



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2018 Garden Cove, CA
Secretary – Minutes from BOD 12 March 2018, Monday**

Attendee Name	Caio Brunharo
Travis Bean	Clint Bierman
Monte Anderson	Tim Miller
Tara Steinke	Lee Van Wychen
Marty Schraer	Brian Schutte
Andrew Kniss	Pat Clay
Kirk Howatt	D. Chad Cummings
Brad Hansen	Brian Mealor
Dirk Baker	
Lynn Sosnoskie	
Charlie Hicks	

Meeting called to order at 08:13 am, 12 March 2018

1. Minutes Approved from Summer Meeting
 - a. Motion by Dirk Baker; 2nd Charlie Hicks; passed unanimously

Board of Director Reports

2. Business Manager Report – Tara Steinke (report online)
 - a. \$463, 939.42
 - i. \$~7,000 change in financials in Feb 2018
 - ii. We are out of Weeds of the West
 1. Still possibility for reprinting
 - iii. Pre-registration for 2018 meeting
 1. 193 registered
 - a. 34 students
 - b. 56 signed up for student night out
 - iv. Guide book app
 1. WSWS 2018 meeting
 - v. 2020 meeting in HI
 1. Some discussion also on 2021 location
3. President Report– Monte Anderson (report online)
 - a. WSWS met in May – Andrew, Monte, Tara

- b. WSSA – talked to all program chairs about improving programs
 - c. Carl Libbey – taking over proceedings editor in 2018
 - i. Still working with McCloskey to get 2017 proceedings completed
 - d. We may need to consider joint meetings more in the future
 - i. Without income from Weeds of the West, this may be the main future income
 - e. Should we include a blog or online searchable form in the future to keep WSWS relevant and top of mind? In addition to newsletter or instead of the newsletter?
 - i. Information in multiple places needs to be streamlined and make sure that it is all correct
 - f. Tara to email Joyce (WSSA) about getting more information in a searchable format
 - g. Tara to take off listening session information
4. Past President Report - Howatt (report online)
- a. Kirk has 4 golf ball sleeves
 - b. Tara has 3 golf ball sleeves
 - c. Discussion of a new retirement appreciation idea, or none
5. Program Chair (President Elect) – Kniss (report online)
- a. Retirees will be presented at the Wednesday lunch meeting instead of at the Monday night mixer
 - b. Significantly fewer presentations this year –
 - i. Last year 38 presentations were WAPMS
 - c. 14 more posters in 2018
 - d. 14 less presentations
 - e. Joint meetings among societies would likely help out the presentation numbers
 - f. Student contest numbers – 29 (37/38 average per year)
 - i. Possibly a demographic blip
 - g. Meeting creation seemed to go okay – some improvements could be made
 - h. No withdrawals at this time from program
 - i. General session should be fun
 - j. Discussion sessions less to choose from – 2 sessions on Thursday
 - k. WSWS to cover travel expenses from general session speakers
6. Research Section Chair – Hansen (report online)
- a. All projectors made it to Garden Cove
 - b. So far all is good with sessions

- c. Range, Forests, and Natural Areas – name needs to be changed in the operating guide
 - d. Hansen – serving an extra year to get back on schedule due to Gustavo’s passing
7. Education and Regulatory Chair – Baker (report online)
- a. Symposia
 - i. Regional listening sessions for weed resistance
 - b. 90 responses on survey
 - c. CE credits approved for several states – Baker and team will help with monitoring attendance for credits
 - i. Some states require 30 to 60 days pre-notice summary if the meeting is advertised
 - d. 2019 registration and title form will have a box to check regarding needs of CE per state
8. Member at Large – public – Sosnoskie (report online)
- a. Diversity committee discussion
 - i. Diversity committees in other organizations
 - ii. Women in Science committees
 - iii. Need to develop diversity statements and also a strategic plan
 - b. Andrew Kniss will be announcing committee formation at the general session
 - i. Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee
 - ii. WSSA does not have a D&I Committee yet
 - 1. We may be leading the charge
9. Member at Large – Private – Hicks (report online)
- a. Elena Sanchez committee
 - b. Discussion about Sustaining members and what’s new in the industry
 - i. Fewer companies – does this mean less income generation potential (likely so)
10. WSSA Representative – Schraer (report online)
- a. WSSA in sound financial health
 - b. EPA Liaison – Greg Krueger
 - c. 2020 Meeting in HI, memorandum of understanding
 - i. Profits shared 50/50
 - ii. Loss – WSSA absorbs it, this is not in the MOU, but in minutes of discussion during vote
 - d. Figuring on 150 rooms/registered members from WSWS – not accounted for in the WSSA membership
 - e. Marty is beginning another 3 year term as WSSA liaison
11. CAST Rep – Jenks (not in attendance – report online)

