



## March 11, 2010 WSWS Post-Meeting Board Meeting

### Call to Order – Joe DiTomaso

Attending: P. Banks, Joe DiTomaso, Vanelle Peterson, Jesse Richardson, Ed Peachey, R. Boydston, Phil Stahlman, Tim Miller, K. Umeda, Ryan Edwards, Tony White, Marvin Butler, Phil Banks, Brad Hansen, Mike Ostlie, and Tim Prather.

The meeting was opened with introductions.

*Joe asked for overall impressions of meeting. T. White suggested lapel microphones were needed for speakers. P. Banks didn't know if it was an option or not at the hotel. The general feeling was that most sessions went very smoothly. V. Peterson reminded that session moderators need to make sure if speaker/presentation is missing that they don't continue and just take a 15 min break to keep on the schedule. Problem only reported to be in one symposium. J. DiTomaso pointed out that sticking to schedule not as critical in symposia.*

*In Horticulture section there was sometimes standing room only. It was pointed out that the session moderator just needs to make hotel aware of it.*

*J. DiTomaso indicated the breakfast business meeting discussion on new voting rights for CAST and student representative needs to be followed with further discussion at the summer board meeting. V. Peterson added that the board needs to revisit the whole process concerning members that are elected or appointed and voting rights of each. It was pointed out that the CAST representative puts in a substantial commitment of time and travel to the society, but previously didn't have voting rights on the board. Is it often difficult to find people to be willing to serve as the CAST representative. Likewise, the WSSA representative puts in a substantial commitment of time and travel. V. Peterson pointed out that the WSSA representative is a voting member of WSSA board, but not the WSWS board.*

Recommendations for Board Action: Further discussion at the summer board meeting on voting rights of board members.

*P. Banks stated that CAST has doubled the membership dues for WSWS and other member societies. WSWS covers the travel of the CAST representative to the meeting. Phil B. also indicated that the SWSS may not continue their commitment to support the Director of Science position (Lee Van Wychen position) and will be deciding whether to continue or not at their summer board meeting. It was pointed out that WSSA sets the Director's salary.*

*J. DiTomaso noted the board needs to approve the site selection committee's recommendation of San Diego for 2012 WSWS meeting site. P. Banks indicated that the San*

*Diego Marriott Hotel wants a \$35,000 minimum for food and beverage in the contract, which is about \$15,000 more than any previous contracts. He has received good proposals from several other locations. P. Banks stated that the committee's 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices were in the Mission Bay area. He would like to try negotiating with Marriott to get room costs down from \$169/night to around \$149 or so and food and beverage down to \$20,000. The hotel was offering 10% rebate back to WSWS if enough people were attending. Some discussion followed on whether to approve the site selection with the stipulation that better room rates be obtained.*

**Motion.** V. Peterson moved that the board go with the site selection committee's recommendation of San Diego and to give P. Banks authority to negotiate the best deal with the Marriott Hotel to reduce room rates and food and beverage contracts. M. Butler seconded.  
**The motion passed unanimously.**

*J. DiTomaso said that the summer Board meeting normally was held around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in July on a Friday and Saturday and he suggested that we pick three possible dates to meet at the Doubletree in Spokane, WA. T. Miller mentioned that WSSA also meets in July. After several hand votes on dates in July and August, the first choice selected for the summer board meeting was July 23-24, with only one board member indicating he couldn't attend. The second choice was July 16-17, in which two board members couldn't attend. August 13-14 was the third choice and several indicated they couldn't attend. J. DiTomaso was not available on early July dates or early August.*

Recommendations for Board Action: Phil Banks will call the hotel and request the date of July 23-24. Chuck Rice is the local arrangements chair for the Spokane meeting and P. Banks will check to make sure Chuck will be available on the selected date. P. Banks will call hotel and C. Rice.

