WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2018 Denver, CO
Secretary – Minutes from Summer BOD 30-31Jul2018

Attendee Name	
Clint Beiermann	Monte Anderson
Andrew Kniss	Ryan Rapp
Brad Hansen	Brian Mealor
Sandra McDonald	Chad Cummings
Pat Clay	Marty Schraer
Tim Miller	
Joel Felix	**NOT ATTENDING**
Lucas Bobadilla	Lynn Sosnoskie
Brian Schutte	Brian Jenks
Kala Travis	

Meeting called to order at 13:30 pm, 30 July 2018

1. **Board Reports - Secretary D. Chad Cummings**
    a. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings (WSWS 2018 BOD)
        i. 12March2018 (Monday BOD)
            1. Motion to approve – Monte Anderson
            2. Seconded – Ryan Rapp
            3. Vote – unanimous approval
        ii. 15March2018 (Thursday BOD)
            1. Motion to approve – Monte Anderson
            2. Seconded – Ryan Rapp
            3. Vote – unanimous approval
2. **Board Reports – IMI Business Manager Kala Travis**
    a. Monthly statements will also be sent to President Kniss
3. **Board Reports – President Andrew Kniss**
    a. Committee appointments are almost complete
        i. Missing – awards committee, legislative committee
        ii. New Business addition – discuss the status of committees
    b. Diversity and Inclusion Committee
        i. Vanelle Peterson may chair the committee

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ii. Members so far – Lynn Sosnoskie, Mosqueda, Meeks, Grimmick, Umeda, Gast, Jensen, Baker, Kyle, Neel and one other committee member
iii. Activities to date are included in the committee report submitted by Sosnoskie
iv. Most people who chose volunteer list at the registration

c. NCWSS Contest
i. 4 schools from the WSWS
1. KSU have been frustrated with placement in the western division – desiring to compete with the NC teams
ii. Results: 1) KSU, 2) UCDavis, 3) NDSU, 4) Wyoming/Montana

d. Kniss attended two science policy calls
i. Dicamba was the main discussion topic

e. WSWS Sponsorship of SACNAS: DISCUSSION
i. Do we sponsor ~~them~~an informational booth?
ii. How many, what kind of events do we include?
iii. Do we need board approval
1. Literature, booths to send to events
iv. Letting folks, students from under-represented cultures know what we do
v. How do we quantify the impact?

f. Provide direction for the 2021 and 2022 site selections
i. Boise, ID may work for 2021
ii. SW in 2022

4. Board Reports – President Elect Pat Clay

a. Symposium call went out
i. 2 proposed symposium ideas
1. ½ day western IPM Center – Kassim
2. ¾ day ROW/Habitat Symposium – McDonald et al.
a. $3000 requested

b. General Session speakers in the works
i. Local flare
ii. Entertainment value

c. Poster discussion

d. Call for papers goes out last week of July

e. Guest speakers
i. Utility vehicle safety
ii. Reclamation of weedy sites
iii. Water and Weeds

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f. Working with the PR committee to get meeting information out in the public
g. Program school details – education may be key for university

5. **Board Reports – Past President Monte Anderson**
    a. Proceedings editor replacement
        i. Carl Libbey (has 2018 proceedings completed as of this meeting)
    b. 2017 Proceedings still not completed
        i. McCloskey may have already been paid for work (Kala will check on status of payment)
    c. WAPMS is still interested in joint 2021 meeting (PNW or west could be options)
    d. Retiree gift ideas
        i. Larry Lass cup and dish sets (6)
        ii. We have 3-4 WSWS golf ball sleeves left
        iii. We have WSWS logo cups as well
        iv. When should we have the retiree's reception?
    e. Retiree reception mostly positive as to the location and time
    f. CAST responsibility is a 3 year term
    g. WSSA rep is also 3 years
6. **Board Reports – Research Section Chair (Hansen)**
    a. Remind section chairs of discussion topics this fall
    b. We received notes from all section chairs on discussion topics in 2018 meetings
7. **Board Reports – Education and Regulatory Section Chair (Schutte)**
    a. Baker CEU credits moving forward – Dirk Baker provided great notes
    b. Symposia proposal discussion
    c. Dirk went above and beyond this year at 2018 meeting for CEUs
        i. That does not necessarily need to be the standard
    d. Can we check into getting Bios on the WSWS membership website?
        i. Kala will check into it – ACTION ITEM
8. **Board Reports – Member at Large Public (Kniss for Sosnoskie)**
    a. D&I committee discussions
        i. Included in the newsletter
        ii. Soliciting members and those interested
9. **Board Reports – Member at Large Private (Rapp)**
    a. No report – new to role
10. **Board Reports – CAST Rep (Kniss for Jenks)**
    a. Genome editing and agriculture one of the main focuses
    b. 5 issue papers out this year

