



WSWS Summer Board Meeting

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Grand Hyatt Denver - Crystal Peak C – 2nd floor or by Zoom meeting

Welcome, call to order, and approval of agenda– Curtis Rainbolt

Call to Order: President Rainbolt called the meeting to order and for approval of agenda at 8:00 AM Mountain.

Attendees: *Tim Prather, Joe Vassios, Clarke Alder, Aaron Becerra-Alvarez, Kenzie Barth, Carl Coburn, Mirella Ortiz, Marcelo Moretti, Eric Westra, Sandra McDonald, Ryan Rapp, Alan Helm, Joel Felix, Nevin Lawrence, Curtis Rainbolt, Greg Dahl, Albert Adjesiwor, Eric Gustafson*

Officer Reports

Secretary – Joseph Vassios *Approval of minutes from May BOD meeting*

- *Minutes to be amended during the finance committee report and addressed later in this meeting*

Constitution and Operating Procedures Representative - Sandra McDonald

- *Operating guide has been reviewed and edits for formatting and consistency of terms.*
- *Incorporation of passed edits to ensure all are included in the document.*
- *Edits have been shared with the Board for review.*
- *Edits will change “Guide” to “Procedures”*
- *Update to remove references of “mailing to business manager”*
- *Suggest updating hard dates for deadlines. Marcelo suggests a date or time period that could be referenced.*
- *Will update “Board of Directors” to “Board” after the first mention.*
- *Need to incorporate the responsibilities of the Society to WSSA to ensure continuity on committees/reports.*
- *Motion that the Constitution and Operating Procedures Representative can update the Guide based on the discussion and update based on the Style Guidelines.*
 - o *Motion: Nevin Lawrence*
 - o *Second: Greg Dahl*
 - o *Discussion: Joel indicated to ensure award deadlines and guidelines are stated.*
 - o *Passed unanimously.*

Business Manager Report – Eric Gustafson

- *Business Manager report is redundant with Finance, Program and other committee reports.*
- *Operating Procedures states that report is due, so would need to be amended.*
- *Agreement among the Board that this ongoing report isn't needed since it is redundant.*

Treasurer Report – Ryan Rapp

- *Treasurer report much the same as the Finance Committee report.*
- *Ryan suggests that the Treasurer report include the financial statements, and finance committee meeting minutes will be the committee report.*

Finance – Ryan Rapp – chairperson and board contact

- *Annual finance committee meeting*
- *Account Balances:*
 - o *Checking: \$53561.46*
 - o *Money Market: \$50596.58 in money market*
 - o *CD: \$105,460.84*
 - o *Investments: \$207,638.36*
 - o ***Total Assets: \$417,257.25***
- *Frank Vargas, new financial planner, gave advice. So shorter term CDs are doing better than long term. Goal was to get 1 to mature each year. 2 will be up for renewal in October. Will renew for 1 yr to take advantage of higher interest rates. Old RBC was higher risk. New fund suggested is 7-8% historically, so committee is supportive. Would be a gradual shift to the new American Funds Portfolio*
- *417257.25 current funds*
- *Recommendations for Board Action:*
 - o *Committee recommends we update fees for large companies to \$1,500, and smaller companies \$1,000*
 - o *Sandra suggests another tier for small companies to contribute.*
 - o *Other discussion about possible ways to define small vs. large companies by employee number, revenue, etc.*
 - o *Vote will be tabled for Sustaining Member discussion.*

President – Curtis Rainbolt

- *Renewed IMI Contract*
- *Discussed and renewed social media contract with Amy Giannotti*
- *Seattle Westin 2025 contract has been signed*
- *Met with Lee and other Regional and National Weed Science Presidents on Capital Hill to advocate for priority issues*
- *Working on appointing members to committees*
- *Curtis has been attending Finance Committee Meetings*

Past President– Joel Felix

- *Working on 2023 meeting proceedings*
- *On Past President Nominations Committee for WSSA.*
- *Diversity and Inclusion Committee suggests Past President reviews Code of Conduct with President Prior to Annual Meeting that after meeting the Code of Conduct Complaints are reviewed by Past President following the Annual Meeting. Those found in violation could face violations.*
 - o *Who would investigate complaints?*
 - o *Supportive of incorporating these into the guidelines.*
 - o *Need to review guidelines of other societies to refine. Suggest sending back to committee for future consideration at our next meeting.*

President Elect/Program Chair – Tim Prather

*Tim proposed some change to the program schedule.
Posters sessions should continue to be in the morning*

Research Section Chair – Marcelo Moretti

Reported

Education and Regulatory – Nevin Lawrence

*No written report needs to be submitted, but suggest to include on in operating guide.
Suggest adding symposia call as part of responsibilities.
Add to the position the role of organizing and reviewing all symposia submitted.*

- *Motion by Nevin*
- *Second by Tim Prather*
- *Passed with all votes.*

Mr President dissolved the symposium committee.

