



WSWS Board Meeting Minutes

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July 30-31, 2015

Hyatt Regency

Albuquerque, NM

Board Members Present: Joe Yenish, Drew Lyon, Brian Jenks, Carl Coburn, Sandra McDonald, Jane Mangold, Prashant Jha, Kirk Howatt, Corey Ransom, Curtis Rainbolt, Scott Nissen, Brianne Tideman, Brian Schutte and Phil Banks

Lunch was served at noon. Joe Yenish called the meeting to order at 12:43 pm followed by a round of brief introductions.

Secretary Report

Minutes from the 2015 annual meeting BOD and post-annual meeting BOD were presented. Kirk Howatt moved to accept the minutes as presented. Scott Nissen seconded and the motion passed.

Business Manager and Treasurer Report

Phil Banks gave the report. See Business Manager report for financial details. The society finances are in good shape. A net increase in worth of approximately \$24k this year over last year was primarily due to sales and payment for Weeds of the West. Annual Weeds of the West sales figures fluctuate based on when payment is received from University of Wyoming sales. Without income from Weeds of the West the society would have posted a small loss for the previous year. At the 2015 Portland meeting there were 247 registrations (202 regular members and 45 students).

The Site Selection Committee has chosen the Hyatt Regency Orange County near Anaheim, CA for the 2018 meeting. A contract was signed with the hotel.

US Fish and Wildlife, BLM, and US Forest Service are hosting an invitation only Western Invasive Weeds Management Summit in Boise, ID in November 2015 to discuss plans for protecting sage grouse habitat in their historical range. One focus of the meeting will be on efforts to manage annual brome and the impact on sage grouse habitat. It was suggested that WSWS serve as a sponsor for the meeting to highlight our activities in weed management. Drew Lyon made a motion to sponsor at a level of \$500. Jane Mangold seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Discussion was held on how WSWS could possibly capitalize on this meeting to increase awareness and attendance of our society. Ideas included a symposium on these issues at the 2016 Albuquerque meeting or 2017 Coeur d'Alene meeting. Symposium ideas included the possible roll-out of sage grouse management plans.

Registration fees need to be set for the 2016 meeting. Rates have not increased for 5 years, but at the current rate of \$230 for regular members, the society is losing money on the meeting. This item was postponed until the finance report. It was suggested that the name of "spouse registration" be changed to "guest registration".

Phil Banks will no longer serve as business manager after the 2017 meeting. He will still be a member of WSWs. He will work closely to make sure transition goes smoothly.

President-elect/Program Committee Chair Report

Kirk Howatt gave the report. He asked Scott Nissen, Member at Large, to identify regional and local societies to serve as possible partners for future meetings. Once a list is developed they will be approached about possible cooperation. Discussion was held on recommended societies for joint meetings. One issue is how flexible WSWs is on meeting dates. There was concern that big changes in meeting dates could hurt attendance. Northern Rocky Invasive Plant Council was suggested. They would like to partner on conference and are flexible on dates. Western Aquatic Plant Management Society (WAPMS) and the Utah Weed Control Association were also discussed. WAPMS prefers locations close to CA because that helps them with attendance numbers. WAPMS wants to get on a 3 year rotation of sites. We are having a joint meeting with them in 2017 in Coeur d'Alene, ID.

The call for symposia was prepared for the newsletter and a list of past symposia was prepared for posting on the website. Tim Miller was approached about a GIS symposium and is contacting other colleagues about interest. Another symposium on risk communication was suggested. Mary O'Connell has been confirmed as a general session speaker and will present on historic local native plants. Kirk is working with Carl Libbey on modifying newsletter publication dates to better fit title submission times. The December newsletter will likely come out in November. Proceedings have not yet been compiled for the 2015 meeting. The call for papers will go out in summer newsletter and the submission site opens in October. Curran Publications Co has been requesting the proceedings because they publish and sell it to libraries.

Immediate Past President Report

Drew Lyon presented the report. He has given Joe DiTomaso, WSSA past-president, a list of possible candidates for WSSA officer positions. He formed two Weeds of the West Ad Hoc Committees. The recommendation of one was not to reprint. He suggests the BOD take a vote on the future of Weeds of the West. He also suggested that we have a more formal process for follow-up on Action Items. Corey looked into the operating guide and it appears this is a responsibility of the Constitution Operating Guide Rep.

Research Section Chair Report

Jane Mangold gave the report. Outgoing Chair Ed Davis has received all the discussion section minutes. Jane has communicated duties to chairs and chair-elects. The chair-elect in Basic Biology and Ecology is listed as unknown. It was suggested that Project Chairs let speakers know what version of PowerPoint they will be running in order to make sure that files are compatible. It was suggested to lock the online submission site prior to the meeting so that late arriving papers must be delivered to the chair and it can be verified that the files are compatible. For 2016, chair-elects should automatically be given access to presentations in order to download them as a backup.

Education and Regulatory Chair Report

Presented by Sandra McDonald. They are still working on CEU's. They are only available for states where members are willing to handle duties of applying for and monitoring credits.

Member at Large- Public Report

Presented by Scott Nissen. Scott will be the WAPMS president at the time of our joint meeting in Coeur d'Alene in 2017. WAPMS is interested in a joint meeting every few years.

Member at Large- Private

Mike Hubbard was not present. He is working with Joe Yenish on ideas to improve industry attendance.

WSSA Representative- Marty Schraer was not present and there was no report. Phil Banks mentioned that the upcoming WSSA meeting will be in San Juan, PR. WSSA Executive Secretary Joyce Lancaster will be stepping down (when?).

CAST Representative- See report submitted by Phil Westra.

