



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2017 Couer D'Alene, ID
Secretary – Minutes from BOD 13March17, Monday**

Attendee Name	Joe Yenish
Kirk Howatt	Tim Miller
Brian Jenks	Breanne Tideman
Scott Cook	Scott Nissen
Charlie Hicks	Tara Steinke
Marty Schraer	Phil Banks
Caio Brunharo	D. Chad Cummings
Prashant Jha	Monte Anderson
Ian Burke	
Brad Hansen	
Janis McFarland	

Meeting called to order at 08:04 am, 13 March 2017

Minutes Approved from Summer Meeting

Easels for Poster Sessions

- Sandra M. proposed that we use the easels for the Global Herbicide Resistance Challenge in CO
 - Scott Cook moved to donate the easels for this use
 - Scott Nissen 2nd
 - Motion Carries

Officer and BOD Reports

Business Mgr/Finance Report

- Report is on the WSWS website
- As of 8Mar17
 - \$472,346.99 in capital
 - 11,990.65 in Weeds of the West books
- 2017 WSWS Annual Meeting Pre-registrations

- 302 to 306 pre-registered
- 40 students
- 180 regular members – WSWS
- 72 members – WAPMS
- 11 joint members

Site Selection

- Spokane, WA; Portland, OR; Seattle, WA

Financials

- \$40,000 increase above 2016 financial statements
- WAPMS sponsorships – WSWS pay to \$6,000+
- Dinner cruise costing more than luncheon

Other Business Manager Items

- Other documentation in Las Cruces
- 21 notebooks (all meeting related items and communications concerning planning)
 - From 1987 to 2007
- Scott N. moved to find out cost and logistics for scanning these into digital forms
 - Monte A. 2nd
 - Discussion – should we just scan or classify the docs into categories to be searchable
 - Vote: unanimous decision to pursue

Treasurers Report stands approved as presented

Presidents Report - Howatt

- WSSA and WSWS did not sign on to support any presidential nominees for US
- WSSA Resistance Plants Committee Listening Session – Ian Burke insights
 - Challenges – need an extension specialists
 - Dates very mandated – not flexible (need flexibility)
 - Maybe we should have more sessions

- Need to repeat
 - Set up as a panel discussion
 - Organizers pick panel from good growers
 - Company biologists inputs would help and facilitate discussion
 - EPA representatives attended and have never used resistance management as a rationale for registration of new actives or new MOAs
- WSSA Resistance Plants Committee Listening Session – Brad Hansen insights
 - Skeptical of facilitated discussion, but went well
 - Went long – lots of discussion
 - SW tough to represent in CA, given the amount of environmental variability across the SW
 - WSSA reports are likely very negative to resistance occurrence, since those that come are the producers having issues
 - Many sectors – DOT, orchards, crops many others represented
- Janis McFarland commented on what is expected on final reports

Past Presidents Report – Yenish

- Drew included retirees in his comments listing retirees
- Yenish retirees list on the website

President-Elect – Monte Anderson

- Report is on the website
- Program Chair – report
 - 125 papers
 - 50 posters
 - Student contests
 - 19 papers
 - 17 posters
 - WAPMS
 - 38 papers
 - 3 posters
 - 4 students
- For the General Session
 - Zentner – Geologist
 - Schreiber – Cannabis

- 2 of the symposia sessions will overlap
- WAPMS is really venue driven
 - Need to be near a coast
 - Group is very localized about timelines
- Maybe look at 2020 as another joint meeting to be somewhere beneficial to both societies
- Amy (WAPMS) was great to work with and very easy to coordinate communications concerning meeting
- Monte – We need to work hard to get symposia ideas for next year
 - Submit symposia ideas whenever you can – we will take ideas as they come

Research Section Chair – Jha

- Sent reminders to committee for equipment and responsibilities
 - We have 4 extra projectors at this meeting
 - 3 extra lap tops for meeting
 - Extra pointers are at registration desk
- No issues with uploading or downloading slides to website
- At meeting, everything should be uploaded with physical copies
- Need summary reports within 10 days of meeting

