



WSWS Annual Business Meeting 2023

WSWS Board Meeting Minutes

Boise, Idaho March 2, 2023

Thursday March 2, 2023- Room 110D Boise Centre West

Board Meeting

In attendance – Sandra McDonald, Clarke Alder, Joel Felix, Greg Dahl, Alan Helm, Marcelo Moretti, Dirk Baker, Ryan Rapp, Tim Prather, Nevin Lawrence, George Newberry, Curtis Rainbolt, Aaron Becerra-Alvarez, Eric Gustafson, Mirella Ortiz, Eric Westra and Brad Hansen

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Curtis Rainbolt, WSWS President 2023-2024. Curtis thanked everyone for staying after the meeting to attend the Board of Director's post meeting.

Curtis asked the attendees to introduce themselves.

Final Meeting Attendance- *Eric Gustafson*

Curtis thanked Eric Gustafson, WSWS Business Manager, for keeping thing going with WSWS and for all of the help he provided in the past few months.
meeting

Eric reported that 275 people registered through the registration system.

Post 2023 Annual Meeting debrief lead by *Curtis Rainbolt*

The BoD discussed the meeting and reported that there were not a lot of complaints; but many of us did hear very good things about the venue. A "shout out" was offered to the Boise Center Security lady; everyone agreed she was a highlight.

Boise was declared to be a great place to meet. Great to have walkable restaurants of all price ranges and options.

Big picture – the Boise Center staff was great to work with facility and food was good.

Ryan Rapp – Be sure there is water in the meeting rooms - especially for the speakers

We need to remind the moderators that if they finish early DO NOT move the time up

Need a large room for Range, Forestry

Ryan – the Student lunch was tight - maybe give them some more time?

Dirk Baker - WAPMS students were interested in joining WSWs in the future.

Discussed thoughts on future WSWs/ WAPMS joint meetings – the consensus was that it is a good fit for both Societies. Possibly meet together every 3-4 years.

President-elect update – *Tim Prather*

Tim Prather started a discussion about the 2024 WSWs Program.

Nevin Lawrence stated that combining Teaching & Technology and Education & Regulatory

Curtis – agrees that T&T & E&R is tough to schedule due to low numbers of papers

Greg Dahl – suggests that Tim P effectively combine T&T & E&R at Denver meeting

Tim Prather – addressed the idea of combining the sections is a good idea

2-3 symposium ideas may be coming from today's Discussion sections

Bio-control interest

Tim wants to look at doing a strategic symposium based on what will succeed in Denver

Look at a single day registrations - register for the symposium and a day free

Discussed the extra burden of having a single day registrations

Single day or a workshop registration

SRM did an every morning plenary - Tim thought it was a good draw – Greg D says that the Canadians do it as well and their Plenary sessions are full as well. Have a very focused topic and with a panel discussion/ or a QA Discussion sections kind of like an interview – the Canadian Plenary sessions are advertised

Weed Genomics

Palmer Amaranth Symposium - would draw a lot from local Crop Consultants. Not a lot of people working on Palmer in the west - who could we draw?

Tim Why discussion only today - Brad Hanson & Alan Helm reported that the Discussion sessions were very well attended

Tim questioned if we are getting enough submissions to have a program on Thursday

Should we have a 20 minute talk

We could have a 30 minute break rather than 15 minutes – longer breaks will be beneficial and possibly ending at 4:30.

How long for lunch has to do with access to food – give people time for logistics

Brad - Plenary sessions could be built into a 30 minute invited paper

Mirella mentioned using an online voting system for student voting – Aaron said the students are talking about it

Eric mentioned that students could have a speaker – maybe on Federal hiring

Brad - getting more agency and local folks – getting more of a practitioner talk in the sections – 3 research talks and then a farmer/manager talk

Alan – inviting someone to talk about drone technology Ryan thinks it can come as a symposium

Practitioner type talk – lean on the project chairs

Task them with also finding a potential speaker to invite during the session

We had a request for a virtual session - the cost would have been an additional \$1000

Who in Denver can build on our sessions – Ryan

Curtis reminded Tim that the BoD would give him support and could provide a sounding board

Tim – increasing our agency attendance, Tim and Julie have 3 Forest Service and 2 BLM individual committed to participate on a facilitated discussion Zoom call. In some cases there has been a lot of turnover in the agencies – could we offer some kind of a professional training to provide them an incentive to attend?

How is SRM getting more agency people involved – weed people get capped at GS 7 so it is a structural problem thus will have less support to travel

The discussion transitioned the Joan Campbell's request at the Business Meeting that WSWS Committees meet in person at the WSWS Annual Meeting.

Remind the membership that they are able to attend committee meetings.

Have committees post meetings time and information on WSWS Website

We do have a calendar function

Committee meetings Zoom vs in-person

If you want your committee to meet in person - then should we add it to the WSWS Meeting Program?

What would it be beneficial to have a WSWS online committee meeting a week or so before the meeting? That would also facilitate getting the reports done.

Do a pilot with some committees.

Greg says that WSSA contacts Committee chairs to ask if they want to meet in person, but they prefer having a Zoom meeting.

Constitution and Operating Procedures Representative – Sandra McDonald

Sandra said she would begin the updates of the Operating Procedures by going through the previous BoD Meeting Minutes to be sure that all approved changes have been incorporated. Then she will contact the committees and work with them to determine and address any need procedure updates/clarifications.

Summer BOD meeting date selection-Denver

Curtis will develop 2 or 3 approaches to the Summer BoD meeting. Nevin suggests putting things in the Newsletter.

Date for the Summer BoD meeting at the Grand Hyatt come in on a Tuesday and meet all day Wednesday with wrap-up on half-day on Thursday.

Shooting for week of July 10 or 17 – Eric will work with the Grand Hyatt and let the BoD know the dates, ASAP.

New Business:

A reminder that the Weed Contest is the week of July 24

Adjourn

Curtis asked for a motion to adjourn. Lots of moves and seconds to adjourn – 1:15 pm. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

The minutes were recorded by Sandra McDonald on behalf of Joe Vassios.