



WSWS Annual Business Meeting
Thursday, March 15, 2012
Peppermill Hotel, Reno, NV

Vanelle Peterson called the meeting to order. The following agenda was followed with short report summaries of full reports that were presented and discussed earlier at the board meeting on Monday morning.

- Rick Boydston indicated minutes had been approved through the email process and on-line voting by the board members. Vanelle Peterson asked for motion to approve the minutes. A motion to approve was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Phil Banks presented the Treasurer-Business Manager report. He was pleased with the turnout for the meeting and reported 269 were registered for the meeting including 43 students and 11 spouses. He reported the reprinting of *Weeds of the West*, which now has over 170,000 copies in print. He thanked the three student scholarship winners who assisted his staff during the week.
- Kai Umeda presented the Program Committee report. There were 84 oral presentations and 79 posters presented at the meeting. There were 17 presentations given in the two symposia. The on-line submission process went fairly smoothly.
- Joe Yenish presented the Research Section Chair report. Joe summarized the program and announced chairs and incoming chairs of each section.
- Tim Prather presented the Education and Regulatory report. He indicated that about 30 people attended their session, which was up from normal.
- Jesse Richardson presented the Local Arrangements report. He said the Hotel was well run and he thanked all the people he worked with and that helped him. He invited everyone to the Catamaran in San Diego next year.
- Bob Stougaard and Pete Forster gave the Member at Large report. They outlined the duties of the Member at Large positions and announced a membership survey that is in the works.
- Tim Miller gave the WSSA Representative report giving the society a summary of recent Hawaii meeting in which 692 people attended. He pointed out that Continuing Education Credits are available for the Herbicide Resistance Modules on the WSSA website.
- Phil Westra presented the CAST report and pointed out that Phil Stahlman is the president of CAST. Phil stressed the importance of CAST in disseminating non biased, science based documents on emerging issues in agriculture.
- Corey Ransom presented the Constitution and Operating Procedures report. He has updated the Operating Guide and also made proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws, which require a majority vote of the members. The three sections of the Constitution and By-laws with proposed changes were the Student Liaison-Constitution, Education Committee-Constitution, and Education Committee-By-laws which were previously approved by the WSWS board and a hard copy handed out to the members. Vanelle Peterson asked for a motion to approve the proposed

changes. A motion was made to approve the changes and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Le Van Wychen presented the Director of Science Policy report. He summarized his activities in the past year and highlighted some proposed changes in USDA's crop protection program budget, legislative issues on permits needed for application of pesticides near water, and that 2,4-D is under fire again from NRDC.

The following Committee reports were presented:

Poster Section – Roger Gast. 79 posters were presented of which 14 were students. Chuck Rice is incoming chair.

Finance – Brian Mealor presented for Luke Samuels. Brian reported that the WSWS received about a 5% return on investments in 2011 and is in sound financial condition even though the economy is down. He pointed out that RCB Wealth Management has been doing an excellent job managing our assets.

Nominations – Vanelle Peterson reported for Dan Ball. Vanelle thanked everyone that agreed to run for WSWS offices. She presented the new incoming WSWS Board Members.

Fellows and Honorary Members – Celestine Duncan. Celestine reported five nominations were received for Fellow Award and two were selected. No Honorary member award was selected.

Awards – Jill Schroeder. Jill read this year's four achievement award winners and three student scholarship winners.

Proceedings Report – Bill McCloskey. Bill indicated that reports were generated from the WSSA website. The report includes 190 pages, 177 abstracts, and various discussion section reports, committee reports, and officer reports.

Research Progress Report – Kai Umeda reported for Traci Rauch. Kai reported a downward trend in submissions and encouraged members to submit reports. Kai reported the following submissions; Project 1- 9 reports, Project 2 – 11 reports, Project 3 – 22 reports, Project 4 – 1 report, and Project 5 – 2 reports.

Website Report – Kai Umeda reported for Tony White. Kai reported the WSWS website had about 9,500 visitors last year. There are still a few missing Proceedings on the website, but most have been posted.

Newsletter Report – Carl Libbey reported for Cheryl Fiore. Carl indicated that any reports for the Newsletter are due in two weeks.

Site Selection – John Federson. John reported that the 2013 meeting will be in San Diego, the 2014 meeting in Colorado Springs, and in 2015 we will meet at the Portland Hilton.

Education/Weed Short Course – Scott Nissen and Sandra McDonald. Sandra reported that the Noxious Weeds Short Course will be held April 16-19 at Silvan Ranch in Colorado and there are still open slots for anyone who wants to attend. Scott announced an on-line herbicide class offered through Montana State University and plugged the upcoming International Herbicide Resistance meeting in Perth, Australia in 2013.

Public Relations – Bill Cobb reported for Deb Shatley. Bill reported the states that the committee is working with that offer continuing education credits. He indicated the committee needs help with Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming in order to offer credits for those states. There is a low demand for CCA credits so they have been dropped.

Sustaining Members – Joe DiTomaso reported for Curtis Rainbolt. Joe read the list of Sustaining Members and thanked them for their support.

Legislative – John Brock. John read off the members of the committee and outlined several legislative issues that the committee will be addressing.

Necrology – John Roncoroni. John read biographies and asked for a moment of silence for three WSWS members that had passed away this year; Jim Helmer, Bill Fischer, and Jerry Asher.

Student Liaison – Mike Ostlie. Mike thanked the WSWS for their support for the student scholarship program and student host programs. Mike reported they made about \$600 in the Silent Auction and that Monsanto donated another \$500. He reported that Cameron Douglass was the incoming chair.

Poster and Paper Contest Winners – Jamshid Ashigh. Jamshid announced there were 19 student papers and 16 posters and 4 undergraduate posters judged. He presented this year's winners of the student contests.

- Oral Paper – Agronomic Crops/Biology – Andrew Wiersma 1st, Mohsen Mohseni-Moghadam 2nd.
- Oral Paper – Range/Horticultural Crops – Krista Ehlert 1st, Brandon Greet 2nd, Holden Hergert 3rd.
- Poster – Agronomic Crops – Louise Lorent 1st, Aman Anand 2nd.
- Poster – Range/Horticultural/Biology – Holden Hergert 1st, Heather Elwood 2nd.
- Undergraduate – Ann Bernert 1st.

Vanelle Peterson reported that there was no new business.

Vanelle Peterson acknowledged Kai Umeda's efforts this past year and passed him the gavel 'Hoe' as incoming president.

New WSWS president, Kai Umeda thanked Vanelle Peterson for her service to the WSWS.

Kai Umeda announced the new board members; Monte Anderson, Member-at-large; Cameron Douglas, Student Liaison; Andrew Hulting, Secretary; Roger Gast, President-elect; Brad Hansen, Education and Regulatory Chair; and Tony White, Research Section Chair.

Kai Umeda asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.