WSWS Officer and Committee Report

2020 Annual Meeting – Maui, HI

Office or Committee Name: President's Report
Officer or Chairperson Name: Pat Clay
Date of Preparation (include year): February 26, 2020

Activities during the year:

Two Board Meetings were conducted in 2019 (Post Annual Meeting in Denver and Summer Meeting in Black Hawk, CO). Additionally, an email vote on approving Greg Dahl as CAST representative was held.

The Constitution and Operating Guide board position remains unfilled as I have not been successful in convincing anyone not currently serving on the board to accept.

The finance committee has made a recommendation for an amendment to the Constitution and by-laws which has been provided to the membership and will be discussed and voted on at the Thursday Business Breakfast. If the recommendation passes, the Board will need to vote on Thursday at our wrap up board meeting to amend the Operating Procedures.

Committee members for the Ad Hoc Invasive Species committee were contacted/invited to be a part of the new committee. I believe that all members contacted, accepted the appointment to the committee. Brian Mealor and Chad Cummings made this very easy and deserve a lot of thanks for pulling the group together.

I contacted all Service Award Winners as well as Fellows and the Honorary Member to congratulate them on earning the awards. In a year with a meeting in Hawaii, the topic of travel assistance for the Honorary Member came up. The Board discussion via email was positive but we did not adopt language for the SOP to cover travel costs.

The election winners were contacted and invited to attend the Annual Meeting Board Meeting and let them know that they would officially take office at the end of the Business Breakfast on Thursday. With that, they would need to plan to attend the Post Annual Meeting Board Meeting Thursday afternoon.

Science Policy Committee. I attend most of the Science Policy Conference Calls during the year. Several topics were discussed throughout the year such as Dicamba, Spray Drift, Exclusion Zones, NIFA move, and etc. Weed Bingo was completed, and each member of the Science Policy Committee had to contribute by writing up the description of one of the weeds.

Committee assignments continue to be difficult particularly for finance. Phil Banks has held on long past his obligation and the society has benefited greatly from his leadership.

Communication with Larry Steckel and Bill Curran has been good on coordinating the General Session and Award Ceremony. I want to thank Corey and Bill for pulling together a very full program.

My role (work) changed during the late summer and I wanted to let everyone know that Eric was a big help while I was going through the transition. For important topics that needed to be addressed, Eric provided the push when it was needed.

Contracts with the hotel and Boise Center are in place for the 2021 meeting. Contracts for the 2022 meeting in Newport Beach have been signed as well.

I would like to thank and acknowledge our Board Members who have served their terms and will be rotating off the Board on Thursday. Andrew Kniss (Immediate Past President), Chad Cummings (Secretary), Marty Schraer (WSSA Representative), Brian Mealor (Research Section Chair), Joel Felix (Education and Regulatory Section Chair), Ryan Rapp (Member at Large – Private Sector), Brian Jenks (CAST Representative) and Lucas Bobadilla (Student Liaison Chair)

Recommendations for Board Action:

Discuss amending the operating guide to include language for offsetting or covering the travel expenses and registration for the Honorary Member recipient (old business).

Budget Needs: None

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