



NCWSS Executive Committee Meeting
Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch
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June 7, 2012, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

1. Call to Order (President): 8:03 a.m. President Bryan Young presiding.
2. Roll Call by Christy Sprague (Secretary-Treasurer): Executive Board Members – B. Young, D. Johnson, J.D. Green, C. Sprague, P. Banks, R. G. Hartzler, H. Hatterman-Valenti, M. Bernards, and D. Rathmann. Additional attendees: Emilio Oyarzabal (Local Arrangements). Brian Jenks and Bruce Ackley were in attendance via conference call at 10:00 a.m.
3. President Report: President Bryan Young has completed the assignments for the different NCWSS committees. Among these, the graduate student committee membership seems to be difficult to track with the transient nature of graduate students. The composition of this committee beyond the Chair and Vice-Chair are unknown at this time. Bryan will work with Phil Banks and Connor Ferguson, Graduate Student Committee Chair, to fill in this committee. There was some discussion about including a box to check on the registration form if graduate students are interested in serving on this committee. All committee compositions will be posted online and in the NCWSS newsletter. Bryan noted that Executive Secretary Phil Banks has pointed out some opportunities to improve the NCWSS website. Bryan will work with Phil, David Krueger, and others to make improvements that are deemed necessary to accommodate the needs and interests of the NCWSS. Bryan also reported that Director of Science Policy, Lee Van Wychen has solicited signatures from WSSA and regional societies for efforts in Washington DC in support of Weed Science. In particular, the on behalf of the NCWSS Bryan signed two letters: 1) to Congressional leadership to “Do the Farm Bill this Year”, and 2) to House and Senate Ag Appropriations Committee to support the USDA Research, Education, and Economics funding. Bryan also reported that at the WSSA meeting this year at the President’s breakfast, Jim Kells (WSSA President elect) was interested in trying to develop WSSA Graduate Student paper and poster contests. At the meeting the different regional society presidents were not interested in developing a WSSA graduate student contest; especially with semi’s form the regional society contests meetings. The one point that was clear is that WSSA would like to be involved in developing more graduate student training.
4. Secretary-Treasurer Report: Secretary-Treasurer Christy Sprague asked for approve of the December 12 and 14, 2011 NCWSS Board Meeting minutes. J.D. Green moved to approve the minutes and Dave Johnson seconded – MOTION PASSED. Christy Sprague also indicated that it has been a pleasure to hold the Secretary-Treasurer position, but she would like to resign this year and provide the opportunity to another person. Bryan Young will contact Gary Finn of the Nominations committee. Three positions will need to be elected this year: Vice President, Secretary- Treasurer, and CAST representative.
5. Executive Secretary Report: Executive Secretary Phil Banks reported the following:
Final 2011 Annual Meeting Numbers: Final attendance for the Milwaukee meeting was: 272 regular members, 16 Fellows and 71 students (359 total; \$76,217 in registration fees). For the Invasive Symposium, there were 132 two day and 28 one day registrations (160 total; \$ 22,856 in registration fees). By agreement, we shared income minus expenses with MIPN and IPAW. They each received \$6940.38. Approximately 60 members that did not attend the annual meeting have renewed their membership as of May 16, 2012. Total current membership in NCWSS is 466 (57 Fellows; 338 regular members; 71 students).
Finances: The NCWSS has a net value of approximately \$440,055 which is approximately \$ 12,500 more than this time last year. The increase is primarily due to income from the annual meeting that is in excess of the meeting expenses. Interest income from our investments during this time frame equaled

approximately \$1,100 down from \$4,200.00 from the same period in 2010-11. Other than required payments to support the Director of Science Policy (\$ 10,800 due in October), support for the weed contest (\$8,500), Web Master (\$ 2000 for two quarters) and the quarterly (2) management fee (total of \$10,000) we will not have any significant expenditures through the fiscal year (November 30). Income from registration for the 2012 meeting will begin in September and Sustaining Member dues will begin in November. We should also receive our yearly payment from the Univ. of Georgia Press for the Weeds of the Midwest in October. We started selling the Encyclopedia of North American Weeds DVD in December of 2011. We share the profit with SWSS and Phil will be making yearly calculations of the profit in November of each year. NCWSS has so far sold 41 copies for a net profit of approximately \$700. Investments with Merrill Lynch have been reduced to approximately \$ 118,000.00 (from a high of \$377,000). We transferred \$50,000 from Merrill Lynch in January to pay the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee for the annual meeting expenses. Phil plans to do the same thing this year and transfer all funds from Merrill Lynch by this time next summer. Interest rates are not projected to increase any earlier than after the November election and the Federal Reserve has indicated a low interest rate strategy until 2014. The Finance Committee recommended a formal audit of our books at the end of this fiscal year (November 30). The cost of the audit is approximately \$3,500.

Other Activities: Phil continues to work with the Proceedings Editor on posting to the website and with the Web Master on updates to the website. Members can now access information on becoming a CAST member through our website under the links tab.

