

NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting
Galt House Hotel
Louisville, KY
8:30 p.m., December 10, 1997

1. Call to Order. President Doug Buhler presiding.
2. Roll call be Secretary-Treasurer. Quorum present.
Board members present: D. Buhler, P. Orwick, J. Kells, C. Boerboom, M. Ross, M. Horak, M. Barrett, G. Harvey, J. Doll, B. Miller, R. Schmidt, N. Hageman, R. Krauz, T. Bauer, J. Retzinger, P. Stahlman, J. Martin, J. Jensen, C. Holen, G. Gogan, K. Carlson, T. Gregoire, J. Vollmer, A. McMahon, M. Reidy, D. Voss, S. Miller, B. Ramsdale, V. Ulstad, S. Wagner, A. Dobbels, C. Thompson.
3. Executive Secretary Report. R. Schmidt reported the 1997 meeting had a total registration of 657, including 112 students. There were 391 attending the banquet.
4. President Buhler announced that the vacancy for Research Report Editor had been filled in that M. Barrett will continue as editor for another year. In the interim, D. Buhler will appoint an ad hoc committee to evaluate how the report could be published in the future using new technology.
5. Finance, Steering and Policy Report. D. Buhler deferred the report until the meeting's end.
6. WSSA Representative. No report.
7. Resident Education. C. Thompson gave the report. The 1998 NCWSS Collegiate Contest will be hosted by Valent on July 23 in Seymour, IL. The 1999 contest will be hosted by Agri-Growth in Hollandale, MN and the 2000 contest will be hosted by Bayer in Indiana. The committee recommended that the first place award in the farmer problem be determined with a common tie breaker among the four top finishers. D. Buhler noted that the committee now has the prerogative to enact such minor changes without Board approval. The committee also recommended that participation in the contest as an undergraduate not count against the 3-year limit for participation. M. Horak moved that "Students will be able to participate 3 times as a graduate student" which would require a change on page R6 of the MOP. M. Barrett seconded the motion and the motion passed. K. Carlson made and then withdrew a motion that if a student was a winner in one year that the student could not be a winner in subsequent years. C. Thompson reported concern about the identification of teams composed of a mixture of graduate and undergraduate students. The committee will clarify rule wording to specify that mixed teams will compete as graduate teams, but undergraduate students on mixed teams are eligible for individual undergraduate awards.
8. Research and Publications. A. Dobbels reported that the Research Report will adopt the

use of Bayer codes.

9. Local Arrangements. No report but D. Buhler thanked Charlie Slack for his excellent work.
10. Proceedings Editors. M. Ross reported that efforts to publish the proceedings earlier would result in a lower quality publication. M. Ross will continue publishing the proceedings in the same manner as previously.
11. Research Report Editor. M. Barrett confirmed that the Research Report will adopt the use of Bayer codes.
12. Newsletter Editor. M. Horak reported that he will investigate making the newsletter available on a web site.
13. CAST Representative. No report.
14. Program Committee. P. Orwick reported that the committee will meet at the 1998 WSSA meeting and requested ideas for symposia. Several highly favorable comments were made on the new format of the General Session.
15. Long Range Planning. No report. D. Buhler announced that B. Miller would be the new chair of the committee.
16. Herbicide Resistance. J. Retzinger announced that the committee was proposing a symposium for the 1998 meeting.
17. Industry. V. Ulstad reported that Bayer will host the summer weed contest at Oxford, IN in 2000 and proposed that the sustaining members could be solicited to provide the necessary funds to maintain the Congressional Science Fellow.
18. Placement. M. Peterson reported that 21 positions desired and 14 positions available were posted at the meeting and that R. Hartzler was elected vice chair. Concerns were raised from the floor that a better mechanism was needed for applicants and employers to contact each other at the meeting. Options discussed ranged from a web site to a peg board with note cards in the placement room.
19. AESOP Liaison. L. Cobia distributed a report from the Coalition for Research on Plant Systems (CROPS) '99 conference. D. Buhler described the mission of CROPS 99 as an effort to provide unified voice from the plant science disciplines on priorities for research, extension, and education.
20. Resolutions and Necrology. V. Ulstad submitted the following resolutions moved that they be approved.

