



WSWS Annual Business Meeting
Thursday, March 10, 2011
Doubletree Hotel City Center, Spokane, WA

Joe DiTomaso called the meeting to order. The following agenda was followed with short report summaries of full reports that were presented and discussed earlier at the board meeting on Monday morning.

- Rick Boydston indicated minutes had been approved through the email process and on-line voting by the board members.
- Phil Banks presented the Treasurer-Business Manager report. He was pleased with the turnout for the meeting and reported 20 non WSWS registrations for the Ventenata symposia and 15 non WSWS registrations for the Ecological Effects of Invasive Plants symposia.
- Vanelle Peterson presented the Program Committee report. There were 103 oral presentations and 74 posters presented at the meeting.
- Chuck Rice presented the Local Arrangements report and thanked all the people he worked with and that helped him.
- Joe DiTomaso reported Member at Large report in absence of Kassim Al-Khatib.
- Tim Miller gave the WSSA Representative report giving the society a summary of recent Portland, OR meeting reminding the society that each of the WSSA journals will be publishing two review articles each year.
- Phil Westra presented the CAST report and thanked Phil Stahlman for his service and his placement on the CAST board of directors.
- Corey Ransom presented the Constitution and Operating Procedures report. He will be updating the operating guide this year and encouraged outgoing officers to notify him of needed changes.
- There was no director of Science Policy report presented.
- Sandra McDonald gave a quick update on the upcoming Noxious Weeds Shortcourse she is planning for April 18-21, 2011. She still has openings for interested individuals.

The following Committee reports were presented:

Poster Section – Rober Finley. 74 posters were presented of which 22 were students.

Chuck Rice is incoming chair.

Finance – Drew Lyon. The WSWS business records were reviewed at the meeting and found in order. WSWS received a 4.08% return on investments in 2010 and is in sound financial condition.

Nominations – Ralph Whitesides. He encouraged everyone to accept when ask to serve or run for offices of the society.

Fellows and Honorary Members – Don Morishita. Don listed this year's award winners.

Awards – Jill Schroeder. Jill listed this year's award winners and student scholarship winners.

Proceedings Report – Joan Campbell. Joan presented and introduced Bill McCloskey who will be taking over the duties of editor. Joan was presented a plaque for her many years of service as Proceedings Editor by Joe DiTomaso.

Research Progress Report – Traci Rauch. Traci encouraged members to submit to the Research Progress Report as there were only 59 reports, with most of them coming from the University of Idaho.

Website Report – Tony White. Tony indicated there are over 500 pages on the website and usage is steady.

Newsletter Report – Cheryl Fiore. Cheryl reported that Carl Libbey will be helping as co-editor and they will be going to an entirely on-line version soon.

Site Selection – Steve Orloff. Steve reported that the 2012 meeting will be in Reno, 2013 in San Diego, and they have selected Colorado Springs for the 2014 meeting. Three hotels in Colorado Springs are being considered.

Education/Weed Short Course – Scott Nissen. Scott gave a summary of the recent use of the Mode of Action short course. The course had 10 students this past year.

Public Relations – Brad Hanson. Brad reported the committee is successfully working with all states with reasonable demands that offer continuing education credits.

Legislative – Lisa Boggs. Lisa reported she will be working closely with Joe DiTomaso on revitalizing the legislative committee and asked for anyone with individual state contacts that are knowledgeable of legislative issues to contact her.

Necrology – Jim Vandevoevering. Jim read biographies of three WSWS members that had past away this year. Lynn Jensen, Stuart Turner, and Norman Akesson.

Herbicide Resistant Plants – Ian Burke. Ian indicated that WSSA is releasing modules on-line for herbicide resistance education. He mentioned that glufosinate resistance has been reported in Oregon and HPPD resistance recently reported in the Midwest.

Student Liaison – Tanya Skurski. Tanya reported good participation in the scholarship program and student host programs. She reported Mike Ostley will be the next student representative and Cameron Douglass as chair-elect.

Poster and Paper Contest Winner – Roland Shirman. Roland presented this year's winners of the student contests. All students were recognized in the front of the room and presented participant certificates.

- Oral Paper – Agronomic Crops/Biology – Joseph Vassios 1st, Nevin Lawrence 2nd.
- Oral Paper – Range/Horticultural Crops – Ryan Edwards 1st, Cameron Douglass 2nd, Katie Conklin 3rd.
- Poster – Agronomic Crops/Biology – J. Connor Ferguson 1st, Jared Unverzagt 2nd, Bianca Martins 3rd.
- Poster – Range/Horticultural – Joseph Vassios 1st, Clarke Alder 2nd, Cassandra Setter 3rd.

Joe DiTomaso reported that there was no new business.

Vanelle Peterson gave a short summary of the current status of Weeds of the West book and that the board will be deciding on whether and when to reprint.

Joe DiTomaso acknowledged Vanelle's efforts this past year and passed her the gavel 'Hoe' as incoming president.

New WSWS president, Vanelle Peterson, presented Joe DiTomaso with a plaque and thanked him for his service the WSWS.
Vanelle Peterson adjourned the meeting.