

MINUTES
WSWS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
STOUFFER MADISON HOTEL - SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
MARCH 11, 1991

The meeting was called to order by President Peter Fay at 7:30 p.m. Minutes of the 1990 summer Executive Committee meeting held June 14, 1990, in Seattle were approved.

Seattle Local Arrangements Committee -

Jim McKinley reported that local meeting arrangements were complete and everything was expected to go smoothly. The pre-conference harbor tour went well, with 52 people pre-paid and 40 actually attending. The Boeing tour was canceled due to events in the Persian Gulf. Jim suggested that the 1992 Local Arrangements Committee reserve at least one extra meeting room to accommodate the commercial displays of Sustaining Members. He agreed to pass on other suggestions and all pertinent data from this conference to next year's local arrangements chairperson.

Program Committee -

Paul Ogg reviewed the topics and speakers in tomorrow's general session. He reported the total number of presentations had increased from 59 last year in Reno to 77 this year. Poster presentations were up from 18 to 24, the graduate student contest expanded from 6 to 16 papers, and other oral presentations increased from 35 to 38. The seven Projects were realigned and broadened to help the Society remain current in weed science topics.

Paul suggested that next year's paper submission forms should be white, and that authors should send two copies of submission forms (3 in the case of graduate student contest papers) directly to the program chairman. The program chairman then would send one copy to the editor, and one copy to the student paper contest chairman. This procedure would simplify the process of submitting papers. Authors should be encouraged to fill out submission forms completely, including index information on crops, weeds, and herbicides.

Research Section -

Frank Young reported that the 1991 WSWS Research Progress Report has 348 printed pages and includes 127 separate reports. The number of reports is about 100 less than the previous 4-year average, and the number of pages was about 100 less than last year. The reduction may be due in part to adjustments associated with realignment of the 7 projects. The situation is expected to be temporary. Cost of printing the reports at Montana State University has increased, and the committee may want to investigate other options.

Forty-two of the reports were in Project 1 (Weeds of Range and Forest), 11 were in Project 2 (Weeds of Horticultural Crops), 55 were in Project 3 (Weeds of Agronomic Crops), 4 were in Project 5 (Weeds of Aquatic, Industrial, and Non-Crop Areas), 8 were in Project 6 (Basic Sciences), and 5 were in Project 7 (Alternative Methods of Weed Management). Frank expressed disappointment that only two reports were submitted in the new Project 4 (Extension, Education, and Regulatory).

A special meeting is scheduled with Project chairpersons on Wednesday at 6:45 a.m. to discuss possible ways to streamline publication of the Research Progress Report.

Education and Regulatory Section -

Robert Parker reported that a survey of members attending the 1990 Education and Regulatory discussion resulted in only one suggestion for 1991 discussion topics. That topic and one other subject were chosen by the committee for this year's program.

The only two reports received for inclusion in the Research Progress Report were forwarded to Frank Young.

A display area for Extension and other educational publication will be available in the poster area for the first time this year. It is not known how many will participate, but numbers are expected to be low. Participation should be better in the future as more people become aware of the display.

Editorial Committee (Ad hoc) -

Rodney Lym reported that the 1990 Proceedings (Vol. 43) contained 154 pages; down 34% from the previous 5-year average. An index was included for the first time, and authors were required to submit papers on computer disk. The change to disks has saved secretarial time and increased reproduction accuracy.

Rod agreed with Frank Young, suggesting that authors submit papers by sending two copies of their abstract directly to the program chairperson, rather than one to the chairperson and one to the editor. The program chairperson would then send the editor a copy of each abstract by December 10.

Placement Committee -

Steve Orloff reported that the placement service will be set up this year in room 404. Listings of 'positions wanted' and 'positions available' from the national WWS meeting were obtained from Tom Lanini, WSSA Placement Committee chair.

The two placement forms used by WWS correspond to those used by WSSA. The WWS forms are on a Wordstar computer file which will be maintained by the Placement Committee chair. It was suggested that the Placement Service be mentioned in the WWS Winter Newsletter and during the General Session in order to increase future participation.