- a. When does Brian roll off this role? May need a new appointment from WSWS in the near future
- 12. Student Liaison – Brunharo (report online)
 - a. Advertised Elena Sanchez award on the student page
 - b. Silent auction discussed – great items from the members
 - c. Organized the student night out
 - i. 18 industry
 - ii. 9 academics
 - iii. 1 governmental
 - iv. 26 students
 - d. Discussed student luncheon
 - e. The student group will be taking nominations for the student member of the judging committee
 - i. 1st year serve on Student judging committee (student liaison chair elect)
 - ii. 2nd year serve on WSWS BOD
 - f. Student night out discussion (students got to choose their group dynamic)
 - i. Some mixed group requests (industry, academic)
 - ii. Some academia only
 - iii. Some industry
- 13. Constitution and Oper Guide – Miller (report online)
 - a. Changes listed in the report
 - b. Publications – timelines set in operating guide – 3 year term
 - i. To be added soon
 - c. May need to cleanup language about the publications committee
 - d. Wait for discussions on student judging contest rep inclusion in constitution/Oper Guide from student meeting
- 14. Director of Science Policy will be later today

Committee Reports

- 1. Publications Committee – Libbey, Rauch
 - a. No proceedings completed at this time
 - b. Research Progress Reports will be online
 - c. AZ, ID, KS, etc have submitted articles from projects 1, 2, and 3 with most coming from project 3
 - d. Newsletters – all went out and we are good to go
 - e. Rotating off terms
 - i. Proceedings – Libbey 2021

- ii. Newsletters – Libbey 2019
 - iii. Prog Report – Rauch 2020
 - iv. Website – Steinke (now Kala) indefinite
- f. Website (with APEX)
 - i. Works with WSSA for abstract site – WSSA pays for it
 - ii. Web mail is very limited
 - iii. Overall very responsive
 - 1. Registering someone else for meeting – need to make easier
- 15. Local Arrangements – Bean (report online)
 - a. \$1691.00 to rent easels
 - b. Everything from a planning side went well in Garden Cove, CA
 - c. Tables for CEU sheets outside room
 - i. Talk to Eric or Travis
 - d. Easels in Ft. Collins still look great
 - e. Might be a good idea to get some WSSA representation at our summer BOD meeting in Denver to begin plans for Maui
- 16. Finance Committee – Adkins (report online)
 - a. 32% bonds down to 16%
 - b. Uped cash to 16%
 - c. 2018 => Feb 2018, \$7,000 less than in Dec. 2017
- 17. Nominations Committee – Rapp (report online)
 - a. President Elect, Chair elect for Research, Chair elect for Education and Regulatory
- 18. Public Relations – Umeda (report online)
 - a. A. Kniss is the administrator for the twitter account
 - b. Important to identify what we want to do with our social presence
 - i. What goal are we trying to meet with this conduit for information sharing?
 - c. Website coordinator (Steinke; now Kala Travis) could also manage Twitter, Facebook, and send out messages at the same time she sends out to the membership via email
 - d. Photos will be taken in each award session by Lucas (student) in conjunction with Carl Libbey
 - i. **ACTION: update Operating Guide list of photos to take (Umeda will send updated list to Miller)**
- 19. Site Selection – Yenish (no report online)
 - a. 2021 annual meeting still under consideration
 - i. Target the PNW and work with WAPMS
 - b. BOD suggests pursuing that option