Member-at-Large Public – Erik Lehnhoff

Member-at-Large Private – Clarke Alder

*Reported that he believes the position could be more active on the board.
Suggested to reach out to crop consulting organizations.*

WSSA Representative – Alan Helm

*Reported that WSSA BOD meeting will be in San Antonio TX on Sept 5-7
Review what progress on the Strategic Goals during an upcoming meeting.*

Student Liaison – Aaron Becerra-Alvarez

*One team from OSU and one from UC Davis will attend the national contest. One from Idaho.
After the conference, survey was sent to students for feedback
Vanelle Peterson will gift a WSWS history book to student winners along with a plaque.
Update the scholarship application and website and send the application to the responsible parties.*

- *Responsible parties to be identified.*

Aaron will communicate with students to identify volunteers to join committees. Send info to Mr. President Curtis Rainbolt.

CAST Representative – Greg Dahl

*Represented WSWS in CAST working group
Worked with CAST WSSA representative
Collaborated on a new CAST issue paper on invasive plants and fire.*

Proposal to re-organize WSWS projects ad-hoc

*Andrews Kniss proposed a reorganization of WSWS Projects..
The group discussed the pros and cons.
No motion was made.*

Tim Prather was inspired and made three motions. Seconded by Nevin Lawrence.

Motion 1. Change the Basic Biology and Ecology project name to Basic Biology, Ecology, and Technology. Discussion was held and voted. Greg Dhal abstained.
Motion passed.

Motion 2. Change the Teaching and Technology Transfer project name to Teaching and Outreach. No discussion
Motion passed.

Motion 3. Create a new project to be named Regulatory and Policy
Sandra motions that the newly created project, Regulatory and Policy, and the newly named, Teaching and Outreach project be moved under Education and Regulatory section.
No discussion.
Motion passed.

Nevin Lawrence 12:14 PM
Basic Biology, Ecology, and Technology

Research Section (chair on BoD)	Education & Regulatory Section (chair on BoD)
Agronomic Crops	Teaching & Outreach
Range, Forrest, & Natural Areas	Regulatory & Policy
Basic Biology, Ecology, & Technology	
Horticultural Crops	

The meeting resumed after lunch at 1:05 pm local time.

Discussion of 2023 Annual Meeting, Program Committee report continued – Tim Prather

General session:

A Topic for the general session – parks and recreation.
Honoraria – it is possible to cover the costs of the invited speaker.

Water issues in Colorado Basin – the group is based in Denver.

Other ideas proposed: no specific suggestions.

Meeting Theme? Not necessary.

Committee Reports:

Publications Committee (Tim Prather – board contact)

Proceedings – Carl Libbey

Carl is working on it. *Excellent work.*

WSWS Newsletter – Carl Libbey

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Research Progress Reports – Traci Rauch should it continue-viable?

Discussion on the viability and historical changes of its relevance.

Motion: Sandra makes a motion to terminate it.

- Alan Helm seconded it.
- Discussion: none
- Vote passed.
- Ryan Rapp abstained because he would like it to be discussed by the general audience.

Website – Eric Gustafson

Nothing to report.

Update recent award winners.

Update the form to indicate the year a person is a char and the year one is rotating off.

Keep info about future meetings.

Local Arrangements – Eric Westra – chairperson (Tim Prather – board contact)

Reported that he recruited help in Denver as he is now in Utah. Also moved the poster easel to Colorado.

Director of Science Policy – Lee Van Wychen

Reported on various activities during the year.

Nominations – Pat Clay – chairperson (Joel Felix – board contact)

Report sent by Pat Clay.

Public Relations – Mirella F Ortiz – chairperson (Nevin Lawrence – board contact)

Mirella worked with Sandra to update Public Relations Operating Procedures

Create a photographer ribbon.

Send an invitation to the general membership asking who would be willing to take pictures in exchange for the meeting registration. The photographer must attend all events, edit the pictures, and select the one for publication.

