



**WSWS Fall/Summer Board Meeting Minutes
Newport Beach, California October 19-20, 2021
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Tuesday, October 19, 2021

12:00 pm Board Meeting

On-site lunch for those attending in person

Open Zoom

Welcome and Introductions

ROLL CALL:

Sandra McDonald, Joel Felix, Alan Helm, Sonia Rios, Jodie Crose, Corey Ransom, John Madsen, John Coyle, Steve Fennimore, Eric Gustafson, Greg Dahl, Phil Banks, Judit Barroso, Chad Cummings, Caleb Dalley, Carl Coburn, Jane Mangold, Lee van Wychen, Lynn Ingegneri

Call to order and Approval of Agenda– *Sandra McDonald*

Called to order at 12:30 pm by President McDonald

Agenda Approval

Officer Reports

Secretary – *John Madsen*

Approval of 2021 Summer (July 12, 2021) Meeting Minutes is delayed
Motion to Delay Approval of Minutes is approved

Business Manager Report – *Eric Gustafson*

Working on a marketing scheme for a March Meeting
Report is not yet available.

Treasurer Report – *Phil Banks*

Treasurer report is available to board.
Total balances for WSWS are \$426,805.80.
More details in the report available at the WSWS website.

President – *Sandra McDonald*

Report not yet posted, but will be soon
Sandra has the official hoe, and will be brought to the office exchange
Sandra wishes to join committee meetings as available, so chairs please contact her before the committee meeting
E-vote approved officer candidates
E-vote approved dedication of the proceedings

E-vote approved changes to website
E-vote procedures discussed as they will be used more in the future
The seven day wait for discussion is too long and cumbersome.
Options were discussed for changing this procedure, as it can take three weeks to conclude an e-vote.
Alan moved to strike “business days” in favor of just “days” from E-vote procedure.
Second by Steve Fennimore
Vote approved unanimously

Past President– *Corey Ransom*

Received names of retirees for the annual meeting

President Elect/Program Chair – *Joel Felix*

Sandra has some suggestions for the local segment of general session
Not yet released a call for papers as we are unclear on the format

Research Section Chair – *Judit Barroso*

Judit has contacted chairs for discussion topics for the sections

Education and Regulatory – *Carl Coburn*

Met with the Ad hoc history committee to prepare a presentation for the annual meeting
Discussion of some hybrid sessions at the meeting

Two symposia proposals were presented with the committee report

- o Weeds and Wildfires in the West (Matt Baur; Half-day)
Possibly as a separate webinar online as a “workshop”
Change proposal to call this a workshop

Motion to accept this proposal: Greg Dahl, Steve Fennimore seconded
Discussion ensued on the structure and access issues for presenting to a virtual audience
Motion approved unanimously

- o New Technology for Physical Weed Control (Steve Fennimore and Marcelo Moretti; 3 hours)

Motion to approve proposal: Greg Dahl, seconded by Phil Banks
Motion approved unanimously

Member-at-Large Public – *Steve Fennimore*

Discussion of a survey to find topics that individuals are interested in hearing about.
How do we address changes in topics for sessions and symposia?

Member-at-Large Private – *John Coyle*

Discussion on how to bring commercial applicators and contractors into WSWS.
Discussion to reach out to potential members to be aware of WSWS

Website - *Lynn Ingegneri*

Discussion of the website as the “brand” for WSWS.
Asked for committee to provide a one-word description of what you want from WSWS
Some suggestions – network, money, community
The goal is to tell the story of WSWS through the website

WSSA Representative – Alan Helm

Concerns regarding travel to and from Canada, particularly for students.

Student Liaison – Jodie Crose

Discussion on feedback from students
Report includes some specific activities

Director of Science Policy – Lee van Wychen

Lee provided a report on activities in Washington and specifically what is happening in Congress.

Discussion of 2022 Annual Meeting– Joel Felix

2022 Annual Meeting will be 75th anniversary of the society

Draft outline of the General Session

General session will focus on the history and future of weed science in the West

The rest of the meeting is under development

Sandra and Corey will seek an artist to refine the 75th anniversary logo design by Joel Felix at University sources.

Gifts for recognizing appropriate individuals, as well as gifts to include with registration materials

5:00 pm Adjourn

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

7:30 am Breakfast

8:30 am Board Meeting

ROLL CALL: Sandra McDonald, Joel Felix, Jodie Crose, Corey Ransom, John Madsen, John Coyle, Steve Fennimore, Eric Gustafson, Greg Dahl, Phil Banks, Judit Barroso, Caleb Dalley, Carl Coburn, Byron Sleugh, Sonia Rios, Steven Valenti, Rich Zollinger, Grace Ogden, Chad Cummings, Vanelle Peterson, Jane Mangold, Alan Helm, Misha Manuchehri

Discussion of 2022 Annual Meeting, continued– Joel Felix

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Committee Reports:

Publications Committee (Joel Felix – board contact)

Proceedings – Carl Libbey

Compiled and submitted for electronic delivery to the society and posting to the WSWS website the 2020 Maui Annual meeting proceedings.

WSWS Newsletter – Carl Libbey

Compiled and submitted summer newsletter.
No action requested

Research Progress Reports – Traci Rauch

Progress reports are being updated.
Reports will be submitted electronically and will be posted online.
Deadline will be January 11, 2022.

**Website – *Eric Gustafson*
– *Lynn Ingegneri***

We want to have all content ready for the new website platform being developed for Apex.
This should be done by Nov. 15, for registrations to open for the annual meeting.