Poster Committee -

Dave Zamora reported that 24 poster papers were submitted this year. Two books will be exhibited this year in accordance with the space made available for Extension, Education, and Regulatory publications and materials.

There was some confusion this year in the poster session regarding poster size, set-up, and display facilities. Poster Session policies in WWS are the same as in the WSSA. That information will be clarified and included each fall when the 'Call for Papers' is mailed to the membership.

Member-At-Large -

Steven Miller reported that his assignment from the President during the past year was to look for ways to 1) increase graduate student participation in WWS, and 2) increase nominations from the private sector for the WWS Outstanding Weed Scientist Award. A survey of selected members was conducted and suggestions were received. Participation in the graduate student paper contest more than doubled this year, and the number of nominations for Outstanding Weed Scientist from industry increased from zero to four.

Financial Report -

Steve Wright reviewed the financial records and found them to be in good order. He reported that the Society is in excellent financial standing. This

is the first time in many years that WSWs will need to file tax returns. No tax problems are expected.

Wanda Graves summarized the Society's financial situation, reporting a previous balance of \$58,228.11, income of \$144,018.97, expenses of \$120,625.03, earnings of \$23,393.94, and a current balance of \$81,622.05. Capital is distributed as \$13,800.00 and \$33,800.00 in certificates of deposit in Logan and Newark, respectively; \$28,060.52 in money market savings; and \$5,961.53 in checking. Most of the increase in earnings this year was the result of Weeds of the West book sales.

Ed Schweizer raised a question about the soundness of WSWs financial investments and suggested the Society pay for a professional evaluation of its investments. There was general agreement by the Executive Committee that this would be a good idea.

Nominations Committee -

George Beck reported that 150 ballots were cast in this year's elections. Approximately 10 additional ballots arrived after the February 1 deadline and could not be included. Less than half of the members usually vote in the elections. The Executive Committee was asked to encourage members to vote and to return ballots before the deadline.

WSWS President-elect for the coming year will be Steven Miller. Jack Schlesselman was elected Secretary, Charlotte Eberlein will be Chair-elect of the Research Section, and Don Morishita will be Chair-elect of the Extension, Education, and Regulatory Section.

Salt Lake Local Arrangements Committee -

Steve Dewey reported that local arrangements for the 1992 Salt Lake City meetings are proceeding on schedule. He met with the Salt Lake Hilton Hotel Contracts and Sales officer on February 25, 1991, and reviewed current written agreements. Wanda Graves had two sets of agreements on file (with different signing dates). It was established that the correct forms are those signed on July 10, 1987. Steve was given a verbal commitment for 1992 conference room rates of \$71.00 per night for single, double, or triple (graduate student) occupancy.

The Summer Executive Committee Meeting will be held at the Salt Lake Hilton on June 6, 1991. One conference room (for 20 to 25 people) will be reserved, and 13 sleeping rooms will be blocked for the night of June 5. Pre-conference room rates for the summer meeting were quoted at \$49.00 per night.

Awards Committee -

Stott Howard reported that the awards committee received four nominations for Outstanding Weed Scientist from the private sector. Harvey Triple was selected to receive the award. The committee received two nominations for Outstanding Weed Scientist from the public sector, and Steven Miller was selected. Stott noted a need for more public sector nominations next year.

Stott asked for Executive Committee reaction to a suggestion from a WSWs member recommending restriction of membership on the Awards Committee to WSWs Past-Presidents and/or previous award winners. This would avoid the awkward situation of committee members being nominated for awards. Stott was under the impression that current committee members were not eligible for the awards. However, members of the Executive Committee felt there was no such restriction in the By-Laws, and noted that restricting committee membership would require a change in the Constitution and/or By-Laws.

It was suggested that an alternate Awards Committee member be named to

temporarily replace any current committee member nominated for an award. Following some discussion it was agreed that the WSWS President should be the alternate. Any committee member nominated for an award may still serve on the committee that year to select an award recipient in the other category (private or public sector). Pete Fay agreed to draft the appropriate wording and include it in the Awards Committee operating guidelines.