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c. Matlock (UofA) won a CAST award

11. Board Reports – Student Liaison (Beiermann)

a. Social media accounts active
   i. Facebook 140 followers
   ii. Twitter 48 followers

b. Student Survey
   i. (40% response rate)
   ii. 2 complaints about student contest
   iii. 1 complaint about website freezing up
   iv. Recommendation –
      1. At online registration, delete the "are you a student?" question
      2. Have question for "student contest Y or N (toggle boxes)"
   v. Student night out
      1. All positive responses
      2. Students enjoyed the format used in 2018
   vi. Student judging
      1. Mostly positive feedback
      2. 1 complaint about the process
      3. Student judging student rep will help make survey questions in the future
      4. Topic – competing together with WSSA students in 2020?
         a. 7 for joint contest
         b. 5 for separate contests
         c. Likely to be a joint contest between WSWS and WSSA
      5. If WSWS wants a separate contest they need a compelling reason – no reason was brought up
   vii. Students raised almost $2500 with auction in 2018
      1. WSWS will compensate the additional $500 to get up to $3000
   viii. Student website may be modified
   ix. Students requested an agenda prior to the luncheon to be prepared for topics
   x. Proposed Student mentorship program
      1. New students mentored by senior students
      2. Help have a better experience at their first WSWS
      3. Could be student to student or student to professional

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4. Could benefit students from small labs or brand new who may have no contacts
5. We could tie that in at registration and also solicit for mentors (Kala could set up)

c. Student contest abstract word discrepancies need to be corrected
   i. Andrew Kniss will approach judging committee to decide which count will be accepted
      1. Microsoft Word and Website counts are different
         a. Use the website as the official count – work with judges to standardize
   ii. Could build in a standard 250 or 300 count in registration – use errors to make sure limit is realized
   iii. Andrew will put in the student judging committee's court for discussion and standardization

12. Board Reports – WSSA Rep (Schraer)

a. Dicamba discussion the hot topic
   i. Open letter sent to WSSA

b. Composite list of weeds – maybe abandon it
   i. Has not been updated in sometime
   ii. Sent to terminology committee
   iii. Maybe use USDA Plants database

c. Executive Director of Science Policy
   i. WSSA voted to give an increase in salary
   ii. WSWS part will move to $12,300 for 2019

d. Marty is starting 4th year of 3 year term
   i. Can serve this year
   ii. A. Kniss has some interested members who would like to serve; he will investigate for 2019 meeting

13. Board Reports – Constitution and Bylaws (Miller)

a. Website still not updated but changes have been made
   i. Tim will double check
   ii. Send Tim any updates or changes

b. The $2000 for symposia is not in the Const/OpGuides handbook
   i. Should we add to the Const/OpGuides?
      1. Tim will add this to the guide – no vote needed
   ii. Symposia is under the Ed/Reg chair and Program Chair guidelines

c. Tim needs an updated version of the student contest sheet for SOPs
   i. Ed Peachy incoming chair
      1. Ryan Edwards current

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14. Board Reports – WSSA – Science Policy (Van Wychen)

a. NIFA fellow discussion
b. Weeds Survey – Rights of Way, Aquatics are big areas of requested information
c. WSSA – EPA Tour
    i. NE and SW IA
d. Invasive Species Committee within WSWS
    i. Lee VW suggested forming one to get more focused representation
    ii. Kniss suggested discussion on this Ad Hoc Committee formation tomorrow

