



Western Society of Weed Science
Summer Board of Directors Meeting, July 2021
(Online)
July 12, 2021

Roll Call:

Board Members present: Sandra McDonald, Joel Felix, Carl Coburn, John Coyle, Jodie Crose, D. Chad Cummings, Gregory Dahl, Eric Gustafson, Jane Mangold, Phil Banks, Corey Ransom, Steven Fennimore, Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Alan Helm, Judit Barroso.

Board Members not present: John Madsen

Committee Chairs present: Caleb Dalley, Sonia Rios, Elizabeth Mosqueda, George Newberry, LynnIngegneri

8:00 am Mountain

Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/94819367916?pwd%3DYzFBdHdRRTY0VFN3RGZZZG1xY3B5Zz09>

[Provide link to BoD reports](#)

Welcome and Introductions

Call to order – Sandra McDonald
8:01am

Officer Reports

Secretary – *John Madsen*

John is out – no minutes from March 2021 meeting submitted yet.

President – *Sandra McDonald*

Has been working on filling committees.
Discussion on email voting procedure – timing.

Science Policy Committee at WSSA participation – discussion on those activities
Discussion on how to include Weed scientists that leave the fold? Extension Agents, other disciplines (Hort teachers, etc.)

President Elect/Program Chair – *Joel Felix*

Progression on 2022 meeting – looking at August/ September as his main jumping off point.
Discussion on 75th meeting of WSWS – how will we celebrate?

- Bottle opener?
- Wine opener?
- Hats/ Shirts?
- Historical display.
- 75 years is typically Diamond Anniversary.
- Cupcake or sheet cake as part of the celebration
- Balance past with future in presentations
 - Special Speaker?
 - Fires, Disney, etc...

Past President – *Corey Ransom*

One retirement – Ed Peachey
WSSA reached out to him for nominations to national Board
75th idea – slide show running in common areas

Research Section Chair – *Judit Barroso*

Working on the 5 projects and the chair/ chair elects.

Education and Regulatory – *Carl Coburn*

Sent the call for Symposia in June – deadline end of July.
No submissions to date
Incorporate the 75th anniversary as a potential symposium? Past, present, future – maybe the historical committee with Vanelle and Don.

WSSA Representative – *Alan Helm*

Discussion on WSSA meeting in Canada, Culpepper symposium and working on the upcoming meeting.
WSSA considering hybrid meeting – working on the details esp around student functions/ contest.

Business Manager– *Eric Gustafson*

Discussion on final numbers from WSWS 2021 joint meeting proceeds
Address the balance sheet from last year to previous fiscal year.
Website update signed with APEX, initiate work around August 1.

- 2022 – Newport Beach, CA
- 2023 – Boise, ID
- 2024 – Denver, CO
- 2025 – New Mexico?

Treasurer Report – Finance Committee– *Phil Banks*

Approved change to bylaws/ MOP – Phil Banks Elected as Treasurer

Quarterly meetings – last was May 13th.

Review investments

Next comm meeting is Thursday July15th.

Financial standing is “Good”.

Assets - \$436,386.73 on June 30, 2021

30% of funds are invested in CDs and are staggered maturity as needed for flexibility.

50% of assets with RBC Wealth management – Stan Cooper agent

Member-at-Large Public – *Steve Fennimore*

Suggest forming an exploratory committee – What are the needs of WSWS in relation to robotics/ automation?

Member-at-Large Private – *John Coyle*

Public perception of pesticide safety discussion – making work less productive for him and other private applicators/ business.

Time for an update safety symposium/ workshop?

Student Liaison – *Jodie Crose*

Worked on Spring newsletter

Created an Instagram account

Updated social media

Survey for students going out July 12, 2021.

Report submitted online.

Director of Science Policy – *Lee VanWychen*

No Report – heading to LA for APMS meeting

Constitution and Operating Guide – *Chad Cummings*

Planning to complete updates related to Treasurer/ business manager roles by August 1, 2021.

Break 9:36a

Return at 9:45a

Committee Reports:

Publications Committee (Joel Felix – board contact)

Proceedings – *Carl Libbey*

Compiled abstracts from the WSSA / WAPMS joint meeting.

Carl did note that not all sections elected chair-elects.

WSWS Newsletter – *Carl Libbey*

Request and compile submissions to the newsletter for electronic delivery to the society and posting to the WSWS website following the Newsletter Editor's Operating Guide. The editions are compiled quarterly (Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall).
A newsletter has been completed and posted on the webpage.