A suggestion was made by a member of the Executive Committee that wording of the industry Outstanding Weed Scientist award be changed to Outstanding Weed Worker. Discussion followed, but no action was taken.

Legislative Committee -

George Beck reported that, largely due to INWAC's efforts, Public Lands bill 93-629, section 15, (The Management of Undesirable Plants on Federal Lands) was passed into law. INWAC had been working on this law for more than three years. The law was passed as an amendment to the Federal Noxious Weed Act and attached to the Farm bill. The law requires all federal agencies to manage weeds on federal lands, in cooperation with states. Barbra Mullin chairs a new committee called the Western Weed Coordination Committee (WWCC), formed to encourage implementation of the law in western states. INWAC will remain intact, but its name has been changed from Intermountain Noxious Weed Ad-hoc Committee to the Inter-regional Noxious Weed Advisory Council. Its primary role will be to continue promoting favorable weed legislation and policies.

Publication Committee (Ad hoc) -

Tom Whitson reported that 20,000 copies of Weeds of the West have been printed. Cost to the Society is \$9.00 per book, with a minimum profit of \$1.50 per book for pre-publication sales and \$4.00 per book for post-publication sales. The Society currently has netted \$22,243 in pre-publication sales, with total profits for the first printing expected to exceed \$30,000.

The Publication Committee recommends that all profits from the book should be set aside in a WSWS publications fund to help finance future reprinting of the book and/or development of other regional weed publications. To avoid possible financial losses on any future publications the committee encourages WSWS to sponsor only projects that can be funded largely through pre-publication sales. Committee members have decided that photos used in the book are part of the copyright. Use of those photographs will be considered by the Publication Committee if written proposals are submitted. No opposition was expressed by the Executive Committee to any of the Publication Committee's recommendations.

Additional ways to advertise and market the book were discussed. Suggestions included sales to libraries, distribution through bookstores, advertisement in Weed Technology, and a book review in Weed Science. Tom was asked to talk to the printer to determine actual cost of reprinting and minimum order size. The possibility of a publishing company handling the reprinting (or second edition) should be investigated. Tom will make a report on these points at the Summer Business Meeting.

It was suggested that the Publications Committee be changed from Ad hoc status to a standing committee. Publications Committee members present felt the decision should be postponed for at least one year.

Fellows & Honorary Members Committee -

Harvey Triple reported that Larry Mitich and Ed Schweizer were nominated as WSWS Fellows and were approved by the Executive Committee. Will Carpenter was nominated for Honorary Member, but was not approved by the Executive Committee. Harvey expressed disappointed that the nomination was rejected, and asked

for clarification in the criteria used to selecting Honorary Members. He chastised the Executive Committee for not being more familiar with the WSWs Constitution and By-Laws.

Graduate Student Support Committee (Ad hoc) -

Harvey Triple reported that 14 companies were invited to contribute to a WSWs student research fund. This fund would provide support to universities/colleges in the western states for agricultural research by graduate students. Seven companies elected not to participate and five did not reply. Only Monsanto and Sandoz were willing to support the project. Some companies felt they were making a similar contribution by hiring student summer interns.

Harvey recommended that the proposed project be dropped and that the Ad hoc committee be dissolved. He suggested that the program should be reconsidered in a couple of years after the economic situation in the pesticide industry improves.

Site Selection Committee -

Garvin Crabtree invited WSWs to hold their 1997 Annual Meeting in Eugene, Oregon. He and Arnold Appleby would be willing to serve as local arrangements chairpersons. Discussion by the Executive Committee suggested that the Oregon invitation would be considered. However, if the meeting were held in Oregon, travel to Portland would be more convenient and probably less expensive. No final decision was made.

CAST Representative -

Gary Lee reported that the CAST Board of Directors met in Washington D.C. on February 25-27, 1991. This was the only board meeting held during the past year. Lowell Jordan was installed as President, and Gale Buchanan as President-elect. Stan Wilson was hired as Executive Vice-president and is providing effective leadership. Twenty-nine societies are now represented in CAST. All WSWs members should be encouraged to become members. Individual membership dues were increased to \$30 per year. CAST has a current operating budget of approximately \$565,500. Fifteen report projects are currently underway. More reports are planned, including a report on global warming which will serve as the United States position paper at a world conference scheduled for 1992.

