

NCWSS Board of Directors Meeting  
American Cyanamid Research Farm  
Champaign, IL  
1.:05 p.m., July 22, 1998

1. Call to Order. President D. Buhler, Presiding.
2. Roll Call by Secretary Treasurer. Quorum present.  
Board members present: D. Buhler, P. Orwick, J. Kells, C. Boerboom, M. Horak, M. Barrett, D. Peterson, T. Peters, B. Miller, R. Schmidt, C. Thompson, and V. Ulstad.
3. Agenda. D. Buhler added the topic of new NCWSS logo to the proposed agenda.
4. Minutes of December 8 and 10 December Board Meetings, Louisville, KY. The minutes were reviewed by the Secretary-Treasurer. P. Orwick moved and J. Kells seconded the motion to accept the minutes of both meetings. Motion passed.
5. Results of 30-day Ballots. The Secretary-Treasurer reported the first motion removing Saskatchewan from the NCWSS membership passed with 29 votes in favor and 1 vote against. In regards to a previous request that the President poll Alberta and Manitoba, D. Buhler reported that no response was received from Manitoba or decision from Alberta. D. Buhler recommended addressing their membership at the next Board meeting. The second motion of approving a sixth Distinguished Achievement Award as a technical service award passed unanimously. The proposed description of the award follows:

VI. TECHNICAL SUPPORT. This award recognizes outstanding and sustained technical support contributions in weed science in the North Central region. Nominees will be restricted to individuals that work under the supervision of university, federal, or industry scientists. These individuals typically have titles such as researcher, technician, support scientist, or specialist. Nominees or their supervisors must have been members of NCWSS for the past five years and the nominee must have been involved in weed science research, extension, or resident education for at least five years.
6. Changes in Board of Directors and Officers. D. Buhler announced that he had previously appointed J. Baldock to replace C. Boerboom as the Director from Wisconsin, M. Hickman to replace T. Bauer as the Director from Indiana, and P. Sprankle to replace J. Vollmer as the Director from Ohio. D. Buhler also previously appointed D. Peterson to replace G. Harvey as the WSSA Representative for the rest of the year and noted that elections will be held for a new WSSA Representative, Research Progress Report Editor in addition to Vice President this year.
7. Executive Secretary Report. R. Schmidt gave the report and discussed options of increasing the conference registration, Research Report, and Proceeding fees to cover increasing costs. M. Barrett stated the current cost of both the Research Progress Report

and the Proceedings was \$25 for members and \$12.50 for students and that the publications should be priced to at least break even. M. Barrett moved and D. Peterson seconded the motion that the price of both the Research Progress Report and the Proceedings be increased to \$35 for members and \$15 for students. Motion passed. D. Buhler discussed conference registration fees which are currently \$115 for preregistering members, \$125 for members registering on site, \$35 for preregistering students, and \$45 for students registering on site. J. Kells moved and P. Orwick seconded the motion that registration fees increase to \$125 for preregistering members, \$150 for members registering on site, \$40 for preregistering students, \$50 for students registering on site, and \$25 for spouses. Motion passed. R. Schmidt announced that the NCWSS is now paying for storage of publications because of a change in printers. To reduce the number of back issues, R. Schmidt will announce in the Newsletter that the 1995 Proceedings and 1995 Research Progress Report and prior issues will be available for \$5 each.

