



**WSWS Board Meeting Minutes  
Newport Beach, California March 7, 2022**

**Monday, March 7, 2022**

**Board Meeting**

**12:00 pm PT On-site lunch**

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

Called to order 12:30

**Roll Call** Sandra McDonald, Allan Helm, Rich Zollinger (WSWS rep to WSSA Finance Committee), Grace Ogden, Jodie Crose, Joe Vassios, John Madsen, Joel Felix, Phil Banks, Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Eric Gustafson, Carl Coburn, Jane Mangold, John Coyle, Michelle Breton (IMI), Corey Ransom, Greg Dahl, Judit Barroso, Steve Fennimore, Sonia Rios. Vanelle Peterson joined the meeting for her report.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Officer Reports**

**Secretary – *John Madsen***

Approval of 2021 Fall (October) Meeting Minutes

Minutes motion – Arlene, Second -Phil, vote was unanimous to approve.

**Business Manager Report – *Eric Gustafson***

Posted on the web. 207 registrants.

Next meeting sites will be Boise 2023, Denver in 2024.

**Treasurer Report – *Phil Banks***

Investments with Royal Bank of Canada, Banking with a bank in Minnesota.

He serves for one more year. New Treasurer should have experience with Finance Committee or Board.

Total assets at last meeting was over \$440,000. This was because of good financial decisions, and royalties made from Weeds of the West published 25 years ago.

Our portfolio has increased by 10.4% in past year at last meeting.

Current assets at this meeting are at \$478,000. End of fiscal year for WSWS is March 31.

**President – *Sandra McDonald***

Our board has met more than any other board, we have had four board meeting.

Presidential thank you reception, all board members are invited. Room 826.

**Past President– *Corey Ransom***

Four retirements to recognize: Pete Forester, Scott Nissen, Ed Peachey, Phil Westra

**President Elect/Program Chair – *Joel Felix***

Thanks to the program committee.

The program will focus on the history of society, and follow with the “future” through research and education sections.

Discussion of non-herbicidal weed control inclusion in meetings, and where to put this research in the program – a new “project”

It is currently largely unregulated by USEPA and states.

Program needs to be “corrected” to include this area.

Current meeting has 153 presentations. 53 posters.

Steve Fennimore put together a symposium with 7 talks on machine weed control.

**Research Section Chair – *Judit Barroso***

Had 5 projects in the research section. Rangeland, horticulture, agronomy, teaching technology, basic biology and ecology.

The session chairs will be their own computers, Sandra has the projectors.

**Education and Regulatory – *Carl Coburn***

New technology for weed control symposium.

Workshop on weeds and wildfire in the west.

**Member-at-Large Public – *Steve Fennimore***

He chaired the symposium on weed control; first talk will be on machine learning.

Come to the session if you can.

Most of the machinery is made in the USA

**Member-at-Large Private – *John Coyle***

Working on under -represented sections into membership.

**WSSA Representative – *Alan Helm***

Joint meeting with WSSA and Canadian WSS. Virtual meeting

Most presentations pre-recorded, student presentations were live.

Arlington in 2023, San Antonio in 2024.

**Student Liaison – *Jodie Crose***

43 students signed up for student night out.

Silent auction will be held

Members may donate through the webpage as well.

53 students are registered.

**Director of Science Policy – *Lee van Wychen***

Looking towards next farm bill. What is the future for weed science?

People-wise, Steve Young at ARS has been a great asset for Weed Science.

At one time, ARS had 75 weed scientists. Now, less than a dozen.

COVID has been a big aberration and issue

The “big money bills” have been absorbing all of the attention. Still need a big omnibus for FY2023 appropriations.

Infrastructure bill had the invasive plant removal program – \$50 M per year for invasive plant removal through Dept of Transportation. Authorized, but not appropriated.

FY2023 Farm Bill - \$70 M for plant diseases – all for pathogens and insects.

NAISMA has been working hard on this bill regarding invasive weeds as “pest organisms” under the \$70M program.

Also, Hydrilla in the Connecticut River.

The Survey of the Worst Weeds continues this year.

Steve asked about *Orobanche* as a candidate for a federal program.

Lee discussed the APHIS responsibility and the one successful weed eradication program.

**CAST Representative – *Greg Dahl***

This has been a fun opportunity.

In October has a national meeting in Columbus, and discussed their many programs at Ohio State University.

Visited Scotts research campus

Monthly meetings for the research group

New papers continue to come out.

They are working with NAISMA to get a paper out on Invasive Species. Look for it in 2022 or 2023.

Would like to examine a symposium on invasive species and wildfire.

**Representative for Constitution and Operating Procedures – *Chad Cummings***

Not present. First day with Texas A&M

Sandra has several issues for him into the future.

