



Minutes of Dec 16 2021 NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Dec 16, 2021

Place: Emerald Room, Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI

Zoom: <https://unl.zoom.us/j/97266806708?pwd=MWFQck9sZ3ExNnFRbGNmdVBJZ2p3dz09>

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Time: 10 to 11 am Eastern Time

ROLL CALL Dec 16, 2021 NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting

A quorum of 16 members.

Officers	Names	Dec 16
President	David Simpson	X
Vice President	Reid Smeda	X
Vice President Elect	Dawn Refsell	
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 Hinze	X
Past President	Harlene Hatterman-Valenti	X
Executive Secretary	Kelley Mazur	X
Director of Science Policy	Lee Van Wychen	

Directors at Large	Names	Dec 16
Strategic Planning	Sarah Lancaster	X
Extension Committee Chair	Prashant Jha	X
Industry Committee Chair	Ryan Henry	X
Resident Education Committee Chair	Devin Hammer; Debalin Sarangi	X
Graduate Student Committee Chair	Monica Marr	X
Central Region	Dan Smith	X
Western Region	Trevor Israel	
Eastern Region	Erin Haramoto	X

1. Meeting called to order at 10 am.
2. Discussed NCWSS annual meeting attendees 2021 to 2018:

Attendee	2021 Grand Rapids	2020 Virtual	2019 Columbus	2018 Milwaukee
Members	202	253	249	271
Students	85	92	106	89
Total	287	345	355	360

- Very good number of in-person attendees in 2021 NCWSS meeting despite ongoing Covid-19 issues

3. New members of NCWSS BoD:

- Vice President Elect: Dawn Refsell, Corteva
- Graduate Student Committee Chair: Monica Marrs, Kansas State University
- Industry Committee Chair: Ryan Henry, UPL
- Resident Education Committee Chair: Debalin Sarangi, University of Minnesota
- Extension Committee Chair: Prashant Jha, Iowa State University

Action: Amit will send an updated list of 2022 NCWSS BOD members with their e-mails

4. Program Chair/President – David Simpson

- No major issue during 2021 NCWSS meeting at Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids; hotel was good and staff was supportive.
- Suggested to have an NCWSS Newsletter in January 2022 to include 2021 award recipients and their photos.

5. Local Arrangement Committee Chair – Christy Sprague

- Worked closely with the hotel staff and agree that they were supportive.
- Suggested to move presentation during industry breakfast early in the morning.

6. Secretary/ Treasurer – Amit Jhala

- 2021 NCWSS meeting expenses were less than \$50,000; very reasonable compared with other meeting venues. Suggested to arrange NCWSS annual meeting again at Amway Grant Plaza after few years.

7. Vice President Reid Smeda

- Empty tables at awards ceremony was not looking good. More tables and chairs (300) were arranged to spread-out members to maintain distance.

8. Past President – Harlene Hatterman-Valenti

- Suggested to update photos on NCWSS webpage every quarter. Photos from annual meeting, weed contest, etc. can be included.

9. Resident Education Committee Chair – Davin Hammer

- To consider point penalty for students submitting their poster/paper later than suggested deadline. Debalin Sarangi, new Chair of Resident Education Committee will provide some thoughts in next NCWSS BOD meeting.

10. Strategic Planning Committee Chair – Sarah Lancaster

- Women in Weed Science Breakfast Committee will be formed to oversee this annual event and invite speaker. Amit Jhala said Bayer Crop Science is considering to sponsor this event with the support of \$4,000.
- Suggested to make some change in the program based on member survey results
- Election for western region director at large to be held in 2022

11. Extension Committee Chair – Nick Arneson

- A total of 9 videos were considered for the 2021 NCWSS Video Contest with 4 in Extension and 5 in Research and Proposal (combined due to one submission in Proposal Section)
- Running Video in Extension section was a good idea and well received. There were some technical issues that should be considered in future.

12. Budget approval for 2022 NCWSS meeting to be held in St Louise, MO; Dec 5 to 8

- Income from registration in 2021 meeting: 20 Fellows (3,500) + 85 Students (10,625) + 187 Regular members (\$60,775) = \$74,900 minus credit card fee of 3%
- Sustaining membership income: \$38,000
- Proposing 2022 NCWSS meeting budget of \$80,000 for St Louise meeting; Hotel + food and beverages are relatively expensive
- Registration fee for early bird: Regular member: \$325; Fellow/Honorary Members: \$175; Students: \$125. \$50 extra for late registration

Motion: To approve \$80,000 budget for 2022 NCWSS meeting to be held in St Louis.
Motion approved with all in favor.

13. Meeting of Finance committee with financial advisor Stan Cooper Feb 11 at 3 pm Mountain Time to explore NCWSS investment. Currently we have 5 CDs with the interest rates in the range of 0.9 to 1.5%.

Action: Finance committee members will be informed about this meeting.

14. Next NCWSS BOD meeting via Zoom in Jan 2022; Date?

Action: Amit will send a doodle poll to set a zoom meeting.

15. Resolutions for 2021 NCWSS annual meeting:

1. **RESOLUTION ON:** The Hotel Meeting Facility for the 76th 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 Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan provided an excellent and spacious meeting environment; and

WHEREAS the staff and management of the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan 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 Grand Rapids, MI, Dec 13th-16th 2021 for the 76th Annual Meeting commends the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel management and staff for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.

2. **RESOLUTION ON:** Local Arrangements Committee for the 76th 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 Chair Christy Sprague 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 Science Society in session at Grand Rapids, MI, Dec 13th-16th 2021 for the 76th Annual Meeting commends Christy Sprague 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 and Undergraduate Student Poster Judges for the 76th 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 Undergraduate Poster Contest; and

WHEREAS the judges selected for the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests, and Undergraduate Poster Contest for the 76th 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 Grand Rapids, MI, Dec 13th-16th 2021 for the 76th Annual Meeting commends the judges of the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests, and Undergraduate Poster Contest for their inputs of time, labor, and cooperation in providing the Society with well run, successful contests at this Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11 am eastern time.