



**WSWS Annual Business Meeting 2022
Newport Beach, CA
March 10, 2022**

Attendees: 130 members attending.

Call to Order: President McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:06am

Welcome and Introductions

Officer Reports:

Secretary – John Madsen (approval of minutes).
WSWS Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Virtual, March 4, 2021 (6:30 to 9:15am PST)

Motion: Kirk Howat
Second: Rick Zollinger
Vote: Approval was unanimous

Business Manager and Treasurer Report – Eric Gustafson
Eric is working hard at the registration desk.

Treasurer Report – Phil Banks
Our assets are \$477,964.00
Assets to cover at least 2 years of expenses, we are currently at 3 years of expenses.
Our assets went up 10.4% last year. We are down 1.4% since June.

President – Sandra McDonald
This has been a strange time, so we have had 3 board meetings in stead of the usual 2 meetings.
Voting has been largely by electronic voting, and many meetings on zoom.
We voted to update the website; the platform is outdated and needs to be brought up to date with a better look.
The Western Aquatic Plant Management Society will join us for a joint annual meeting in Boise next year in person.

Past President – Corey Ransom

It's been a pleasure to serve on the board the past eight years.
Recognized the retirements of four active retirees at the reception.

President Elect/Program Chair – Joel Felix

Joel thanks those who gave presentations, whether poster or oral.
Thanks to the members of the program committee for their assistance, the meetings were all virtual.
Thanks to those who participated in the General Session.

Research Section Chair – Judit Barroso

Thanked Joel for his work with the committee members and assisting the research section chair.

Education and Regulatory – Carl Coburn

One symposium led by Steve Fennimore, seven talks that were well attended.
Workshop with Matt Baur on wildfire in the west
Group of talks celebrating the 75th anniversary of the society
Incoming chair is Jane Mangold

Member-at-Large Public – Steve Fennimore

The session held demonstrated a practical method to treat weeds without herbicides, and do not require pesticide registration.

Member-at-Large Private – John Coyle

Outreach to contractors, managers, and consultants.
Appreciates the opportunity to serve.

WSSA Representative – Alan Helm

Meeting went virtual in 30 days.
A twelve-part symposium put on by WSSA this spring.

CAST Representative – Greg Dahl

He thanks the society for the opportunity to be the CAST representative.
The mission of CAST is to use its network of experts, assembles, interprets, and communicates credible, balanced, science-based information to policymakers, the media, the private sector, and the public.

Lots of interesting things going on in agriculture
WSWS works with the other weed science representatives from the national and regional chapters.

Thanks to Jill Schroeder (the WSSA rep) for her work with the other weed science representatives.

Working on a publication on invasive species. Proposal approved by WSSA, NAISMA and CAST Board.

Student Liaison – Jodie Crose

Student night out was a fun experience. 30 professionals took 43 students.
Silent auction still going on, will continue until about 9:30am.
25-30 items were donated.

All money goes to the Elaine Sanchez scholarship. We are at about \$800 for the scholarship. We are working to a \$3,000 goal.

We need pictures of the attendees. Please share your pictures.

Next student liaison is Grace Ogden

Incoming Student Liaison is Aaron Becerra-Alvarez

Director of Science Policy – Lee van Wychen

No report

Sandra serves on Science Policy Committee with WSSA and regional societies.

This provides an opportunity to educate legislators on weed science issues.

Committee Reports:

Publications Committee (Carl Libbey)

Proceedings – Carl Libbey

Send information to Carl Libby

Changes to operating manual to add retiree list

WSWS Newsletter – Carl Libbey

Comes out four times per year.

Research Progress Reports – Traci Rauch

We had 26 reports last year, the number of submissions is declining

We need more reports

Reports are due in January.

Website – Eric Gustafson

238 Conference Registered attendees

Website includes a new registration system

We are in process of updating website hardware and will update software and the website look and capabilities.

Reports are up from the meeting.

Local Arrangements – Sonia Rios

Sandra thanks everyone for coming to the meeting. Sonia was unable to attend the business meeting.

2023 – Boise

2024 - Denver

Nominations – Vipin Kumar

New Board Members elected:

Curtis Rainbolt, President Elect

Marcelo Moretti, Research Section Chair

Misha Manuchehri, Education/Regulatory Section Chair

Joe Vassios, Secretary

Public Relations – Albert Adjesiwor

Fellows and Honorary Members – Ed Peachey

Richard Zollinger, Fellow
Andrew Kniss, Fellow
Hugh Beckett, Honorary Member

Site Selection – Byron Sleugh

Boise, 2023, Joint Meeting with Western Aquatic Plant Management Society
Denver, 2024

Awards – Rich Zollinger

Thanks to the committee

We recognized the award winners from 2021 and 2022:

WSWS Outstanding Weed Scientist – Early Career: Dr. Charles Geddes, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Lethbridge, Alberta

WSWS Weed Manager: Julie Kraft, Sublette County Weed and Pest District, Pinedale, WY

WSWS Elena Sanchez Student Scholarship Program:

- Jodie Crose, a 3rd year Ph.D. candidate at the University of Wyoming, advised by Dr. Brian Mealor

- Ednaldo Alexandre Borgato: a 4th year Ph.D. candidate at Kansas State University advised by Dr. Mithila Jugulam and Dr. Anita Dille

- Sachin Dhanda, a 1st year Ph.D. candidate at Kansas State University, advised by Dr. Vipin Kumar
Rita Beard Endowment Foundation Scholarship: Jodie Crose, a 3rd year Ph.D. candidate at the University of Wyoming, advised by Dr. Brian Mealor

WSWS Presidential Award of Merit: 2021 Program Committee: Mithila Jugulam (Research Section Chair), Todd Neel (Education & Regulatory Section Chair), Dennis Scott (Student Paper Judging Committee Chair), Mirella Ortiz (Student Liaison)

WSWS Honorary Member: Dr. Hugh Beckie, Director of the Australian Herbicide Resistance Initiative and a Professor in the School of Agriculture and Environment at the University of Western Australia.

