WSWS Officer and Committee Report
July 21, 2023

Office or Committee Name: WSWS ad hoc History committee, officially disbanded
Officer or Chairperson Name: Vanelle Peterson
Date of Preparation (include year): July 10, 2023

Former Members:
Vanelle Peterson (Chair), Rod Lym, Phil Banks, and Don Morishita; Eric Gustafson (advisory)

Activities during the year:
Since the committee has been officially disbanded, the activity this year was solely by the former chair of the committee.

Background:
At the time that Arnold wrote the first history of WSWS he did not add photos of the Board of Directors to his book. He did add photos of the Fellows when they were available. Our committee was able to add photos of the Board of Directors and Fellows for most years in the updated WSWS History 1938-2021.

Prior to 1993, Jack Schlesselman took photos of the Board of Directors, Fellows and winners of the student contests for the newsletter, but they were, of course, with camaras that needed to have the negatives developed, i.e. hard copies were made. When Jack retired, he passed along a box of photos and some negatives to Phil Banks for safekeeping. When the WSWS History committee worked on updating the history of the society Phil sent the box to me. I scanned the photos of the Board and Fellows (from 1979 – 1992). The box with the originals and digitized copies are now with Eric Gustafson for safe keeping.

Request:
I am proposing that the scanned photos be edited to the same format as those we used in the updated history and either placed on the WSWS website separately or added as an addendum to the WSWS History 1993-2021.

Kai Umeda has agreed to help me go through the photos and identify the Board members and their positions using the same format in the updated history.

The photos can be a bit confusing because the photo of the Board was taken at the end of the annual meeting which means that photos identified as the Board say in 1993 was actually the Board for the 1993 -1994 year which was responsible for the 1994 annual meeting. It will take going back through the lists in the updated history, Proceedings, and maybe minutes of meetings to identify the correct year of the annual meeting that the Board members in the photo were responsible for, the individuals, and the positions

that they held. Since Kai and I understand the issues and we might know many of the individuals in the photos I thought it best if we took the responsibility for this task rather than assign it to other volunteer(s).

New Item:
I had a few new copies printed of version 2 with the Student History included. I gave copies Tom Whitson and Celestine Duncan (an original hard copy was already given to Wanda Graves, each of the committee members, and a few others).

Plus, I have a hard copy to give to the Student Liaison for it to be passed along to the future Student Liaisons along with the dandelion digger plaque. Two copies are also being donated by me to the 2024 Student Raffle.

Questions for the Board:

1- Will the Board approve of this task by Kai and me?
2- Can these photos be archived on the WSWS website either separately with the other history items and/or can they be added as an addendum to the WSWS History 1938-2021?
3- Has the Board discussed what position in the Board leadership or committee will be responsible for any changes to the on-line WSWS History 1938-2021 so that it can be added to the Operating Procedures?

Recommendations for Board Action:

- Approve this editing and archiving of the Board of Directors photos 1979-1992
- Determine where the final document will be placed
- Determine who will be responsible for making changes, if needed, to the on-line WSWS History 1938-2021

Budget Needs: None

Name of Person Preparing This Report:
Vanelle Peterson, former chair

Example of edited photo of the Board of Directors from 1979 to 1992 from hard copy photos taken by Jack Schlesselman and scanned into a digital format

Western Society of Weed Science Board of Directors photos from 1979 – 1992

NOTE: Positions on the Board of Directors were expanded by membership votes in 2002 to include a Constitution and Operating Procedures representative and in 2008 to include a Student Liaison as a voting member (Student Liaisons were non-voting members of the Board in 2006 and 2007).

1992 Western Society of Weed Science Board of Directors

Front row (L to R): Pete Fay, Past President, Wanda Graves, Business Manager, Paul Ogg, President, Steve Miller, President-elect, John Evans, WSSA representative

Back row (L to R): Don Colbert, Member-at-Large, Tom Whitson, Education & Regulatory chair, Gary Lee, CAST representative, Ed Schweizer, Research section chair, Jack Schlesselman, secretary