Research Progress Reports – *Traci Rauch*

Currently, the 2021 Call for Research Progress Reports is being updated. Reports will only be submitted electronically.
Deadline is January 11, 2022

Website – *Eric Gustafson*

Included in Business Manager Report.

Introduce **Lynn Ingegneri** as the website committee point person for the update.

Ease update of contact information

Include social media information.

All members need to update their profile.

Local Arrangements – *Sonia Rios* –

Working on dinner arrangements for October 19th dinner for Board meeting

Draft of things to do in SoCal for the brochure almost complete.

Field Trip/ seminar options:

Disneyland. Hort department?

Knottsberry farm – local blueberry growers

Visit another grower in area.

Catalina island?

Ideas on keynote speaker – may form a committee.

Finance – *Phil Banks*

Included in Treasurer report

Nominations – *Vipan Kumar* – chairperson (Corey Ransom** – board contact)**

First meeting is scheduled for this week (July 12, 2021)

Public Relations – *Breanne Tideman* – chairperson (– board contact)

Report submitted and posted online.

Requesting board member profile

Social media analytics provided.

Want to hire a photographer for the meeting and also create a video yearly.

Request – add social media admin position to the public relations committee as a standing member.

Motion: Corey Ransom – Make the social media admin a standing member of the public relations committee

Second Alan Helm

Vote – Approve unanimously

Fellows and Honorary Members – *Jesse Richardson* – (Corey Ransom** – Board Contact)**

No report

Site Selection – *George Newberry* – chairperson (**Corey Ransom** – board contact)

2023 – George Newberry update

Boise hotel – The Grove from 2021 reschedule

2024 – Denver – Erik Westra will be chair

2022 – California shut down for meeting concern discussion?

Have a contingency plan in place.

Virtual component should be a good solution.

Awards –*Richard Zollinger*- chairperson (**Sandra McDonald** – board contact)

Working on getting a full slate of nominations in place.

Poster – *Caleb Dalley* – chairperson (**Joel Felix** – board contact)

Rent easels and boards on site from the hotel or near vendor.

Student Paper/Poster Judging – *Josh Adkins* – chairperson (**Joel Felix** – board contact)

20 participants in oral

16 in poster in 2021 meeting

Newsletter has the results.

Reminder in Summer newsletter for Student contest.

Necrology – *Ryan Rapp* – chairperson (**John Madsen** – board contact)

Sandra Reporting

Monitoring membership

Request poster #1 as the Necrology report, full time.

Still include in the opening/ general session updates

Motion Greg Dahl – reserve the first posters for Necrology and other WSWS needs, may vary yearly in number.

Second – Steve Fennimore

Motion carries - unanimously

Sustaining Membership – *Stephen Valenti*– chairperson (**Corey Ransom** – board contact)

No report at this time.

Break – 11:04a

Return - 11:15a

Legislative – *John Vickery* – chairperson (**Alan Helm** – board contact)

No report

Update from Sandra on the Regional meetings with leadership thru WSSA.

Herbicide Resistant Plants – *Misha Manuchehri* (**John Coyle**– board contact)

Sandra report:

The Committee is providing feedback to the WSSA Science Policy Committee on the efforts to align long-standing “resistance/tolerance” terminology used on herbicide product labels, generally understood by herbicide users throughout the United States, and be consistent with other terminology use by EPA.

CAST Representative – *Greg Dahl* – chairperson

CAST released a new paper in June – very well received.

Students can join for free – CAST

Greg will attend the meeting for WSWS in person this year.

Invasive Species Ad-Hoc Committee – Chad Cummings/ Brian Mealor – Co-Chair (Sandra McDonald – Board Contact)

Limited report – Cummings

2020 meeting cancelled due to covid – 2021 is planning on in person events.

Committee representation is strong.

Diversity and Inclusivity Ad-Hoc Committee – Elizabeth Mosqueda – Chair (Sandra McDonald – Board Contact)

Met after Annual Meeting – report posted online.

Report of Survey results – 28 respondents

Social hour at Annual meeting

Recommendations for Board Action:

Website updates to include D&I information

Modify the WSWS Operating Guide to reflect D&I

Include demographic information in the registration as an option.

New Business:

Plans for Fall Meeting

10/19 pm meeting – start around noon.

10/20 am meeting – complete by noon for travel.

Unfinished Business:

None

Motion to adjourn: Corey Ransom

Second – George Newberry

Approved – adjourn 12:02pm