**Committee Reports:**

**Publications Committee (Joel Felix – board contact)**

**Proceedings – *Carl Libbey***

Compiled after the annual meeting.

Need to add information to the Operating Procedures noted in report.

Phil Banks moved that we made the required changes in the Operating Procedures as requested

Include the timeline for specific duties April 10 section: Immediate Past-President Retirees List and Secretary the Society Business Meeting Minutes.

Harlene Hatterman-Valenti seconded.

Vote was unanimous in favor of the change.

**WSWS Newsletter – *Carl Libbey***

Newsletter posted on the website.

**Research Progress Reports – *Traci Rauch***

Reported on the number of contributions to the Research Progress Reports, in total and by section.

All reports submitted electronically.

**Website – *Eric Gustafson***

– *Lynn Ingeneri*

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

**Finance – *Phil Banks*** – chairperson (Steve Fennimore – board contact)

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

The slate presented to members was:

President-elect– Curtis Rainbolt (BASF Company) and Craig Alford (Corteva Agriscience)

Research Section Chair-elect–Derek Sebastian (Bayer CropScience) and Marcelo Moretti (Oregon State University)

Education/Regulatory Section Chair-elect – Nevin Lawrence (U of Nebraska-Lincoln) and Misha Manuchehri (Oklahoma State University)

Secretary—Tim Seipel (Montana State University) and Joe Vassios (United Phosphorus, Inc.)

The board approved the slate of candidates and the WSWS members were invited to vote via electronic voting system on the WSWS website. After soliciting the votes, the following winners were selected:

President-elect-- Curtis Rainbolt (BASF Company)

Research Section Chair-elect--Marcelo Moretti (Oregon State University)

Education/Regulatory Section Chair-elect—Misha Manuchehri (Oklahoma State University)

Secretary—Joe Vassios (United Phosphorus, Inc.)

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

Social Media administrator Amy Giannotti was hired and is on public relations committee.

Put out a call for photographer

She put in a proposal for a revision of her duties and expenses.

Board has voted on guidelines for social media posts as an e-vote.

Proposal to increase fees to \$3,200 per year, 12 months.

Greg Dahl made the motion to accept the proposal, Alan Helm seconded.

Vote was unanimous to accept the proposal.

Budget request is for awards of \$850 for awards as well. I am not sure what this is?

**Fellows and Honorary Members – Drew Lyon** – chairperson (Corey Ransom – board contact)

Both public and private section fellow members.

The committee recommended Richard Zollinger from the private sector

and Andrew Kniss from the public sector for Board approval. One nomination for Honorary

Member was submitted to the committee. The committee recommended Dr. Hugh Beckie for

Board approval. Board has approved those nominations previously.

**Site Selection – Byron Sleugh** – chairperson (Corey Ransom – board contact)

Discussed future possible sites.

**Awards – Rich Zollinger** – chairperson (Sandra McDonald – board contact)

Five awards, only two nominations.

President will encourage the membership for nominations for awards and requested the board be more proactive in nominating awardees.

Awardees will be named at the annual meeting.

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

Posters are set up and look good.

Poster boards were contracted locally.

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

Committee members noted in the report.

Judging assignments sent out to participating judges.

42 members are volunteering as judges

10 student sections; 5 oral and 5 poster.

Results announced Thursday morning.

**Necrology – Ryan Rapp** – chairperson (Chad Cummings – board contact)

Richard Comes (obituary in the report).

Last night, Doug Ryerson passed away, so he will not be listed on the poster.

He will withdraw his report and add Doug Ryerson.

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

Contacted five new potential sustainable members, of which one company has responded positively. Recommends that the committee press for a 10% increase in sustaining members each year.

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

Not a lot to report. Maintaining connections to federal administrators and state weed coordinators.

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

No report from this committee. WSSA has been active in definition of herbicide resistance and tolerance.

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

Submitted a report. The content will follow WSWS format, and has a mission statement for WSWS.

Working on making the language in the Operating Manual more inclusive.

**Invasive Species Ad-Hoc Committee – Brian Mealor** (Sandra McDonald – board contact)  
No report. They are meeting during our annual meeting. Looking for additional members. Can those rotating off stay on the committee.

**WSWS History Ad-Hoc Committee – Vanelle Peterson** (Sandra McDonald – board contact)  
The history is completed, to be posted on the webpage and a few copies were printed. The volume is 373 pages long.  
Requests reimbursement for some expenses, totaling about \$1,200.  
Phil Banks moved that we reimburse her, seconded by Alan Helm. Vote was unanimous in support of reimbursement.

**New Business:**

Motion made to adjourn and seconded, but too quickly to record. Vote was unanimous.

**4:09 pm Adjourn**