WSWS Officer and Committee Report (Colorado Springs, CO 2014)

Office or Committee Name: Business Manager/Treasurer
Officer or Chairperson Name and Committee Members: Phil Banks
Date of Preparation (include year): March 3, 2014
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 Colorado Springs annual meeting The current financial status of WSWS will be presented to the Board and the Members at the Business Meeting. As of March 3, 2014, we have $ 374,894.06 in capital with an additional asset of $ 90,028.44 in unsold Weeds of the West inventory (a total of 7620 books). We sold approximately 1844 books during the year. We are storing most of the books at the WSWS office and shipping books to the Univ. of Wyoming as needed (first shipment of 1800 were shipped during the year). We posted a negative return on our RBC investments of approximately $15,000.00 for the year as of 12/31/13.

Pre-registration for the Colorado Springs meeting has gone smoothly although a few glitches with the new website had to be worked through. As of 3/3/14, we have 247 registrations (40 students, 207 regular members), and 9 spouse registrations. I have worked with Tim D'Amato as the Local Arrangements Chair to prepare for the meeting. The student scholarship winners will assist with registration and poster room set-up and teardown.

At the summer Board meeting, I was instructed to pursue the possibility of having a joint meeting with the Western Aquatic Plant Management Society (WAPMS) in 2017 with a target location of Coeur d'Alene, ID. I and Roger Gast met with WAPMS President Cody Gray at the WSSA meeting in February to discuss this. I developed an RFP for the meeting incorporating WAPMS additional attendees and meeting room/event requirements. WAPMS has not yet responded to my request for them to review the RFP before we send it to possible properties. It is hoped that this can be resolved during our meeting.

I worked with David Krueger in the development of the new WSWS website. Roll out of the new website was behind schedule but overall the site has worked well for registration and we are still working out a few bugs.

Recommendations for Board Action:

1. A publication sales committee still needs to be created to enhance the sales of the publications we sell online. There has been no movement on this issue for the past two years.
2. The Service Agreement between WSWS and Marathon-Agric. & Environ. Consulting expires at the end of March 2014. The Board will need to take action on a possible new agreement.

Budget Needs: See cash flow report.
Suggestions for the Future:
Suggested Changes in Operating Guide: Need to address the change in Web Content management. I will work with the Operating Guide Rep. on this.
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