Preparation for 2012 Meeting: The Board needs to set the registration rates for the St. Louis meeting. Phil recommended no change in fees from last year (\$240 for regular members, \$170 for Fellows and \$120 for student members). There will be a \$50 increase for those who don't take advantage of the early bird registration, 2 weeks prior to the meeting. This year's early bird registration cutoff date will be November 26. The registration process will be the same as last year. Bob Hartzler moved to accept the proposed registration fees and J. D. Green seconded – MOTION PASSED.

Other: The three year contract between NCWSS and Marathon-Agric. & Environ. Consulting, Inc. will expire on December 31, 2012. Executive Secretary, Phil Banks indicated that he would like to continue to provide this service and would prepare a proposal for another three year term if asked. This will be discussed further under new business.

6. President Elect Report: President Elect David Johnson reported that he has been working on the program. Dave would like to make some time to meet with Local Arrangements Chair, Emilio Oyarzabal and Hyatt Regency contact, Kristin Schweitzer in a couple of weeks for planning purposes. Dave presented a couple of Symposia ideas.
 - 1) Biofuel crops as invasive weeds. This would bring in the invasive plants committee. Scott Flynn from Dow indicated that he would be willing to help put this symposium together. Another aspect would be weed control in biofuel crops. There was some discussion that the WSSA Public Awareness committee will be releasing a paper on Biofuel crops as the potential as invasive weeds. There may have also been a CAST publication from 2007 on this topic.
 - 2) Herbicide application technologies. Greg Dahl from Winfield Solutions indicated his willingness to help plan this symposium.

Other considerations for symposia: Social media for weed science extension and teaching. There may be the opportunity for Mike DeFelice to reintroduce the WEED DVD and have a discussion group. Vince Davis may also be a good person to contact.

General session ideas: Presidential address (Bryan Young), Director of Science Policy comments (Lee Van Wychen), Welcome (potential speakers: someone from Missouri Botanical Gardens, Cahokian Mounds, or the Danforth Center. There was also some talk about having Dale Shaner speak on job opportunities in Weed Science.

David also indicated that he attended the SWSS meeting to see how they run their quiz bowl. He will work with BASF on possibilities for a quiz bowl on Monday night. David has also asked Dave Ruen to M.C. the Awards Luncheon.

Phil Banks indicated the program need to be ready to print by November 1.

Emilio Oyarzabal has proposed to have Monsanto provide funding for four graduate students at either the Danforth Center and/or Monsanto's Chesterfield Facility on Monday, prior to the meeting.

7. Vice President Report: Vice President J. D. Green reported that his primary activity has been to interact with the WSSA Public Awareness Committee. The primary duty of this committee is to develop press releases on topics of interest relevant to weed science. A few topics during the past 6 months in which press releases have been developed or are in progress include 1) WSSA endorses strategies to reduce threat of herbicide-resistant weeds, 2) availability of online databases and smartphone apps for tracking invasive weeds, 3) garden column for homeowners on weed problems, understanding herbicide labels, and proper pesticide uses, 4) why IPM is not "least toxic pesticides" applied as last resort, and 5) biofuel plant species as invasives; invasives as biofuel. An effort has also been made to develop Interesting Facts About Weeds. Press releases can be accessed through the WSSA website.
8. Past President Report: Past President Mark Wrucke provided a written report prior to the meeting and indicated that an article regarding the Distinguished Achievement Awards has been submitted for the summer newsletter. He will also contact the State Directors and reminded to solicit nominations from their members. Several nominations remain from last year to be considered again this year.
9. WSSA Representative Report: Mark Bernards reported on several outcomes from winter WSSA Board Meeting relevant to NCWSS. A special publication on resistance (Aphis II papers) will come out as a special issue of Weed Science. The Executive summary represents the official position of the WSSA (<http://www.wssa.net/WSSA/PressRoom/WSSA%20Recommendations%20on%20Herbicide%20Resistance.htm>). The National Summit on Herbicide Resistance was held on May 10, 2012 and can be viewed online at <http://nas-sites.org/hr-weeds-summit/sample-page/videos/>. WSSA is also working on a press release on IPM. This press release will address the role of pesticides in IPM. WSSA is also looking to streamline the board of directors. The goal is to make the organization more nimble and responsive to needs. Other topics from WSSA include publishing Weed Technology abstracts in Spanish, a Spanish abstract editor is needed. Weed Science and Weed Technology are still looking for review articles. The WSSA Website still has the issue of content management (e.g., who will be the gate-keeper of what is included). The summer WSSA board meeting will be held August 18-19 in Baltimore, MD. *Future WSSA Meetings*: Feb. 4-7, 2012 Baltimore, Maryland (joint meeting with NEWSS), 2013 Vancouver, Canada (joint meeting with CWSS), and the 2014 location is still under consideration. This meeting will likely be at a location in the North Central region.
10. CAST Representative Report: Duane Rathmann reported that he participated in two Plant Agriculture and Environment Working Group conference calls on titles and paper progress. The current papers being developed include: 1) The Contributions of Pesticides in meeting the global need for food production and public health by 2050, submitted by: Barb Glenn of CropLife America and 2) Agricultural innovation to sustainably feed the world by 2050, submitted by John Soper of Pioneer Hi-Bred, and 3) What is the Federal Government's Role in Crop Protection Research?, submitted by: Barb Glenn of CropLife America. CAST continues to be a good investment for the NCWSS as it provides a unique voice for agriculture. Examples that directly impact the NCWSS are the 2012 communications of: 1) The Direct Relationship between Animal Health and Food Safety Outcomes, May 2012 Commentary, 2) Assessing the Health of Streams in Agricultural Landscapes: The Impacts of Land Management Change on Water Quality, March 2012 Special publication, 3) Herbicide Resistant Weeds Threaten Soil Conservation Gains: Finding a Balance for Soil and Farm Sustainability, February 2012 Issue paper, and 4) Energy Issues Affecting Corn/Soybean Systems: Challenges for Sustainable Production, January 2012 Issue paper. These papers can all be found on the CAST website under publications. Duane indicated that overall, CAST is a well-run organization, but it does have some challenges with the recent loss of annual federal funding as well as the announced retirement of executive director John Bonner effective Jan 31, 2012. To ensure the continued success of CAST and pave the way for a smooth transition and continuity of operations, CAST is initiating a search for Dr. Bonner's successor. A Search Committee led by Dr. Phil Stahlman, CAST President-Elect, has been formed and has begun the search and selection process that is