15. Committee Reports – Publications (Libbey – Clay BOD Liaison)

a. Carl Libbey is getting a tremendous amount of work done
b. Pat will set a go-no go deadline for 2017 Proceedings with McCloskey, then may move to Libbey
c. Website (Kala)
    i. May want to redo
        1. Move away from Word Press
    ii. Other clients using Star Chapter would all be internal
    iii. Security is increased through other web design platforms
    iv. WSSA is on Web Charts
d. Weeds of West Reprints (Kniss brought up)
    i. UWyo – and other individual publishers
        1. Unresolved at this time
        2. Mealor will check into it
        3. Call Phil Banks to figure out who owns/shares the printing rights
        4. Check with UWyo

16. Committee Reports – Local Arrangements (McDonald)

a. We are pursuing changing the contract to have the welcome reception on the 38th floor of the hotel
    i. Sandra to negotiate

17. Committee Reports – Finance Committee (Banks)

a. Suggests to buy short-term CD for this year and re-evaluate in the future
    i. $25-50,000 into 1-2yr CD
b. Monte/Andrew asked Kala to do a 5 yr comparison of profit/loss

18. Committee Reports – Nominations (Rapp)

a. 4 nominees for each group needed to be filled
    i. President – Tim Prather and Corey Ransom

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ii. Research Section – Beth Fowers and Mithila Jugulam
iii. Education/Regulatory Section – James Leary and Todd Neel

b. Motion to approve nominees (Chad Cummings made motion)
i. 2nd Marty Schraer
ii. Vote – unanimous yes

19. Committee Reports – PR (Schutte)

a. Proposed social media administrator
i. Twitter has been dormant for a few years
ii. Facebook status unknown
iii. Discussion about Facebook and Twitter account futures
iv. Kniss – need a proposal about what the admin role for social media would look like
v. Brian Schutte will ask PR Committee for a proposal on future of social media and the administrator role

20.Paused at 16:24 pm for a Grand Hyatt Facilities tour

Adjourned Day 1 at 17:00 pm

Day 2, 31Jul2018

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Call to order 07:58 am.

Continuation from Day 1, Committee Reports

21. Committee Reports – Fellows and Honorary Members

a. No report at this time

22. Committee Reports – Site Selection

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a. Waiting for 2021 direction
    i. Boise, ID may be a good option
    ii. WAPMS may be considering a combined meeting

23. Committee Reports – Awards

a. No report at this time

24. Committee Reports – Poster

a. Poster boards are here in CO and ready to go
b. What do we do with them after the meeting in DEN?

25.Committee Reports – Student Paper/Poster Contest

a. Issues already identified on previous day
    i. Word count
    ii. Judges are doing better at consistent scoring, but we need them to provide more description about rationale for the scores
b. Website issues discussed

26. Committee Reports – Necrology

a. No report at this time
b. No known member passing at this time

27. Committee Reports - Sustaining Members

a. Helena and Corteva have not paid for 2018 meeting membership
b. Remove Monsanto, DuPont, Dow AgroSciences, United Phosphorous – new company names or alignment
c. Proposal to increase sustaining membership from $1,000 to 1,200 per membership
    i. Motion to move to $1200 per sustaining membership
        1. Chad Cummings made motion
        2. Monte Anderson 2nd
        3. Vote – unanimous yes

28. Committee Reports – Legislative Committee

a. Providing an updated list of state weed coordinators
b. Need 2 priority questions for 2018-19
    i. Do we need an invasive species committee within WSWS?

29. Committee Reports – Herbicide Resistant Weeds

a. Currently have listed 4 members in the OpGuide
    i. Need to change to 3 members with the option of 4
    ii. Change will be uploaded soon
b. A punitive/suspected weed resistance species list may be interesting (similar to a warning system)
    i. May have states reluctant to share non-confirmed information
    ii. Companies (industry partners) would likely be apprehensive about the data and how it is utilized