8. Finance, Steering and Policy. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the 1997 conference came in at budget and that the Society is maintaining its financial reserve of two-fold operating expenses.
9. Summer Contest. C. Thompson reported that 60 graduate students (14 teams) and 45 undergraduate students (7 teams) had registered to compete in the North Central Collegiate Weed Science Contest at the Valent Research Farm near Seymour, IL. These students represent 14 universities and the registration represents a large increase over the past two years. Future contests will be held in 1999 in Hollandale, MN and 2000 in Oxford, IN.
10. Program Committee. P. Orwick reported that everything is progressing normally for the 1998 conference. The call for papers, with e-mail submission of titles, was announced in the Newsletter. Three symposia are being planned on the topics of forensic weed science - herbicide symptomology, professional opportunities in weed science, and resistance. The resistance symposium has received a commitment of \$1500 in travel support. The Local Arrangements Committee is advertising locally to increase attendance. P. Orwick will contact B. Johnson, Extension Committee Chair, to arrange continuing education unit credits for the symposia on resistance and forensic weed science.
11. WSSA Representative's Report. D. Peterson reported on the changes for the 1999 WSSA meeting at San Diego including the Sunday to Wednesday schedule, the symposia and workshops, and electronic submission of abstracts. Future meetings will be held in Toronto in 2000, in Greensboro in 2001 and San Antonio in 2002. A new WSSA directory will be published soon and a new list server is being developed. Funding for the Congressional Science Fellow (CSF) has been eliminated in favor of supporting a full time liaison in Washington. A task force will be recruiting the liaison. It is projected that \$110,000 would be required to support a full time liaison through AESOP. Based on current support of the CSF and AESOP, WSSA and the other societies are allocating about \$84,000. WSSA will propose to cover the difference between the current funding and the anticipated total cost. D. Buhler noted that he told WSSA that the NCWSS

would double our AESOP funding toward funding a full time liaison, which would be \$12,000, rather than combining the previous AESOP and CSF funding to total \$16,000, which is what D. Peterson presented from WSSA. D. Peterson also noted WSSA will be increasing membership fees and approved a significant increase in sustaining membership fees. WSSA is also recruiting for a Director of Education position.

12. AESOP Report. L. Cobia provided reports from AESOP on liaison activities in Washington and testimony to USDA-CREES on the Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems. L. Cobia also distributed comments regarding the creation of a National Weed Management Program at USDA-ARS from the Washington Liaison Committee and that endorsement was being sought from NCWSS. Discussion on this topic continued with the next agenda item.
13. USDA-ARS National Program for Weed Management. D. Buhler provided background on the draft proposal for reorganizing USDA-ARS programs and his rationale for questioning why the weed science societies are attempting to direct proposed ARS programs that integrate disciplines over issues, especially when the proposed weed management program is focused on biocontrol/range issues. J. Kells moved and D. Peterson seconded the motion that D. Buhler write a letter of support from the NCWSS for a weed management program with an emphasis on Midwest cropping systems. Motion passed.
14. Technical Support Distinguished Achievement Award. D. Buhler reported that the new award has been announced in the Newsletter with the 1998 call for nominations. B. Miller also encouraged nominees for all award categories.
15. CAST Conversations on Change. D. Buhler reported on progress through the first three workshops and that the next will refocus on the original intent. The workshops have been of value, but seem to be losing energy. B. Miller concurred.
16. Research Report. D. Buhler reported that he could not get a committee to pursue evaluating the future direction of the report. The Executive Committee concluded that the report has high value and should continue. Furthermore, it suggests that nominees for the Research Progress Report Editor strongly consider an electronic format for publication.
17. Business Services Contract. B. Miller stated that the current contract is still in effect and will have a group review the current contract and suggest an increase in the monthly service fee to \$1250 and revise the contract to allow for an annual review in fees. B. Miller noted that previous concerns about R. Schmidt operating as a single individual have been minimized because R. Schmidt now has an employee who is familiar with his office.
18. Income Enhancement. B. Miller suggested an increase in sustaining membership dues at \$250, \$500, and \$1000, based on company size. To entice new membership by small

independent firms at the lowest level, the benefits will likely include one complimentary registration, Research Progress Report, and Proceedings and an area for a promotional display. B. Miller will draft a one page promotional piece that describes the benefits for sustaining members. The dues for 1998 will not increase.

19. Other Business. Because of Saskatchewan's withdrawn membership, J. Kells had a artist create five options for a NCWSS logo that would be simple, without agenda, and non-dating. Votes were cast for the two best options of the five. Following minor modifications, the two preferred options will be proposed to the full Board at the December meeting.

M. Horak announced format changes in the Newsletter and welcomes comments. He is considering electronic options for the Newsletter such as attaching it to an e-mail notice or providing it at a NCWSS website. The website was preferred because of the length of time it takes to download large e-mail messages.

20. M. Horak moved and D. Peterson seconded a move to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.