



Call to Order at 6:53 AM by President Rainbolt

Welcome and Recognition of Incoming and Outgoing Officers- Curtis Rainbolt

Rotating off of the BOD: Clarke Alder, Marcelo Moretti, Nevin Lawrence, Joe Vassios

Joining BOD: Beth Fowers, Brad Hanson, Carl Coburn, Lovreet Shergill

Officer Reports

Secretary – Joe Vassios

- Presented that 2023 Annual Business Meeting Draft minutes are shared on Website, to be voted on for approval after the Officer Reports

Business Manager Report – Eric Gustafson

- This years meeting 243 attendees, 10 additional for Palmer Amaranth symposium
- Encourage earlier registration and title submission.

Treasurer and Finance Committee Report – Ryan Rapp

- Frank Vargas, financial advisor, suggested shift to a new fund that is lower risk and has more potential for returns.
- WSWS will transfer the balance of investment funds to the new portfolio over 3 years.
- Money in CD's have been shifted to short-term for better returns

President – Curtis Rainbolt

- Summer BOD meeting was held at the Grand Hyatt Denver in July 2023
- Reviewed renewal of contracts during the past year
- Secured the Westin Seattle for the 2025 Annual Meeting
- Traveled to DC with Lee Van Wychen and other Regional Presidents

Past President– Joel Felix

- As Past President, served on the Site Selection Committee
- Led the WSSA Nominations Committee - Sent nominees to WSSA President to include WSWS members to serve on WSSA Committees. Encourages WSWS members to vote for WSWS nominees to serve on committees.

President Elect/Program Chair – Tim Prather

- Oversaw the program committee and worked on assembling the program with IMI
- 167 total presentations

Education and Regulatory – Nevin Lawrence

- More presentations on Teaching and Technology Session
- None for the Education and Regulatory Session, but were able to fill this slot with the ESA Symposium

Member-at-Large Public – Erik Lehnhoff

- Eric will be working with public sector members to identify hurdles to them participating to see if the Society can assist them to increase participation.

Member-at-Large Private – Clarke Alder

- Has been working with the Herbicide Resistant Plants Committee on their tri-fold brochure. Some available at the registration desk for review

Research Section Chair – Marcelo Moretti

- Worked with session chairs to ensure any absences were covered to have representatives present for each session.
- Assisted with training session chairs.
- Updating appendix for the session chairs for more upfront information on responsibilities for session chairs

WSSA Representative – Alan Helm

- WSSA/SWSS Joint Meeting was successful. 600 total attendees and 200 students
- Next year's WSSA meeting will be held Feb 24-26, 2025 in Vancouver, BC
- Looking at 2027/2028 Joint Meeting with International Weed Science Society

CAST Representative and WSSA President – Greg Dahl

- All US Regional Weed Science Societies and WSSA are members of CAST
- Jill Schroeder was the Liaison for a CAST publication on Invasive Species
- Participated in CAST Annual Meeting in College Station Texas in Nov 2023
- New CAST President Chris Boomsa joined
- See CAST report for additional information on relevant events and publications
- Encourage individual membership to CAST
- WSSA meeting in San Antonio was successful, and encourage attendance at the 2024 meeting

Student Liaison – Aaron Becerra-Alvarez

- Kenzie will be taking over
- Weston Mock? WSU will be taking over as next Student Liaison in rotation
- Thank you to mentors who participated into Student Night Out last night
- Silent Auction closes this morning, submit last minutes by 10 AM
- Thank you to those that donated items to the silent auction

Constitution and Operating Procedures Representative – Sandra McDonald

- Working to update the Operating Procedures
- Can contact Sandra to get Procedures updated to make current and relevant
- Any officers or committee Chairs

Approval of 2023 Annual Business Meeting Minutes - Joe Vassios

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes: Vanelle Peterson
 Second: Alan Helm
 No Discussion
 Passes Unanimously

Director of Science Policy – Lee Van Wychen

- Appropriations have stayed flat including IR-4, IPM Program, Hatch Act, were able to keep funding for some aquatics projects
- Herbicide labels - as label standards are updated, please provide feedback to Lee prior to next week to include in comments.
- Upcoming deadlines - Science Policy Fellow Applications are due April 1 & USDA NIFA Fellow advertisement just went out, and deadline is May 15th

Committee Reports:

Publications Committee

Proceedings – Carl Libbey

WSWS Newsletter – Carl Libbey

- Newsletter is 4 times a year
- Will reach out to members for more reports/info for the proceedings

Website – Eric Gustafson

- nothing to report

Local Arrangements – Eric Westra

- Nothing to report

Nominations – Pat Clay

- Asked audience to consider serving as board members or elected positions
- Nominating committee met over summer 2023 and identified potential nominees for: President-elect, Research Section Chair, Education and Regulatory Section Chair, and Secretary

Public Relations – Mirella F Ortiz

- Committee have proposed to make an informative WSWs poster that members can print to share at other meetings members
- Social Media Manager reports show growth in all account following, except Facebook, which has been common among societies
- Worked with Sandra to update Operating Procedure for the PR committee.