WSSA Representative -

Jack Evans reported that the WSSA met in Louisville, Kentucky, February 4-7, 1991. New officers elected in the 1991 balloting were Harold Coble, Vice-President; Michael Chandler, Treasurer; and Richard Oliver, Member-at-large (Southern region). WSSA will partially support 2 Congressional Science Fellows, beginning in September 1991. Interested individuals should apply. Weed Science and Weed Technology journals will be published quarterly. A wheat monograph recently was printed, a witchweed monograph is almost ready for publication, and the 5th volume of Reviews of Weed Science is nearly completed.

The 1992 WSSA meeting will be held February 10-13 in Orlando, Florida. The 1993 meeting will be held February 8-11 in Denver, Colorado.

Past President's Report -

Sheldon Blank reported that through the efforts of Wanda Graves and Ken Dunster the WSWs is incorporated with official Articles of Incorporation and Tax Exempt Status in the state of California. Stamped Articles of Incorporation were obtained July 5, 1990.

Resolutions Committee -

Shafeek Ali reported that he received one hand-written resolution the day before the meeting, and asked President Fay if it should be considered. Someone stated that resolutions were to be typed and submitted to the Resolutions Committee one month before the annual business meeting. The resolution was not read to the Executive Committee and will not be presented at the business meeting. A resolution will be presented at the business meeting thanking the Program Committee, Local Arrangements, and Hotel for their efforts.

Necrology Committee -

LaMar Anderson reported that 25 state and industry members of WSWS were contacted requesting the names of present or past WSWS members who had died since the 1990 Reno meeting. Two names were submitted.

Marcus E. Cravens passed away August 3. He was President of the California Weed Conference in 1954, and Deputy Agricultural Commissioner of Santa Barbara county from 1939 until his retirement in 1972. Marcus was an active member of WSWS and WSSA for many years.

Conrad Schilling passed away in California. He was President of the California Weed Conference in 1980.

Student Paper Judging Committee -

Kurt Volker reported that 16 papers were entered in the 1991 contest; a significant increase over the six papers presented in 1990. This year all student contest papers will be on Tuesday afternoon in Research Section III (Weeds of Agronomic Crops). This will give each committee member the opportunity to judge all 16 papers.

Because of the number of students participating, Kurt suggested that awards should be increased to include a 4th and 5th place, or two honorable mentions. The Executive Committee agreed that this would be appropriate, and a motion was passed authorizing \$150 for 1st place, \$100 for 2nd place, \$75 for 3rd place, \$50 for 4th place, and \$25 for 5th place in the 1991 contest. A plaque will be given to each winning student.

Operating guidelines for the Student Paper Judging Committee were prepared in 1990. Steve Miller suggested that the guidelines should be modified to address the situation of numerous contestants. It was recommended that WSWS adopt a policy similar to that of the North Central Weed Control Conference. NCWCC contestants are divided into sections (approximately 10 students per section) with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places awarded in each section. The new WSWS contest committee chairperson will be asked to report at the summer business meeting on how the contest is conducted in other regional weed societies, and recommend how the WSWS should proceed.

Sustaining Membership Committee (Ad hoc) -

Donn Thill reported that a proposal to allow WSWS sustaining membership was recently voted on by WSWS membership. The proposal passed by a majority of 82%, with 157 voting for and 34 voting against sustaining memberships.

This year the WSWS has 14 sustaining members. 1991 sustaining membership dues are \$150, which includes one complimentary meeting registration (\$50 value), one copy of the Progress Report (\$17.50 value) and Proceedings (\$15.00 value), and free space for an exhibit (unspecified value). After paying 3 consecutive years of dues the Society will provide a plaque to the Sustaining Member annually for as long membership is continuous.