Student Liaison

Presented by Carl Coburn. The students have a Twitter account and Facebook page. They have more Facebook members, but a limited number of Twitter followers. See the Student Liaison report for details on a student survey on the Student Night Out and Student Contest Judging Guidelines. Funds from the auction were down in 2015 compared to 2014.

Constitution and Operating Guide

Presented by Corey Ransom. He has made changes and corrections sent from Drew and Jane. For example, including student liaisons in BOD list and the removal of wording about paper ballots. There was some discussion on whether the WSWS should move from a 4 year to a 3 year site selection in order to get better contracts.

Director of Science Policy- no report was received

Committee Reports:

Publications Committee (Kirk Howatt – board contact)

Proceedings – *Bill McCloskey* No report

Research Progress Reports – *Traci Rauch*. See report. Traci will send confirmations when she receives a research progress report. If the number of progress reports continues to fall, the society will need to address if the publication should continue.

WSWS Newsletter – *Carl Libby*

Kirk Howatt will work with Carl on new dates.

Weeds of the West – *Phil Banks*

WSWS has about 2300 books in inventory. The University of Wyoming has 1326 in inventory. Currently selling about 1500 books per year between the 2 sales efforts. When WSWS sells a

book, we make 3-4 times more profit than when a book is sold by the University of Wyoming. Drew Lyon made a motion that WSWS not reprint Weeds of the West and that WSWS will sell all remaining inventory that is in our possession. Scott Nissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Biological Control of Invasive Plants in the U.S. – *Phil Banks*

WSWS funded publication of this in the past and receives a small royalty from it.

Website – *Phil Banks* Please let Phil know about website issues.

Local Arrangements – *Brian Shutte* – chairperson (Kirk Howatt – board contact). Brian was present and is working on list of local activities for meeting attendees.

Finance – *Jesse Richardson* - chairperson (Scott Nissen – board contact) no report. There was discussion on meeting costs and appropriate registration and sustaining membership fees in order to minimize financial losses from the annual meeting. Drew Lyon moved to change the registration and sustaining membership rates as follows: \$250 for regular preregistration, \$100 for students (same as before), \$125 for single day registration, and \$1000 sustaining membership for companies having in gross annual income of \$1 million or more and \$500 for companies below gross annual income of \$1 million. Jane Mangold seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Nominating – *Chad Cummings*– chairperson (Drew Lyon). They have started compiling a list of candidates.

Public Relations – *Joan Campbell*– chairperson (Sandra McDonald – board contact) no report

Fellows and Honorary Members – *Jill Schroeder* – chairperson (Drew Lyon – board contact)

Has updated the call for nominations and put into newsletter.

Site Selection – *Charlie Hicks* – chairperson (Joe Yenish – board contact) Evaluated locations in CA. The only location that met all needs and requests was the Hyatt Regency in Orange County. A contract was signed for the 2018 meeting.

Awards – *Alan Helm* – chairperson (Joe Yenish – board contact) The committee sent an early notice for members to begin awards nominations. Updated call information is needed from Alan Helm.

Poster –*Travis Ziehl*- chairperson (Kirk Howatt – board contact) Posterboards are being stored in Oregon for Coeur d'Alene meeting. They will be rented in Albuquerque. Posters need to be no larger than 42” by 42” for Albuquerque meeting

Student Paper/Poster Judging-Ryan Rector- chairperson (Kirk Howatt – board contact)
Ryan and Don Morishita are working on developing a rubric to assist in judging of student papers.

Necrology – Ralph Whitesides – chairperson (Curtis Rainbolt – board contact) no report

Sustaining Membership – Wendell Rich – chairperson (Drew Lyon – board contact) no report

Legislative – Fred Raish – chairperson (Marty Schraer – board contact) no report.

Herbicide Resistant Plants – Brian Jenks – chairperson (Michael Hubbard – board contact)
The committee is discussing a symposium for the 2017 WSSA meeting in Tucson, but is currently leaning towards not having it because of the global herbicide resistance summit that is later that year in Denver, CO. The speakers and sessions would likely be the same, and the committee did not want to duplicate the information in such a short time period.

Education – Sandra McDonald – chairperson (Sandra McDonald – board contact) Committee is struggling to find a mission, but will look into modifying herbicide mode of action modules for use by practitioners.

Old Business –items below were discussed in previous sections

Herbicide resistance or other regional symposium for 2017 WSSA meeting in Tucson – Brian Jenks
Suggestions from board members for updates or improvements to operating guide – Corey Ransom

New Business

CAST representative appointment – Joe Yenish – Brian Jenks has agreed to serve

Possibility of Project Chairs being given access to downloaded paper titles, abstracts, etc. – Joe Yenish

Clarification of poster exhibit size – the poster can be no larger than 42 by 42 inches for Albuquerque meeting

2019 site selection preferences – Denver, Salt Lake City, Boise, Provo, and Reno will be on list of areas to submit RFP

Potential Meeting Partners – was covered in earlier sections

March 2016 board meeting – will be on Monday before annual meeting

Search and Recruiting efforts to replace Phil Banks, Marathon Ag, as WSWS Business Manager – Joe Yenish. This will be a group effort search between WSSA and regional weed societies. However each

society will have their own contract and can choose business managers independently. Sandra McDonald made a motion to appoint the current President (Joe Yenish), President Elect (Kirk Howatt) and Past President (Drew Lyon) to serve on an ad-hoc business manager search committee. Joe Yenish will serve as chair and the committee will sunset when a new WSWS business manager is hired. Drew Lyon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sandra McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Jane Mangold seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Action Items:

Change the operating guide to indicate that the Call for Research Progress Reports goes out from the Research progress report editor.

Student Liaisons are to review the student section online and make sure that needed information is there.

Curtis to contact Wendell Rich regarding sustaining membership.

Posters can be no larger than 42 by 42 inches in order to fit on rented easels in Albuquerque.