



WSWS Business Meeting Minutes
Prepared by Curtis Rainbolt, WSWS Secretary
March 12, 2015
Portland Hilton
Portland, OR

President Drew Lyon called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM. The following agenda was followed with short report summaries given of full reports that were presented and discussed earlier at the Board of Directors meeting.

Secretary – Curtis Rainbolt - Minutes of March 2014 Business Meeting. Curtis indicated that the past board of director meeting minutes had been approved through voting by the board members and are posted on the website. Curtis asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2014 Business Meeting. A motion to approve was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Business Manager and Treasurer Report – Phil Banks Phil indicated that we had 246 total meeting attendees. 202 were regular members and 44 students. 45 people attended the Monday Symposium and 9 of those were walk-up participants who attended the symposium only. He discussed RFP's for the 2018 meeting. Phil gave the Treasurer Report indicating that WSWS is in good financial standing and gave an update on the Weeds of the West sales. He thanked the hotel staff and Local Arrangements Committee (Dan Curtis) for hosting a successful meeting. He also mentioned that he will be posting past presidents and award winners on the website.

President-elect/ Program Committee Chair – Joe Yenish. Joe stated that there were 137 papers presented without any major issues. Kirk Howatt is the incoming chair. He also asked members to suggest symposium ideas.

Research Section – Ed Davis. Ed presented the number of papers given in each segment. 68% of papers were submitted online. He thanked the chairs for their efforts.

Education and Regulatory – Kirk Howatt. Kirk discussed the states that CEU's were available for.

Member-at-Large Public – Brian Jenks. Brian gave a summary of his research into attendance trends.

Member-at-Large Private – Michael Hubbard. Mike discussed the idea of sending out a survey to industry to evaluate ways to increase membership and participation.

WSSA Representative – Marty Schraer. Marty gave an update in WSSA finances and the recent meeting in Lexington, Kentucky. In 2017, WSSA will have a student paper and poster contest.

CAST Representative – Phil Stahlman for Phil Westra. CAST is publishing papers on aquatic weeds and other issues as part of a 12 paper series. 1 is aimed at recruiting educators and students in science. The search for an executive vice president of CAST is down to 3 candidates.

Student Liaison – Marcelo Moretti. The 4th student auction raised \$2200. Breanne Tidemann will be joining the committee as Marcel rotates off.

Constitution and Operating Guide Representative – Corey Ransom. The operating guide will be sent to new committee members within 1 week. He is working on changes to the best practices guide for moderators and the student contest. The constitution change to remove the website editor from the board of directors passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Publications Committee

Proceedings – Bill McCloskey: the process for generating the Proceedings continues to improve. There were fewer last minute changes this year.

Research Progress Reports – Traci Rauch: the number of reports is down by 20 to 34 for the year. The 2015 reports are on the website.

WSWS Newsletter – Carl Libbey: Carl will continue as editor of the newsletter and requested that members send him information for the newsletter.

Weeds of the West and other books – Phil Banks: previously covered in business manager's report

Website – Phil Banks: previously covered in business manager's report

Local Arrangements – Daniel Curtis: reported that the hotel was easy to work with. He thanked Tim Miller and Carl Libbey for help with posters.

Poster – Harry Quicke. No report was given.

Nominating – Pam Hutchinson: Thanked committee, Roger, and Drew for help in finding candidates

Legislative – Chad Clark: The committee is working to find the correct contact for states. Still looking for contacts for UT, ID, NM, AZ, TX, and OR

Sustaining Member – Greg Dahl: Thanked the sustaining members listed in the program and Gylling Data Management.

Fellows and Honorary Members – Tim Miller: Stated there were outstanding nominees for Fellows and asked for Honorary member nominations in the future.

Awards – Carol Mallory-Smith: Alan Helm will be taking over as Chair. 3 student scholarships were awarded. Asked for nominations for awards since several were not given out.

Finance – Fara Brummer. No report was given.

Public Relations – Ryan Rapp: the committee is working to get information out to all related groups

Education – Ian Burke: The 2015 Weed Olympics will be at Ohio State University

Herbicide Resistant Plants – Brian Jenks: The Global Herbicide Resistance Challenge will be in Denver, CO in May 2017

Site Selection – Stephen Colbert: the committee is still working but has RFP's from hotels in San Diego, Orange County, Sacramento, and Las Vegas

Necrology – Steve Valenti: read biographies and asked for a moment of silence for WSWS members that had passed away this year.

Student Paper/Poster Judging – Ryan Rector: presented the student contest awards.

What's Next Weeds of the West Ad Hoc – Dirk Baker: discussed options to move forward or replace Weeds of the West. The committee advises against reprinting.

New Business

Drew Lyon recognized the efforts of Joe Yenish as Program Chair and passed him the Hoe as incoming President.

New President Yenish thanked Drew Lyon for his service as President.

8:20 – The meeting was adjourned

