

# Minutes of Sep 2021 NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting

**Date:** Sep 17, 2021

**Zoom Meeting**

**Time:** 12.30 to 1.15 pm central time

## ROLL CALL

<b>Officers</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Sep 17</b>
President	Harlene Hatterman-Valenti	X
President Elect	David Simpson	X
Vice President	Reid Smeda	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 Hinze	X
Past President	Stott Howard	X
Executive Secretary	Kelley Mazur	X
Director of Science Policy	Lee Van Wychen	X

<b>Directors at Large</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>July 23</b>
Strategic Planning	Sarah Lancaster	X
Extension Committee Chair	Nick Arneson	
Industry Committee Chair	Lowell Sandell	X
Resident Education Committee Chair	Devin Hammer	X
Graduate Student Committee Chair	Ednaldo Borgato	X
Central Region	Dan Smith	X
Western Region	Trevor Israel	X
Eastern Region	Erin Haramoto	

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### President-Elect/ Program Chair – David Simpson

#### **Discussion:**

- David Simpson and other members of the Local Arrangement Committee visited the Amway Grand Plaza hotel to view the meeting venue
- Title submission for the 2021 NCWSS meeting ended Friday, September 18, 2021. Abstract site <http://weedscimeetingabstracts.com>
- The society's award luncheon will be on Wednesday (Dec 15) due to space logistics. Distinguished service award recipients and new fellows will be announced.
- Currently no local, state or federal Covid restriction on space use, social distancing or masks. The hotel is requiring employees to wear mask
- Restaurants could be a limiting factor as not all hotel restaurants are re-opened. Breakfast option: Starbucks or The Kitchen Counter. If Rendezvous is not open by meeting, may need to consider some other options.
- Lunch on Tuesday would be a concern. We can work with hotel to consider a "pop up" lunch option on Tuesday
- Sky walk provides option for getting around in winter
- Room block is 645 room nights with current commitment to fill 80% with NCWSS responsible for liquidation damages for the difference if usage falls below 80%. Hotel seems amenable to negotiating down from the 80%.

**Action:** Kelley will contact Tina and Mark and they will contact Amway Grand Plaza hotel to negotiate the contract to reduce the minimum room block requirement.

- Sponsored Events: NCWSS President Reception; BASF committed to sponsoring Grad Student Mixer; Corteva anticipated sponsoring Grad Student Luncheon; NCWSS Society Mixer.
- Presentation by graduate students is down due to Covid; Travel restrictions for industry likely to reduce attendees. Could see 30%-40% reduction. Most industry will let their employees to attend NCWSS if they are presenting a paper/poster or a member of committee/chair of the section.

**Motion:** Harlene proposed a motion to precede with in-person NCWSS annual meeting to be held in Dec 2021. Motion passed with all in favor.

- Program Chair and committee will work on meeting program schedule.
- Dec 2021 NCWSS BOD meeting is scheduled on Monday Dec 13 at 12.30 pm. The meeting will be in-person for those attending NCWSS meeting. It will also be available via zoom.