Fellows and Honorary Members – Rich Zollinger

- Recognized those that nominated members for awards, and encourage other members to do the same

WSWS Representative to WSSA Finance Committee - Rich Zollinger

- Society is financially sound
- Three streams of income that are all having positive returns.

Site Selection – Kyle Roerig

- Working to get back 3 years ahead on site selection
- Have received one quote for the 2026 Annual Meeting - to be reviewed by the BOD
- Also working with the BOD to update the RFP that is sent out to perspective venues to reconsider expectations, or incur more cost due to lack of acceptable concessions in the current environment.

Awards – Harry Quicke (Presented by Tim Prather)

- Awardees were honored at Luncheon for all 6 awards this year, and hoping that we have a full slate of nominees again next year

Poster – Lovreet Shergill

- Thank you of volunteers to set up and tear down poster room
- 83 total posters this year

Necrology – Lesley Beckworth

- Prepared the poster for remembrances for those who had passed that was shared in the Poster session
- Members who passed away during the past year: David Bayer, Keith Carl "KC" Hamilton, Tom Threewitt, Ray William, Stephen Miller, Doug Ryerson, Lauren Thompson

Sustaining Membership – Carl Coburn

- Thank you to Sustaining Members for supporting WSWs
- Were able to secure TeeJet as a Sustaining Member
- Thank you to Dirk Baker for proposing new ideas for a way for smaller companies to become sustaining members
- The BOD approved a new fee structure.
- Ben Westridge will be incoming Chair for Sustaining Membership Committee

Legislative – Ryan Edward (Presented by Alan Helm)

- Committee requested that several items in the Operating Procedures be updated.

Herbicide Resistant Plants – Stephen Valenti

- Committee worked on developing a tri-fold brochure on Herbicide Resistance
- Brochures are at the registration desk, please provide any feedback back to the committee members

Diversity and Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee – Elizabeth Mosqueda

- Recommended changes to the Operating Procedures
- Also worked with the BOD to suggest edits to the Student Contest Judging form for those where English isn't their first language
- Will be proposing moving to a Standing Committee
- Thank you to those who have served on the committee

Invasive Species Ad-Hoc Committee – Lisa Jones

- Committee met and discussed possible changes due to Endangered Species Act, and Forest and Rangelands could be impacted but not considered

Needs of our Agency Members (Ad Hoc) – Julie Kraft

- Tim Prather reported that we will be dissolving this committee, and will be addressed by the Public Sector Member at Large on BOD

Student Paper/Poster Judging and Awards– Alix Whitener (Presented by Clint Beiermann)

- Agronomic crops (paper) – Het Desai, MSU (1), Victor Ribeiro, OSU (2)
- Agronomic crops (undergrad paper) – Jamie Burroughs, OSU (1)
- Range, Forestry, Natural Areas (paper) – Lilly Sencenbaugh, MSU (1)
- Horticulture + Teaching, Outreach (paper) – Luisia Baccin, OSU (1), Caroline Toth, NMSU (2)
- Basic Biology, Ecology, Technology (paper) - André Lucas Simões Araujo, CSU (1), Amber Pelon, CSU (2)
- Agronomic crops (poster) – Het Desai, MSU (1), Hayden Lee, NDSU (2), Newman Teye-Doku, UW (3)
- Basic Biology, Ecology, Technology (poster) – Albert Kwarteng, UI (1), Dustin Moreno, CSU (2)
- Horticulture crops (poster) – Tong Zhen, UCD (1), Stephen Chang, UCD (2)
- Range, Forestry, Natural Areas (poster) – Caroline Kittle UW (1)
- Horticulture + Basic Biology, Ecology, Technology (undergrad poster) – Maloree McDonald, USU (1), Maggi Mathews, USU (2)

New Business:

- Vanelle Peterson has been working to identify pictures, and thanked those who assisted in identifying. Will be posted on the website in an updated version.
- Vanelle indicated that there was a proposal to realign the research sections that were under consideration by the BOD, and was approved by the BOD. Changes are captured in the 2023 Summer BOD Meeting Minutes
- We have a member of WSWS Roland Sherman who has been a member since 1964 in attendance who has been a member for close to 60 years that we would like to recognize
- Curtis Rainbolt was honored as outgoing President by incoming President Tim Prather

Call to Adjourn at 8:26 AM by President Prather