



WSWS Business Meeting Minutes
Prepared by Curtis Rainbolt, WSWS Secretary
March 10, 2016
Hyatt Regency
Albuquerque, NM

President Joe Yenish called the meeting to order at 7:15 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. Full reports are available at the WSWS website.

Secretary – Curtis Rainbolt - Minutes of March 2015 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 2015 Business Meeting. A motion to approve was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Business Manager and Treasurer Report – Phil Banks. WSWS currently has financial assets of \$413k. This includes recent income of approximately \$18k in sustaining memberships and registration, but does not account for meeting expenses. It also includes about \$27k in unsold Weeds of the West inventory (~2000 books). This inventory will likely sell out this year. There was a brief discussion on Weeds of the West and why a decision was made not to reprint the book. The hotel has been very cooperative with meeting requests and local arrangements have gone well. About 220 attendees preregistered for the meeting. That includes 53 students which is an all-time high number for WSWS.

President-elect/ Program Committee Chair – Kirk Howatt. Kirk stated that the hotel has been very easy to work with on meeting room arrangements. He thanked Jane Mangold and Sandra McDonald for their help with the program. He thanked Brian Schutte for his work on local arrangements. Scott Cook will be taking over on local arrangements for the 2017 Coeur d’Alene meeting since Monte Anderson will now be serving as president elect. WSWS has been approached by WSSA for help with workshops in fall 2016 building up to a fall 2017 Weed Resistance Summit in Washington DC. The summit will aim to help increase policy maker knowledge on resistant weeds. The goal is to have 3 workshops in the west. One each in the PNW, Southwest, and Plains. Those who are interested in participating should contact Kirk or Jill Schroeder. Kirk also mentioned that there are a few open committee spots and that there are a few abstracts that still have not been submitted.

Past President- Drew Lyon. Drew mentioned that 10 retirees were recognized at the reception, but that he became aware of several just prior to the reception. He encouraged members to help WSWS know who is retiring so they can be recognized.

Research Section – Jane Mangold. Jane thanked Kirk for his work on the program. There were 145 papers (see the full report for a breakdown). Discussion section reports are due on March 25. She

reminded members on the importance of adhering to submission deadlines for presentations. Prashant Jha will be incoming to the role and Brad Hanson is the chair-elect.

Education and Regulatory – Sandra McDonald. Sandra discussed upcoming worker protection standard (WPS) changes.

Member-at-Large Public – Scott Nissen. Scott is looking into other societies to have joint meetings with in order economize the meeting scale. WSWS will be having a joint meeting with WAPMS in 2017.

Member-at-Large Private – Michael Hubbard. No report.

WSSA Representative – Marty Schraer. Marty gave a recap of the WSSA meeting in Puerto Rico. WSSA membership is flat to slightly down and 2016 has been a challenging year for WSSA finances. WSSA will be having a 2017 oral paper contest. WSSA publications will be moving from Allen Press to Cambridge University Press and will be in only online format.

CAST Representative – Brian Jenks. CAST is publishing papers on the benefits of science and developing teaching tools. He encouraged WSWS members to join CAST.

Student Liaison – Carl Coburn. The auction for the Elena Sanchez Memorial Scholarship raised \$2197 and there were cash donations of \$1120. Caio Brunharo will be joining the committee as Carl rotates off.

Constitution and Operating Guide Representative – Corey Ransom. Corey encouraged members to look online at the newest version of the operating guide. There was discussion on removal of the Education Committee as a standing committee. Sandra McDonald made a motion to end the Education Committee as a standing committee. Andrew Kniss seconded and the motion passed. Corey's 5-year term in the position is over and Tim Miller will be replacing him.

Committee Reports

Publications Committee:

Three-year terms were added to the members of the publication committees. These terms start at the 2016 meeting.

Proceedings – Bill McCloskey: The process for generating the Proceedings has improved due to the website, but there are still some issues with the addition of authors. Differences in affiliation abbreviations and punctuation have resulted in the accumulation of many authors and errors in the system. Bill is still missing 13 abstracts for the current proceedings.

Research Progress Reports – Traci Rauch: There were 54 reports this year. The 2016 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 – Brian Schutte: Thanked the students and hotel staff for help setting up.

Poster – Travis Ziehl. No report

Nominating – Chad Cummings: There were 2 candidates each for the positions of president, secretary, and research section chair. Voting numbers are down and Chad encouraged members to take part in the election process.

Legislative – Fred Raish: No report

Sustaining Member – Wendell Rich: No report

Fellows and Honorary Members – Jill Schroeder: There were excellent nominations for fellows, but none for Honorary Members. Jill encouraged members to think of Honorary Member nominees for 2017.

Awards – Alan Helm: Alan thanked the students for the high number of scholarship applicants and encouraged all to apply.

Finance – Jesse Richardson. No report

Public Relations – Stott Howard: The committee wants to know how to be the best advocates for WSWS and is asking people to participate in their survey

Education – Sandra McDonald: Nothing to report. The committee has been dissolved.

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

Site Selection – Charlie Hicks: The committee is still working but has RFP’s from hotels in Denver, Salt Lake City and Reno.

Necrology – Ralph Whitesides: Read biographies and asked for a moment of silence for WSWS members that had passed away this year. Those members are: Dr. Richard William Ward Baldwin, Dr. Thomas Trost Bauman, Dr. Wayne Stuart Belles, Oliver George Russ, and Dr. Stanford N. Fertig.

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

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

New President Howatt thanked Joe Yenish for his service as President.