Any comments on website should be sent directly to the website chair, Lynn Ingegneri

WSWS History Committee Ad-Hoc – *Vanelle Peterson (Sandra McDonald – board contact)*

Vanelle gave a report on the status of the History Committee activity. The committee report provides a thorough review.

Vanelle and Rod Lym will edit the result, with a final document ready for the annual meeting. Committee requests referrals to the committee for input on the history.

The consensus of the board was that formal approval of the history by the board was not necessary.

Vanelle is concerned that the annual business meeting minutes only be posted online. There has been a falling off of posting minutes online. This is a challenge in developing the history. She would like the minutes and reports included in the proceedings from now on.

Chad Cummings indicated there is not a requirement for committee reports to be presented each year unless there is a change or action required.

Chad indicated that minutes of board meetings and annual business meeting minutes are approved at the following board meeting or annual business meeting, but another section of the operating guide requires publication of the annual business meeting minutes on the website within one month without approval.

Further discussion and consideration will be needed on this issue.

Joel suggested that the committees each provide a summary of their activity over the past year in writing as well as what is provided orally at the annual business meeting.

Motion: Steve Fennimore moved that we refer this to the Constitution and Procedures Committee for further consideration and a recommendation. Seconded by Alen Helms. Corey volunteered to assist with this issue.

Motion was passed unanimously.

Local Arrangements – *Sonia Rios* – chairperson (Joel Felix – board contact)

John Madsen contact Doug Johnson about any potential speakers for WSWS and about people working on Catalina Island. Connect with Joel and Sonia.

Tours on Catalina Island? WSWS does not do tours, so we will not pursue a tour idea.

Finance – *Nevin Lawrence* – chairperson (Steve Fennimore – board contact)

We need to fix the operating guide, so the Treasurer does not report to another board contact, since he is a board member.

Greg Dahl moved that the operating guide be changed so that the Finance Committee chair does not report to the Public Sector Member at large, seconded by Alen Helm.

Motion was approved unanimously.

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

Committee found nominees for all required positions, and the voting is currently open.

No other recommendations.

Public Relations – *Breanne Tidemann* – chairperson (Carl Colburn – board contact)

A report was received on Monday.
Revising operating guide for this committee.
Working on press releases.
Working on guidelines for a video contest. A draft of the guidelines has been provided, and they requested feedback to see if they are on the right track.
Social media policy is being developed, and a draft policy will be forwarded for consideration.

Fellows and Honorary Members – *Drew Lyon* – chairperson (Corey Ransom – board contact)
Drew submitted report, and submitted nominations for these categories. Will request nominations for next fall. Deadline for nominations will be Dec 1, 2022.

Site Selection – *Byron Sleugh* – chairperson (Corey Ransom – board contact)
We have selections out through 2024. We are waiting on possible sites for 2025.

Awards – *Rich Zollenger* – chairperson (Sandra McDonald – board contact)
Two new members have been selected for the awards committee.
Call for nominations was submitted. No nominations as yet.
Board needs to consider worthy nominees and champions for those nominees.

Poster – *Caleb Dalley* – chairperson (Joel Felix – board contact)
Posters maximum size will be 45 x 45”
About 70 posters maximum at this time, but more boards can be rented.
Poster boards are being rented.
Caleb will need to put up the posters.

Student Paper/Poster Judging – *Josh Adkins* – chairperson (Joel Felix – board contact)
The committee requests that the Board of Directors review this potential revision to the score sheet. If approved, the committee can update the contest rules and score sheet prior to the fall newsletter announcement. Seconded by Alen Helms.
Motion was approved unanimously.

Necrology – *Ryan Raao* – chairperson (Chad Cummings – board contact)
Board contact should be Secretary.
A reminder was sent out to notify the board of the passing of any members.

Sustaining Membership – *Stephen Valenti* – chairperson (Corey Ransom – board contact)
Letter was updated and sent to Sustaining Members.
A few new members were sought out.
Suggested a goal for increasing sustaining members by 10% each year.

Legislative – *John Vickery* – chairperson (Alan Helm – board contact)
No update.

Herbicide Resistant Plants – *Caio Brunharo* - chairpersons (Steve Fennimore – board contact)
New Chair Misha Manuchehri reports
No activity on this committee.
Suggested sending surveys to all members.
Suggested posting results of surveys on the website.

CAST Representative – *Greg Dahl*
In person meeting in Columbus is upcoming.

Several new reports have come up.

Works extensively with WSSA CAST representative and want to propose publication on Invasive Species which will be presented to CAST soon. Proposing Jacob Barney as lead author, other names suggested.

CAST membership has been paid for 2022.

Representative for Constitution and Operating Procedures – *Chad Cummings*

Working on revisions right now.

Diversity and Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee– *Elizabeth Mosqueda* (Sandra McDonald – board contact)

Need to add a section to the Procedures Manual, as it will continue in the future.

The committee will need to provide suggestions to revise the procedure committee. See the section already included from the Invasive Species ad-hoc committee in the procedure manual.

Invasive Species Ad-Hoc Committee – *Brian Mealor* (Sandra McDonald – board contact)

Report available from this committee.

New Business:

Registration fee for the annual meeting.

Sandra suggested higher registration fee than Denver, which was \$250/\$350 for early and late registration. Food and AV are more expensive in California.

Motion: Joel Felix moved a registration fee structure of \$350 early registration, \$450 late registration, student registration of \$200, and \$50 per connection for the virtual zoom workshop, or \$50 per person for one-day workshop registration. Second by Corey Ransom.

Motion was accepted unanimously.

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No additional old or new business.

12:00 pm Adjourn

Corey moved for adjournment, seconded by Alen Helms.

12:00 pm Hyatt Regency Facility Tour