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30. Old Business

a. 2020 Meeting with WSSA logistics

i. Hyatt Regency, Maui, HI
ii. 2-7 March 2020
iii. $269-336 per night
    1. $245 for student rooms
iv. Make reservations at the host hotel
    1. Off-site reservations should not be an option
        a. Room nights and F&B minimums
        b. Location is somewhat secluded
v. James Leary is working on local tour possibilities (Local Arrangement Committee)
vi. Promotions will be at a minimum until after the WSSA NOLA meeting
vii. Summer 2019 WSSA/WSWS BOD meeting will likely be at the Regency in Denver, CO (July, August)
viii. We (WSWS) want to maintain the culture of our meetings
    1. Symposiums
    2. Discussion sections
    3. Tour and student portions
ix. Student night out discussion
    1. Logistics
    2. Invite WSSA students
    3. Plenty of representation from ind/acad/students
    4. Plenty of restaurant options in Lahina
x. Student Luncheon
    1. Invite WSSA students as well
xi. Spouse's breakfast will be on the agenda in 2019, but not in 2020
    1. Declining attendance and cost in HI
xii. Student breakfast will likely work best for student business meeting
xiii. Concerns were voiced as to joint sessions and awards – more discussion to come over the next year

31. New Business

a. Site Selection for 2021

i. Boise, ID
ii. Joint meeting with WAPMS

b. Reimbursement for Summer BOD meeting

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i. BOD members both industry and academia should be reimbursed
ii. Expectations should be the same
iii. Need to know room rates prior to summer BOD meeting
iv. Room and travel should be covered for all BOD members
v. We could put summer BOD meeting cost expectations into OpGuide
    1. WSSA has this and Eric G. can send samples
    2. Tim will put into OpGuide

c. *2019 WSWS Symposia Submissions*
    i. ROW/Habitats – need a single day registration option
        1. $50 for day
        2. Full support from the BOD
    ii. Western IPM research update
        1. Good for imbedded topic within the meeting sections
    iii. ROW/Habitats requests up to $3,000 for symposium
        1. Motion made by Brad Hansen to approve up to $3,000 for the ROW/Habitat Symposium
        2. Marty Schraer 2nd
        3. Vote – unanimous yes

d. *SACNAS Representation for WSWS Students*
    i. Ryan Rapp voted in favor as long as we can track impacts
        1. Collect emails, names, affiliations, so we can track and send out calls for papers, meeting information
    ii. Meeting backdrops, literature is a big expense
        1. Sandra M. has some WSWS literature and booth material from the Global Herb. Res. Challenge
    iii. Clint/Lucas – science that relates to weeds and promotes to students is important
    iv. Andrew Kniss is likely to attend the SACNAS conference with Elizabeth Mosqueda
    v. Motion made by Brad Hansen to support the SACNAS effort in the amount of $1,650
        1. 2nd Ryan Rapp, who added this effort should include the PR committee (Schutte)
        2. Vote – unanimous yes

e. *Discussion of WSWS Committees*
    i. Initially wanted to discuss cutting some, but may need to sustain all
    ii. PR Committee needs members

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1. Students to ask their membership for 1 student member
2. Need a replacement for Pat Clay

iii. PR Committee should also include photographer responsibilities

iv. Herbicide Res. Plants – back up and at active status, we will evaluate next year for continued active status

v. Legislative Committee - back up and at active status, we will evaluate next year for continued active status

vi. Invasive Plants Committee

1. Should we have one?
2. Who should be on it?
3. Discussion of Herb Res Plants and what to do with it, also what actions did it have when it was active?
4. Brad Hansen believes that Invasive Plants Comm should exist
    a. Need to come up with a committee charge
    b. Lee VW should be involved in initial discussions
5. *A. Kniss established an Ad Hoc Committee for Invasive Plants*
    a. Brian Mealor and Chad Cummings
        i. Ad Hoc committee members
        ii. Need to include WAPMS members
        iii. Need to add a student member

32. Other New Business

a. None

33. Announcements and Discussion

a. March 2019 BOD meeting schedule

i. Monday all day BOD meeting (11Mar2019)

ii. Thursday post meeting BOD (14Mar2019) – flexible timing

1. Possibly lunch break of the ROW symposium

b. Moving forward soon on elections

i. Ryan will work with Kai Umeda to get bios on candidates

ii. Give WSWS members a heads up on early elections

Adjourned 10:30 am

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