WSWS Fellow: Dr. Richard Zollinger, Northwest Region Product Development Manager for AMVAC Chemical Corporation

WSWS Fellow: Dr. Andrew Kniss, Professor of Weed Science and Head of the Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Wyoming

Congratulations to all of our recipients and thank you for your outstanding contributions to the field of weed science, and the Western Society of Weed Science.

Please nominate individuals for awards

Tim Prather will be next chair

Poster – Caleb Dalley

Thanks those that submitted posters, 57 posters were displayed.

Necrology – Ryan Rapp

Poster was up of the past members that have passed.

Another member, Doug Ryerson, pass just before the meeting.

Necrology report:

Richard Comes was a month away from 90th birthday when he passed.

Dick worked with USDA ARS in Laramie WY, later in Prosser WA.

WSWS Fellow in 1993. WSSA Fellow in 1996.

Doug Ryerson earned an MS and PHD from Univ. Wisconsin-Madison, and worked at Univ. Idaho and later worked with Monsanto.

Active in WSWS

We had a moment of silence for past members.

Sustaining Membership – Rachel Zuger

Stephen Valenti was unable to attend.

She thanks the sustaining members for their support. Sustaining members support a number of the activities of the society and the annual meeting.

Legislative – Rachel Zuger

John Vickery was unable to attend

Updating contact information for state weed coordinators

Herbicide Resistant Plants – Lavreet Schegril

Misha Manuchehri was unable to attend

The committee wants to move away from resistant plant survey since we get few responses

Respond instead to the central information source at WSSA

Results of past surveys will be on the website, and submit to the central website.

Ad Hoc Website – Sandra McDonald on behalf of Lynn Ingegneri

Working to highlight needed changes to website.

Ad Hoc Invasive Species – Lisa Jones

Co-chairs are not present, the committee will continue

Ad Hoc Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Elizabeth Mosqueda

Thank you to review the documents, and all who participated in the survey.

Reviewing operating procedures to make it more inclusive.

Ad Hoc History Committee – Vanelle Peterson

Phil Banks, Don Morishita, Rod Lym were committee members.

The document is complete, over 374 pages

Book includes the original Arnold Applebee history

The book is digital and has hyperlinks

The book is searchable.

President McDonald Comments

Winner of the History Contest was Harlene Hatterman-Velenti

President McDonald not so gently (and I own that! Thanks for noting) reminded us to nominate people for the various awards.

Student Paper/Poster Judging – Josh Adkins

Thank all the judges of the contest.

Student score sheets are available for all students, please pick up near the registration desk.

Awards:

Agronomic Crops Oral Presentations M.Sc.:

1st – Tyler Hicks, University of Wyoming

2nd – Ryan Johnson, University of Wyoming

Agronomic Crops Oral Presentations Ph.D.:

1st – Grace Ogden, Oklahoma State University

2nd – Liberty Galvin, University of California, Davis

Basic Biology and Ecology Oral Presentations

1st – Joe Ballenger, University of Wyoming

2nd – Albert Kwarteng, University of Idaho

Horticultural Crops Oral Presentations

1st – Deniz Inci, University of California, Davis

Range, Forestry and Natural Areas Oral Presentations

1st – Chloe Mattilio, University of Wyoming

2nd – Jodie Crose, University of Wyoming

Agronomic Crops Poster Presentations

1st – Sachin Dhandra, Kansas State University

2nd – Milos Zaric, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Basic Biology and Ecology Poster Presentations

1st – Crystal Sparks, Colorado State University

Horticultural Crops Poster Presentations

1st – Andrew Contreras, University of California, Davis

Range, Forestry and Natural Areas Poster Presentations

1st – Jodie Crose, University of Wyoming

2nd – Mariana Amaral, Washington State University

Undergraduate Poster Presentations

1st – Felipe Bagnara, Colorado State University

New Business:

Remind people to join a committee. Find the chair or talk with Joel Felix, or another officer.

Board of Directors Members in Maui – please come to get your picture.

Board of Directors Members in 2021 please come for your picture

Board of Directors in 2022 please get your picture

Incoming board members please join to get a picture.

Passing of the Gavel

President McDonald to new president Joel Felix

She thanks Joel for his great job on the program.

President Felix thanks everyone for the opportunity to serve.

He thanks the many people who helped with the program and program committee

President Felix presents the presidential plaque to new Past President Sandra McDonald. He thanks Sandra McDonald for service to WSWS.

Adjourn at 8:53am by President Felix

Name of Person Preparing this Report: John D Madsen