expected to be completed within six months. Duane will plan to attend the CAST annual meeting which will be held in Kansas City, November 13-15. This will be Duane's last CAST meeting, since his term expires December 2012. There was some discussion on what does CAST do when a society stops its membership? When organizational memberships are lost, CAST has a hard time finding the correct contact person, making it difficult for those groups to be reconnected.

11. Editor, NCWSS Proceedings: Robert Hartzler indicated that he had nothing new to report.
12. Editor, NCWSS Communications: Harlene Valenti-Hatterman reported that the NCWSS newsletter went out earlier this year and the summer newsletter will be out soon with the meeting call for papers included.
13. Old Business:
 - a) Recording of NCWSS presentations: There was a 10:00 a.m. conference call with Brian Jenks (Strategic Planning Committee chair) and Bruce Ackley. There are three options for NCWSS PowerPoint presentation this year: 1) no recording, 2) record PowerPoint and voice, or 3) PowerPoint only. This will be open to NCWSS Members only. Bruce has received permission from the Ohio State University and the company to use the Camtasia sound recording software. For the five rooms, 16 GB thumb drives and USB microphones with stands will be needed. We will not record audience questions. The moderator will be the one physically turning on and off the recording. We could put a symbol in the program on whether someone has consented for recording approval. The question arose if there was a tipping point on how many presentations that we should be hoping to record (40 to 60%?)? J.D. Green asked how many of the giant ragweed presentations were recorded at the last NCWSS? They were all recorded. What do other organizations do? The American Phytopathological Society does do this and not a lot are being recorded. ASA and AHAS are also recording presentations. The proposal is for \$1,100 for recording presentations this year. Bob Hartzler provided the motion and Mark Bernard seconded – MOTION PASSED with one descending vote. Brian Jenks and Bruce Ackley will proceed with information that will need to be put into the NCWSS newsletter. David Johnson will draft something for the newsletter. Brian Jenks has also been in contact with Dave Krueger for the website and the release form will be a check box.
 - b) Weed Contest funding: There is \$8,500 from the NWCSS budget to fund the summer weeds contest. The total budget needs to be \$20,000. The entrance fees (\$30) go directly to Diamond Ag. The additional funding needs to come from industry, Phil Banks will be in contact with Fritz Koppatschek about the remaining funding needed. J. D. Green, Bryan Young, and David Johnson will all be attending the contest. Monsanto has committed for the 2013 contest in Monmouth, IL for July 24-25.
14. New Business:
 - a) Renewal of Executive Secretary Contract (current contract expires Dec. 31, 2012) – David Johnson provided a motion that supports the renewal of Phil Banks and Marathon-Agric. & Environ. Consulting, Inc. for \$25,000 per year for 3-year term. J.D. Green seconded the motion contingent on President Bryan Young reviewing the renewal proposal – MOTION PASSED. The contract will need to be signed by President Bryan Young.
 - b) Bob Hartzler was contacted by the Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau about possibly hosting a NCWSS meeting in Des Moines, IA.
15. NCWSS Executive Committee Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m. Bob Hartzler provided the motion and C. Sprague seconded – MOTION PASSED.
16. Lunch
17. NCWSS meeting site walk through with Hyatt Representative, Kristin Schweitzer