Motion to approve the recommendation from the committee to update procedures with changes to 1a. Social media manager contract is subject to the president approval.

- *Motion by Tim Prather*
- *Second by Greg Dahl*
- *No Discussion*
- *Passed unanimously.*

Fellows and Honorary Members – Rich Zollinger – chairperson (Joel Felix – board contact)

Report submitted by Zollinger.

Site Selection – Kyle Roerig – chairperson (Curtis Rainbolt – board contact)

The proposed sites were discussed, and Eric will request updated quotes from Albuquerque, NM and San Diego. A follow-up voting electronically.

Awards – Harry Quicke – chairperson (Curtis Rainbolt – board contact)

No report was received.

Poster – Lovreet Shergill – chairperson (Tim Prather – board contact)- no report

No report was received.

Student Paper/Poster Judging – Alex Whitener – chairperson (Tim Prather – board contact)

Report received. Sandra brought up some suggestions not included in the committee's report.

A change in scoring terminology and grading was proposed. (Sandra has the edits)

- Motion to have the wording change around the oration in the evaluation form.
- Motion from Alan Helm
- Second from Tim Prather
- No Discussion
- Motion passed unanimously

Changes stand and will be communicated back to the relevant committees.

Necrology – Lesley Beckworth – chairperson (Joseph Vassios – board contact)

Sustaining Membership – Carl Coburn – chairperson (Joel Felix – board contact)

Carl presented his report. A discussion was held on increasing sustain members and the fees.

Ryan Rapp suggests that we improve the way sponsors are recognized.

The committee will make a proposal to the board.

Legislative – Ryan Edwards – chairperson (Alan Helm – board contact)

Report submitted, no requests.

Herbicide Resistant Plants – Stephen Valenti - chairperson (Clarke Alder – board contact)

Reported submitted. Clarke will develop the printing material with the committee as a graphical designer.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm local time.

Friday, July 21, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Curtis Rainbolt at 7:55 am local time.

WSWS History Committee Ad-Hoc – Vanelle Peterson committee is dissolved, but Vanelle is joining us to discuss historical photos

- Vanelle explain the progress made by the now-dissolved History Committee.
- She proposes working with Kai Umeda to digitalize historical pictures to be included in the WSWS History publication.
- Motion to grant Vanelle access to have the historical information for the time required. Second by
 - Motion from Greg Dahl
 - Second from Ryan Rapp
 - No Discussion
 - Passed unanimously

- Motion to modify the operating procedure to include updating the WSWS history to the Proceeding Editor and the student chair-elect.
 - Motion from Greg Dahl
 - Second from Alan Helm
 - No Discussion
 - Motion passed
 - Note. Update both parts of the operating procedure Proceeding and Student liaison chair-elect.

- Motion to add the annual business meeting minutes to the end of the proceedings as an addendum.
 - Motion by Dirk Baker
 - Second by Ryan Rapp.
 - No discussion
 - Passed unanimously.

Dirk Baker makes a motion to add the minutes from the annual business meeting to the end of the proceedings. This requires adding them as an addendum after approval at next year's business meeting. This also means the most current proceedings will always be pending minutes.

Diversity and Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee – Elizabeth Mosqueda (Curtis Rainbolt – board contact)

We revisited the student contest score sheet contest. No further changes were made. See notes from Thursday, July 20.

Elizabeth also inquired about the D&I material created by the committee to include the material on the website.

Invasive Species Ad-Hoc Committee – Brian Mealor/Jane Mangold (Curtis Rainbolt – board contact)

The report was submitted. No motions needed or made.

Needs of our Agency Members (Ad Hoc) – Julie Kraft (Curtis Rainbolt - board contact)

The report was submitted.

Reorganizing WSWS Sections & Projects (Special assignment) – Andrew Kniss (C Rainbolt- board contact) Was discussed on Thursday

New Business:

2023 proceedings dedication – Joel Felix indicated that all proceedings should have a dedication. The 2023 still does not have a dedication.

Motion to dedicate the proceeding of the 20203 meeting to Phil Banks.

- Motion from Tim Prather
 - Second from Nevin Lawrence
 - No Discussion
 - Passses Unanimously
- “The 2023 Proceeding is dedicated to Dr. Phil Banks in recognition of his unwavering devotion and invaluable contributions to the Western Society of Weed Science over the years.”.

11:30 am Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn from Tim Prather
- Second from Alan Helm
- No discussion
- Passes Unanimously