



Minutes of NCWSS Sep 22, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Sep 22, 2023

Time: 2 pm central time

Zoom link: <https://unl.zoom.us/j/93115520416?pwd=YnNMMHk4Ky8vQWpuS0Fla1dIVGozd09>

Meeting ID: 931 1552 0416

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Roll Call [19 /19]

Officers	Names	Sep 22
President	Reid Smeda	X
President Elect	Dawn Refsell	X
Vice President	Mark Bernards	X
Secretary-Treasurer	Amit Jhala	X
Editor-NCWSS Proceedings	Karla Gage	X
Editor- Communication / Newsletter	Joe Ikley	X
WSSA Representative	Brett Miller	X
CAST Representative	John Hinz	X
Past President	David Simpson	X
Executive Secretary	Kelley Mazur	X
Director of Science Policy	Lee Van Wychen	X

Directors at Large	Names	Sep 22
Strategic Planning	Travis Legleiter	X
Extension	Nathaniel Drewitz	X
Industry	Ryan Henry	X
Resident Education	Nick Arneson (absent); Attended by Ram Yadav	X
Graduate Student	Claudia Bland	X
Central Region	Dan Smith	X
Western Region	Angela Kazmierczak	X
Eastern Region	Steve Meyers	X

President Smeda called the meeting to order at 2 pm on Sep 22, 2023.

Old Business

Update on 2023 NCWSS annual meeting (Dawn Refsell):

- General: A total of 170 titles received (48 MS; 48 PhD; 9 Undergrad students) + 5 grad students pending with late submit request., so the total number of presentations for the 2023 NCWSS annual meeting will be about 175.
- Student Contest numbers:
 - o MS Students: 24 papers, 17 posters, 6 videos.
 - o PhD Students: 20 papers, 25 posters, 1 video.
 - o Undergraduate Students: 9 posters.
- Speaker for the opening remarks during 2023 annual meeting in Minneapolis is confirmed: Tom Peterson, Minnesota Department of Agriculture.
- Speaker for the society breakfast presentation is confirmed: Dustyn Sawall (Chemist, United Winfield) will speak regarding formulation technology and advancements.
- Symposia during 2023 NCWSS annual meeting:
 - o Extension Video Preparation Symposia
 - o Networking and Mentoring Symposia (Monday afternoon for students).
 - o Symposia will be followed by a joint panel discussion. Student Mixtures.
- Some NCWSS committee meetings will be on Monday evening followed by BASF Quiz Bowl
 - a. Student contests/videos: 8 total videos.
 - b. Registration: 26 total registered for NCWSS annual meeting as of Sep 22, 2023.

NCWSS New Website Update (Kelley Mazur):

- Updated webpage of NCWSS: <https://368dev.com/ncwss/>
- Provide feedback to Kelley by email (kelley@imigroup.org) by Oct 6. The website will be launched by the end of October 2023 and will be included in the fall newsletter in November 2023.

NCWSS Endowment Fund

- Reid Smeda reached out to some members. He will form a committee by the end of October. Some potential members: John Jachetta; Roger Backer.

Graduate Student Update (Claudia Bland)

- Networking and Mentoring Symposia; Video Preparation Symposia Guideline/suggestions. Potential Speakers: Rodrigo Werle (University of Wisconsin); Jeanine Arana (Purdue University); Ryan Hamberg (Iowa State University now at Texas A & M University).

WSSA Rep Update: Joint meeting of NCWSS and WSSA (Brett Miller)

- 2024 WSSA will be with SWSS in San Antonio, TX
 - Location? Timing?

New Business

MOP wording concerning Executive Board members and Fellow Committee members for being nominators or authors of support letters for distinguished achievement awards (DAA) nominees and NCWSS Fellows.

- Based on NCWSS MOP, there is an inconsistency in a guideline for support letters between distinguished achievement awards (DAA) and NCWSS Fellows, particularly for the NCWSS Executive Committee Members. As per current guideline “NCWSS Executive Committee members are not eligible to write a letter of support for the DAA nominees but can write a support letter for the NCWSS Fellow nominees.
- A motion was proposed to adjust this inconsistency about support letters that will provide an opportunity to NCWSS Executive Committee members to write support letters for the DAA nominees and Fellow nominees. Some sentences were adjusted in the NCWSS MOP. *Members of the Awards ~~and Executive~~ Committees are not eligible to write supporting letters for the DAA nominees.*
- A motion was approved with all in favor.
- Action: Amit will update the NCWSS MOP. It will be effective from next year as a call for DAA and Fellow awards is already out.

Joint meeting of NCWSS and Northeast Weed Science Society (NEWSS) in 2026 (Reid Smeda).

- NEWSS: Strong on Horticulture crops and limited on Agronomic crops, so a joint meeting will complement program areas and attendees.
- NEWSS is flexible for the timing of the meeting and venue such as Columbus, OH.
- Dawn suggested having a conversation with the program chair and site selection committee (Eric, Kelley).
- Motion: To discuss a joint meeting of NCWSS and NEWSS in 2026.
- Motion passed with all in favor.
- Action: President Smeda will follow up with the NEWSS BoD for further discussion about program, awards, student activities, etc.
- Kelley will discuss with Mark and Tina about the negotiation of the venue possibly for Columbus, OH.

Next NCWSS BoD meeting is scheduled at 10 am on Dec 11, 2023 in Minneapolis. This will be an in-person meeting; however, Amit will send a Zoom invite, so if a BoD member is not attending NCWSS meeting should be able to join.

A motion was proposed to adjourn the meeting with all in favor.

- President Smeda adjourned the meeting at 3.45 pm on Sep 22, 2023.