Education and Regulatory Chair - Jenks

- Symposia – Risk Communication – Buhl
- Photography – Norris
- Pesticide certifications for this WSWS meeting
 - WY, WA, ID
- Pesticide certifications for WAPMS meeting
 - OR, WA
- Consider submission of bios when we submit titles/abstracts
 - States that are a bio only qualification for certification may be able to get all meetings
 - Some states require fees to get CEU credit requests
- Send email out to membership to determine the real need to obtaining CEU certifications
- Dirk Baker will send memo to Tara to get out to WSWS membership

Member-At-Large - Nissen

- Hoping for great success from joint meeting
- Amy was very good to work with
- Great synergy between the two groups
- Scott will summarize the successes and short comings of the meeting

Member-At-Large – Hicks

- Charlie could not attend NAISMA meeting in Sparks, NV

Finance Committee – Valenti

- Healthy society funds to date
 - We need 2X, we have 4X funds
- Cooper had indicated we need to get out of bonds at some point after the market correction
 - Move to dividend markets if possible
- Over the long-term, we have been averaging 4 to 4.5% gain

Cooper Conference Call

- Market report in Valenti's finance report online
- Bond portfolios will be impacted if the government pushes down interest rates
- Markets are artificially funded – fundamentals aren't there
 - There will likely be a correction
- Bonds at 33.5%
 - Might drop down to mid 20's%
 - Might want to back away from treasury bond
- 10-15% change would be put into oil industry, international stocks, global infrastructure funds
- Contact Steve and Finance Committee (Josh Adkins) and Tara Steinke for changes in diversification
 - They would funnel down information to the BOD
- Call Ended
 - We need to look at minutes and finance committee reports to see how much wiggle room is allowed without BOD approval
 - Sometimes changes come quickly and need prompt action

Valenti and BOD

- 65% of funds must be max in stocks (as per the operating guides)
- Finance Committee has the leeway to approve the drop in bond amounts from 33 to 23%
 - Must keep below 65% stocks

WSSA Representative Report – Schraer

- Report is in the website
- WSSA registration and membership declining
- Concern over decline in sustaining members following company mergers
- Meeting Venues
 - 2018 – Washington, D.C.
 - 2019 – New Orleans, LA
 - 2020 – proposed RFPs to states
- 2020 WSSA-WSWS joint meeting possibility
 - Registration would be taken over by WSSA
 - Membership renewal for the regional society is challenging
 - WSSA member dues included in registration now
 - Minimum money generation at joint meeting to be paid by WSSA
 - Program chairs must work well together
 - WSSA is still interested in joint meetings given the information and experience sharing
 - In general, WSSA was interested in 2020 joint meeting, but it might not be right for WSWS in 2020 potentially Hawaii
 - WSWS BOD is over 50% in favor of a 2020 joint meeting with WSSA in potentially Hawaii
 - Kirk to ask for a straw poll from membership at the Wednesday business meeting for a joint meeting with WSSA
 - Grad student experience with WSSA
 - Not met with interest by WSSA BOD – too much liability
 - Possibility for student internships
 - Revisit at summer BOD meeting
 - Working on membership

CAST Member – Jenks

- Report not online at this time

- Papers released – two currently
- To Be released – two more
- Also some in pipeline
 - Approximately 4
 - Regulatory hurdles which hinder innovation
- Topics can be submitted online at CAST website

Student Liaison – Breanne Tidemann

- Report is online at the website
- 3 applications for the Elena Sanchez award
- Look to get more involved in the advisors who are members
 - To get more nominees
- We need more nominees for liaison as well as the ES Award
- Student night out
 - Trying to combine an industry and academia
- Encouraged BOD to encourage students to get involved
- Student profiles online working well
- Helpful to have local contact for student activities

Constitution and Operating Guide – Miller

- Changes to the guide need to be sent to Tim soon for any operating guide updates
 - Work next month to make changes
- Language changes for Elena Sanchez award – knowing where to find information and application
- Brian Jenks filling two voting roles – having 2 positions
 - Gets only one vote in decisions
- Changing stock percentages
 - Voting on issues within operating guide – handle to BOD meetings in summer or spring meetings
- Operating guide do not have to be ratified by the membership only BOD
- Constitution and by-law changes require membership approval

Committee Reports

WSWS Proceedings Editor - McCloskey

- Report online
- Could dedicate proceedings to an individual
 - Monte Anderson – moved to honor Rita Beard with proceedings dedication
 - 2nd by Chad Cummings
 - Vote: passed unanimously to dedicate 2017 proceedings to Rita with biography and picture
- Publications Committee
 - 3 year term needs to be added to operating guide
 - We can extend beyond 3 years
 - Positions are appointed