*J. Richardson indicated that the Doubletree has offered ten complimentary rooms for 1 night and three for another night for summer board meeting. It was suggested that P. Banks look into discounting all of rooms needed to a lower rate rather than a certain amount of free rooms. P. Banks reminded board members that if they know ahead of time that they will be claiming reimbursement from WSWS for the travel to the summer board meeting they should let him know as soon as possible so that they will get one of the complimentary rooms. P. Banks noted that the student representative automatically will get one of the complimentary rooms.*

#### New business.

*T. White said he was asked about posting the WSWS poster presentations on WSWS website. He indicated that if we decided to post them, questions about when to post them and who would have access to them would have to be addressed. J. DiTomaso suggested that if it was decided to post them, that they would only be available for WSWS members. He thought some people would not be comfortable posting preliminary or incomplete data. Several board members suggested that if we decided to do it, it shouldn't be made mandatory. V. Peterson questioned the value of posting them, as it is relatively easy to obtain copies from*

*the authors. T. Prather also didn't see a strong reason for posting them and furthermore questioned why we wouldn't post both oral and poster presentations if we decide to do so. T. White said that some professional societies put presentations and posters on their websites, but it may act as a disincentive for people to attend the meeting. In general, the board thought it wasn't something that was needed and wasn't a major issue. T. White will follow up with the person that brought it to his attention.*

*V. Peterson suggested that all poster presenters be encouraged to provide a handout at the meeting. J. DiTomaso indicated that some people might be uncomfortable handing out a hard copy of preliminary results. It was suggested that the Program chair encourage (highly recommend), that poster presenters include a handout of their posters, when the call for poster titles is made. However, it would remain optional for each presenter.*

Recommendations for Board Action: Program chair encourage that poster presenters include a handout of their posters when the call for poster titles is made.

*V. Peterson stated she received two symposium ideas for the Spokane meeting. One was on invasion potential of *Ventenata dubia*. The other was from Bill Cobb on soil persistence of herbicides. She told Bill to come with written proposal by June 1. It was noted that the operating guide is being rewritten for the procedure for submitting symposium proposals.*

*P. Banks stated that the Weed Short Course Request for Proposals (RFP) needs done by Joe. All other proposals for the weed short course will be submitted through J. DiTomaso. He will then get them to the board members prior to the summer board meeting.*

Recommendations for Board Action: Joe DiTomaso prepare RFP for Noxious Weed Short Course.

*V. Peterson reminded the board that session chairs or moderators need to delete all copies of presentations on their computers at the end of the WSWs annual meeting. K. Umeda indicated the operating guide doesn't indicate that and needs changed. E. Peachey indicated he would let C. Ransom know about the change needed in the operating guide to delete the presentations at the end of each session.*

Recommendations for Board Action: Change operating guide to instruct moderators to delete all copies of presentations on their computers at the end of the WSWs annual meeting.

*V. Peterson made a suggestion that we consider putting trade names and active ingredients list in the program booklet. When presenters use trade names, it is often difficult to know what active ingredients they are reporting on if come to a session late. If this were implemented, the Program chair would have to update the list every year. It was pointed out that the WSSA has them listed in the Weed Science journal. It was suggested that trade names and common names of herbicides be included in key words when entering the abstract on the website.*

*T. Prather questioned the value of including the trade names in the program for the amount of additional effort it would take. V. Peterson indicated that trade names of premixes are the largest problem. J. Richardson pointed out that currently, common names are required for presentation titles. The general consensus was not to add trade names and common names to the program booklet. Doing so, quite often gives the impression that the society is herbicide science rather than weed science. The issue was tabled. WSWS will continue to index proceedings using key words including both trade and common name.*

*V. Peterson stated that the WSWS board must approve her member at large choice; Pete Forester.*

**Motion.** A motion to accept Pete Forester for member at large was made by M. Butler and seconded by B. Hansen. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**J. DiTomaso adjourned the meeting.**

*Respectfully submitted, April 16, 2010, Rick Boydston, WSWS Executive Board Secretary.*