RESOLUTION ON: The North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest

WHEREAS the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest requires adequate facilities in order to conduct the contest in an orderly and educational manner; and
WHEREAS the facilities at the Cenex/Land O'Lakes Research Farm in Webster City, IA provided an excellent contest environment; and

WHEREAS the Summer Contest Host and staff of the Cenex/Land O'Lakes Research Farm in Webster City, IA met the needs of the Society and had the dedication for a successful North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Weed Science Society in session at Louisville, KY, December 8 - 11, 1997 for the 52nd Annual Meeting commends Paul Clayton and the staff of the Cenex/Land O'Lakes Research Farm for their outstanding efforts and hard work in providing the Society with an excellent facility and a well run, educational Weed Science Contest.

RESOLUTION ON: Local Arrangement Committee for the 52nd Annual Meeting

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 well-organized Local Arrangements Committee is crucial to the conduct of a successful annual meeting; and

WHEREAS Chairman Charles Slack and the 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 Louisville, KY, December 8 - 11, 1997 for the 52nd Annual Meeting commends Charles Slack and the Local Arrangement Committee for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.

RESOLUTION ON: Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contest Judges for the 52nd Annual Meeting

WHEREAS the North Central Weed Science Society relies on the voluntary contribution of time, effort and expertise of its members selected to judge the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests; and

WHEREAS the judges selected for the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests for the 52nd 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 Louisville, KY, December 8 - 11, 1997 for the 52nd Annual Meeting commends the judges of the Graduate Student Paper and Poster Contests for their inputs of time, effort, and cooperation in providing the Society with well run, successful contests at this Annual Meeting.

RESOLUTION ON: Hotel Meeting Facilities for the 52nd Annual Meeting of the North

Central Weed Science Society.

WHEREAS the North Central Weed Science Society requires adequate meeting 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 Galt House Hotel of Louisville, KY provided an excellent, spacious meeting environment; and

WHEREAS the staff and management of the Galt House Hotel of Louisville, KY 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 Louisville, KY, December 8 - 11, 1997 for the 52nd Annual Meeting commends the Galt House Hotel, its staff and management for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.

P. Stahlman seconded the motion and the motion passed.

21. Old Business. D. Buhler raised the proposal by G. Kapusta for a new award to recognize outstanding technical support. J. Doll suggested that the criteria for selection be revised.

D. Buhler suggested that this award be added as a new category to the Distinguished Achievement Awards. J. Kells moved that the Board approve a sixth category of Distinguished Achievement Award as a technical service award. M. Ross seconded the motion. The Board will vote on the motion by a mail ballot. D. Buhler will draft a revision of the selection criteria and submit to G. Kapusta for approval.

M. Horak suggested that the Society may be able to increase membership and attendance at the annual meeting by targeting other audiences. At Kansas City, the meeting could have a special symposium to attract consultants or members of noxious weed boards. Consultants would also be a target group for the St. Paul meeting. J. Doll suggested the Extension Committee and the Program Chair coordinate arrangements for obtaining continuing education units (CEU) that consultants would find desirable.

22. Finance, Steering, and Policy Report. C. Boerboom proposed the 1998 budget and noted that because of the lower attendance at the 1997 meeting, the net gain will only be approximately \$1,000. This is lower than desired to maintain operating reserves as specified by the bylaws. C. Boerboom indicated that expenses for the Congressional Science Fellow (CSF) and the AESOP Liaison are the only major expenses that can be reduced. A discussion on the CSF and AESOP ensued. D. Buhler indicated that WSSA will likely be making a decision on CSF funding, which would impact the NCWSS. Concerns were raised if the NCWSS could afford the luxury of the CSF, if the views of the CSF candidates corresponded to our Society's views, and if AESOP may provide more service than the CSF. Support for the CSF noted that a few key decisions would be worth the investment and there needs to be better reporting back to the society. Other opinions voiced that the society should increase income or obtain industry support to cover these expenses or that the two-fold reserve level was too conservative for the

society and the current budget is not a problem. D. Buhler conducted a straw poll with the following options: 1) maintain current support for the CSF and AESOP by increasing income, 2) consider reducing the support, but try to maintain both CSF and AESOP, and 3) do not fund the programs. The second option received the most votes. D. Buhler conducted a second straw poll to determine preference for funding the CSF versus AESOP. There was unanimous support for AESOP over the CSF. Concerns were raised that money was being lost on the Research Report, but returns were negative for the 1998 budget because of the low attendance (and purchases) at the 1997 meeting. The Research Report was generally at break even prices in previous years. C. Boerboom proposed that the budget be accepted as written and that further considerations to CSF and AESOP funding be acted upon as necessary. M. Barrett moved that the 1998 budget be approved and R. Krausz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

P. Orwick moved to adjourn and J. Kells seconded. Motion passed.