20. Awards Committee – Rapp (report online)
 - a. 3 nominations for Outstanding Weed Scientist
 - i. 2 Early career
 - ii. 1 Public sector
 - b. 12 nominations for Elena Sanchez award
 - i. 4 recipients
 - c. Need 2 committee members for awards committee
 - i. Charlie Hicks will be a 1 year term
 - d. 2004 may have been first early career outstanding weed scientist
21. Poster Committee – no report online or given
22. Student Paper/Poster Judging – Edwards (report online)
 - a. New judging form will be used in 2018
 - b. Committee is attempting to standardize forms and judging among judges
 - c. Committee highly recommended feedback comments on sheets to help students understand scoring
 - d. Students want feedback and welcome to give it
 - e. How do we chose/elect student judging representative?
 - f. Kniss – students from outside our organization should be allowed to compete
 - g. Rules seem to similar across the regional organizations and WSSA
 - h. Do we need language stating outside students can compete in the operating guide?
 - i. Recommendation to just strike our regional language in the current op guide section
 - ii. “Strike will not be eligible for awards”
 - iii. B. Hansen moved to remove exclusion language
 - iv. Schraer 2nd
 - v. Motion passed
 - i. Student rep on committee should be a student driven decision – students then report back to the BOD on the Thursday BOD Meeting
 - j. A. Kniss recommended formalizing the process on Thursday or at the summer BOD meeting
23. Necrology – Frihauf (report online)
 - a. Ron Crockett, Art Lange, Gustavo Sbatella, Steve Orloff passed away in 2017
24. Sustaining Membership – (no report online)
 - a. Emails were sent out to sustaining member companies by Tara Steinke
25. Legislative – Prasifka (no report online)

- a. BOD inquired about activities this year – is the Science Policy committee going to continue into 2018 and beyond?
- 26. Herbicide Resistant Plants – Campbell (report online)
 - a. Committee suggested to involve a committee member in WSSA herbicide resistant plants committee
 - i. Send an email to David Shaw
 - b. Herb Resis Plants committee frustrated about communication between the listening sessions and the committee

27. Old Business

- a. NCWSS summer contest/WSWS awards at the contest
 - i. Brad Hansen – suggested \$1200 not to exceed cap
 - 1. Plaques for top 2-3 teams depending on attendance
 - 2. 24 plaques total - ~\$1,000
 - 3. No sense of how many WSWS teams will be there in NE
 - 4. Gothamburg, NE is the site of the contest
 - a. July 26-27, 2018
 - 5. Hoping to have ~6 teams from the WSWS
 - 6. Ryan Rapp will give the announcement of the contest at the business meeting to raise awareness
 - 7. No discussion on how we judge our contest or who to include
 - 8. Champaign, IL in 2019 – Weed Olympics
 - 9. ND is hosting the NCWSS weeds contest in 2020
 - 10. Caio to poll students at the meeting to see if there is interest
 - b. 2020 Update WSWS annual meeting/Joint with WSSA
 - i. Hyatt Regency in Maui, HI
 - ii. 2124 total room nights
 - 1. 100 added (members)
 - 2. 300-450 room nights for WSWS
 - 3. Meeting registration – Students \$245; Regular member \$269
 - 4. Food and Beverage minimum is better than \$125,000
March 2-5, 2020
 - 5. Student Activities discussed – 75-100 students expected to attend.
 - c. 2019 – Denver Grand Hyatt on Welton St.
- 28. Director of Science Policy Report – Van Wychen
 - a. Weed genomics work becoming more important on Capitol Hill
 - b. Bill Northey (IA) to look at Ag

- c. Farm bill recommendations
 - i. HI leading the charge to get appropriations for weed science program director
- d. 2 new areas of weed management
 - i. Intelligent Weed Removal
 - ii. Genetic Biocontrol – Gene Drive
- e. Dicamba
 - i. WSSA build back trust that's been eroded
 - 1. Minimizing off target movement
 - 2. Educate growers
 - ii. Mid April meeting in DC
 - 1. No lawyers
 - 2. Researchers, academics, industry together to figure out a program
- f. Weed-free hay certification discussion
- g. Monarch over-winter numbers down again
- h. NISAW will be 20 years old in 2019
- i. Weed Survey – coming soon
 - i. Natural areas
 - ii. Aquatics
 - iii. Non-crop

29. Adjourned BOD meeting – 4:03 pm