Progress Report – Rauch

- Report online at the website

Newsletter – Libbey

- Report online at the website
- Expressed interest in continuing
- Questions about three year appt.
- Doing a great job

Weeds of the West - Banks

- Brought order forms to meeting
- Bio-Control (publication we have helped create doc) but sales have declined significantly
- Website has information

Local Arrangements – Cook

- No report online at the time of the meeting
- Labor is lined up and ready to go for easels
- So far everything is going smoothly
- Thoughts putting meeting online or through an application
- North central recording presentations

- Brad Hansen – maybe check with members to see if they want an application or online recordings
- There is some concern that the membership would not attend if they could access the meeting content online

Nominations Committee – Yenish

- We do have names of nominees remaining from this year to move forward to next year
- October 15 – election site to be available
- December 1 – close site
- As per the operating guide – the slate of nominees should be presented at the summer board meeting for approval

Public Relations – Jenks

- Report is online
- Survey presented in the summer

Fellows and Honorary Members - Kassim

- Report is online
- Fellows – Whitesides, Peachy

Site Selection – Yenish

- 2020 meeting still in flux
- RFPs should be sent out between now and summer board meeting
- Joint meeting in HI still a possibility

Awards Committee – Gast, Howatt

- Report is online
- Committee had only one nominee for outstanding awards
- Might want to add an undergrad scholarship similar to Elena Sanchez
- 3 students will receive Elena Sanchez Student Awards

Poster Committee – Jared/ Monte Anderson

- Report is online
- Jared will be here today but not Thursday

Student Paper/Poster Committee – Joel, Anderson

- Report is online
- Forms need to be available to students, in the past they have not always made it
- Joel plans to give back to students right after awards ceremony
- Judges are accounted for – plenty of volunteers
- Student from Aquatics (non-member) will be allowed to compete due to joint meeting
- Student contests
 - 1 poster or 1 presentation in contest not both without significant new data

Sustaining Members – Alford

- Currently 18, 5 have not paid to this point
 - \$17,500 total once the payments are received
 - Reception, business breakfast, student activities, spouse activities
- In poster room, many of the 22 exhibitors are not sustaining members

Legislative – Leary

- Report is online
- Maintain contact list of state legislative issues/people
- State legislations are tough to find state related ag bills
 - Western IPM center monitors these well

Herbicide Resistant Plants – Jha

- Combine reports from listening sessions and put together in one report
- Putting together names of folks interested in working on the committee
- Monte Anderson has list

Washington liaison – Van Wychen

- Report not currently online

- Less regulations next year
- Still have FY 2017 on cruise control
- FY 2018 still in flux to complete
- Confirmation for Sec of Ag still in flux – ethics committee meeting coming up
- Need to make sure weed science gets into the farm bill research
- Bee danger (0.11 µg) LD50 sethoxydim currently on the list to kill due to bee toxicity
- Auxin topics are big in D.C. now, we need to steward them correctly
- WPS in limbo right now
- Palmer amaranth spreading in seed bags of pollinator mixes
 - IA, MN
- Some states looking to list Palmer amaranth as a noxious weed
 - DE, OH, MN already have it listed
 - WA, IA looking into it
- KS, OK, TX iconic insect (monarch butterfly)
 - Numbers increased in 2015
 - Slight decrease in 2016
 - Giving assistance to plant milkweeds (several species)
- NPDES introduced to the Senate a 5th time
- WOTUS held up in ND court
 - Trump charged Pruitt to relook at WOTUS to decrease inclusion
 - Senate and House looking at repealing law
- NISAW – need more emphasis on a weed science front
 - Some folks from states found out way too late to attend
- Please feel out weed survey from Lee (grass crops)
- New APHIS proposed rules
 - Permits for crops going forward
 - Weed risk assessment for crops
 - Bio-control agents
- Sethoxydim explanation
 - No exposure level used
 - Rate based solely on LD50 to Bees, not actual use rate in crops

Old Business

- None

New Business

- 2018 WSWS Meeting, Garden Grove, CA
- 2019 WSWS Meeting, Denver, CO
- Symposia ideas for 2018 needed before 2017 BOD meeting
- Fellows and Honorary Awards needed by BOD meeting if possible

Adjourned 3:30 pm