Members of the Executive Committee expressed concern that current dues structure may not accomplish the original goal of earning an additional \$5000 per

year for the Society. Some suggested that sustaining membership dues should be increased to \$300 or \$500, and that complimentary meeting registration should not be included. There was a recommendation that a two-tier dues structure should be developed; perhaps \$300 could be charged for companies with annual gross earnings greater than \$1,000,000, and \$150 could be charged for companies earning less than that amount.

Donn was asked to review suggestions made at this meeting and make appropriate changes in the proposed amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, and operating guide. He will report to the Executive Committee at the summer business meeting. Following approval at the summer meeting, a ballot will be sent in the Summer Newsletter for members to vote on proposed changes in the Constitution & By-Laws. A copy of the proposed operating guidelines also will be included with the newsletter.

1990 & 1991 Legislative Trip -

Paul Ogg reported that he and Pete Fay participated in the WSSA legislative tour in Washington D.C. in May, 1990. Five position papers were presented to legislators on topics of sustainable agriculture, water quality, food safety, changes in the federal noxious weed act, and support of IR-4 projects. These position statements are printed in Weed Technology, Vol. 4, October-December, 1990. The group met with individuals from USDA, EPA, the Wildlife Federation, Environmental Defense Fund, and Natural Resources Defense Fund. Paul noted that weed science is represented by a half-time Congressional Science Fellow in Washington D.C., compared to over 30 lobbyists representing environmental groups. The 1991 WSSA legislative trip has been postponed until September.

Public Relations Committee -

Jack Schlesselman reported that several agricultural publications and organizations were notified of the 44th Meeting of the WSWS being held in Seattle. Two Seattle newspapers were also contacted. Attendance roles from various states will be available at the registration desk for persons seeking pesticide applicator/consultant license recertification credits. California has approved 17.75 credits for PCA's attending the meeting. Photographs of WSWS Officers, Executive Committee members, and all award recipients will be taken. Photographs will be sent to the WSSA, various agricultural publications, and some will be published in the 1991 WSWS Proceedings.

North Central Weed Control Conference -

Colorado and Wyoming have petitioned the NCWCC to become members of that Conference and their request has been granted. Both states intend to retain membership in WSWS. There are indications that North Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas might wish to join WSWS while retaining their membership in the NCWCC. Following considerable discussion President Fay suggested that we leave state memberships in WSWS as presently constituted, and he urged Colorado and Wyoming not to diminish their activity in WSWS.

Western Weed Coordinating Committee -

Barbra Mullin reported that a Western Weed Coordinating Committee had been organized. The group began at a meeting in Billings, Montana, in February of 1989, and met again in Logan at the Noxious Range Weed Conference in August of 1990. The committee is composed primarily of representatives from state and federal land management agencies in western states. Its purpose is to identify barriers facing weed control efforts on public lands, work around those barriers, and promote better working relationships and communication between federal and

state land management agencies. The committee is presently compiling a catalog of weed publications and audio/visual materials available to agencies personnel. WWCC has formed a working group on seed and hay certification standards. There is also a research-needs group trying to identify information and data gaps, especially regarding the economic impacts of weeds on public lands. A weed management short-course will be offered in April at Bozeman to train Forest Service and BLM resource managers.

Weekend Meetings -

Frank Young reported that WSSA is seriously considering weekend meetings to help reduce the cost of meeting rooms and air travel. He felt the idea is something the WSWS might eventually need to consider.

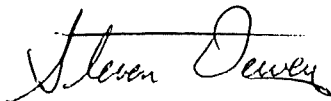
Other Business -

Gary Lee reported on an article by Robert Zimdall entitled "A Plea for Thought". The article is critical of weed science, and is based largely on one man's personal opinions. Gary emphasized that he does not challenge Dr. Zimdall's right to publish the article, but he strongly objects to the fact that the article is intended for publication by CSRS. With the CSRS logo printed on every page the publication could easily be misinterpreted as a USDA policy statement.

President Fay agreed to form an Ad hoc committee to study the article and make a recommendation to CSRS regarding the appropriateness of governmental agency endorsement. The Ad hoc committee will be composed of the new Executive Committee. Gary agreed to provide the committee with copies of the article.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Dewey
Secretary, WSWS