amend in the NCWSS MOP:

1. Nominator must be a member of the NCWSS
2. NCWSS Fellow Award Committee members are not eligible to nominate or write support letter(s)

Action: John Hinz to discuss with the Fellow Awards Committee members. This topic will be discussed in April 2021 NCWSS BOD meeting.