WSWS Officer and Committee Report
Annual Board Meeting – March 9, 2015
Portland, OR

Office or Committee Name: Business Manager/Treasurer
Officer or Chairperson Name and Committee Members: Phil Banks
Date of Preparation (include year): February 25, 2015
Activities during the Year:

During the year, I paid all bills, filed the required tax forms, maintained the membership list, and provided registration services for the Portland annual meeting. The current financial status of WSWS will be presented to the Board and the Members at the Business Meeting by the Finance Committee. The current Net Worth is attached here. As of February 25, 2015, we have $ 379,639.18 in capital with an additional asset of $ 54,823.50 in unsold Weeds of the West inventory (a total of 4650 books). We sold approximately 2500 books during the year. We approximately 2200 books at the WSWS office the rest are at the Univ. of Wyoming. We posted a negative return on our RBC investments of approximately $9500 due to change in security value. The Finance Committee is reviewing some recommendations from our financial advisor, Stan Cooper.

Pre-registration for the Portland meeting has gone smoothly although attendance appears to continue in a downward trend. As of 2/25/15, we have 222 registrations (38 students, 184 regular members), and 11 spouse registrations. I have worked with Dan Curtis as the Local Arrangements Chair to prepare for the meeting. The student scholarship winners will be assisting with registration and poster room set-up and teardown.

I worked with the Site Selection Committee for the 2018 meeting. They asked me to send the RFP to hotels in California and Las Vegas, NV. Proposals have been few. It appears that with the improving economy, hotels are reluctant to contract this far out. I will provide the committee with the proposals received. The committee will meet at the Portland meeting to discuss our options and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Recommendations for Board Action: None at this time.
Budget Needs:
Suggestions for the Future:
Suggested Changes in Operating Guide: None.
Name of Person Preparing This Report: Phil Banks