



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2019 Annual Meeting – Denver, CO**

Office or Committee Name: Secretary Meeting Minutes (Monday of 2019 Meeting)

Officer or Chairperson Name: D. Chad Cummings

Date of Preparation (include year): 3Jul2019; amended 5Aug2019

D. Chad Cummings	Brian Mealor	Ryan Rapp
Andrew Kniss	Brian Jenks	Joan Campbell
Pat Clay	Lucas Bobadilla	Pete Forester
Sandra McDonald	Clint Biermann	Lee Van Wychen
Brad Hansen	Eric Gustafson	Elizabeth Mosqueda
Joel Felix	Monte Anderson	Mirella Ortiz
Corey Ransom	Monty Schraer	
Tim Miller	Brian Schutte	

Call to Order: 08:00 am

VOTE:

Approval Meeting Minutes from Summer BOD Meeting

Rapp made motion to approve

Hansen 2nd

Vote: approved unanimously

Hawaii – Convention and Visitors Bureau Hyatt Regency representatives came to speak and introduce themselves (Mena, Ben, Adelle)

Website: www.maui.regency.hyatt.com

Board Reports

President (Kniss) – board report online

Brief discussion of SACNAS event (talked to over 200 students)

Many students were doing weed science and didn't know it

Diversity and Inclusion Committee Discussion

Difficult to fill committee due to the over-use of these under represented individuals

Site Selection

Worked with Pete Forester quit abit

WSSA/WSWS Joint Meeting 2020

We need to have our culture items welcoming to WSSA members

WSSA Meeting 2019

Proceedings between regional societies standardized and become more searchable

Business Manager/Treasurer (Gustafson): Report online

\$472,404.14 with CDs

\$344,777.84 without CDs

2019 Denver: 248 initial registration; 53 students

2020 Meeting with WSSA/WSWS

2-5 March 2020 Hyatt Regency Maui

Past President (Anderson): Report online

Retirees: Morishita, Miller, Mallory-Smith; Larry Lass coffee mugs will be the new giveaway

President Elect (Clay): Report online

Small glitch in the abstract submission – will resubmit with corrections

156 papers 84 oral 175 titles total

Honorarium for Sara Lupis - \$1,000

Use instructions for abstract submissions (current and past presidents work on)

Reminder calendar emails to BOD for important deadlines

Research Section Chair (Hansen): Report Online

Discussion topics for sections – Range, Forests and Natural section had no topic announced

We need to have all 5 sections to have discussion topics in advance of the 2020 meeting in HI

Education and Regulatory Section Chair (Schutte): Report Online

Two symposia submitted

CEUs: CA, MT, NV, NM, WY, AZ, ID, WA pending

CEUs need to be driven from the ground up, not administered by the Ed/Reg Chair
Possibly work with Legislative committee to help

Possibly off shoot this task to the states where the meeting is held (only a few members utilize this service)

Registration submission website had a toggle for CEUs needed

VOTE:

Brad Hansen moved to stop CEU requests as a responsibility of the WSWS BOD

Joel Felix 2nd

Vote: Passed unanimously

Member at Large Public Sector (Sosnoskie): No report (absent from meeting)

Member at Large Private Sector (Rapp): No report – recently given new duty by Pat Clay

WSSA Representative (Schraer): Not Online currently

Student experience well received and attended

WSSA Annual Meeting

Meeting: 522 registered 474 posters/papers >150 student posters/papers

Symposium for 2020 Meeting

Machine Learning (Vision)

Schraer and Jenks wish to rotate off WSSA rep and CAST rep when their due up

Ideas for volunteers requested by Kniss and Clay

Schraer rotates off in 2021 following the San Antonio meeting

CAST Representative (Jenks): Report Online

Discussed recent publications and projects (encouraged participation)

Local Arrangements (McDonald): No Report currently

Sandra will draft a sentence to give to Tim to update operating guide
Related to 3rd parties wanting to include non-WSWS events in the annual program

Posters for HI?
(stored at CSU for last few years)
Likely to use at the Boise, ID meeting
Charlie Hicks to take to Ft. Collins after this meeting
Corey Ransom could store in Utah after short course

Student Liaison (Clint Biermann): Report Online

6 total applicants to the Elena Sanchez Award (not as many as in past years)

Rules and guidelines need to be updated on website

Advertising the Student Night Out

Add duties of student judging committee student rep in the operating guidelines
Clint will draft a procedure statement and send to Tim

Student award scholarship vs. travel grant
Very different definitions – which one should we use
Plan to discuss at summer BOD meeting, to decide which one to use

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VOTE:

Kniss: Discussed the Presidential Award of Merit and would like to give to Sandra McDonald this year

Cummings made motion to nominate Sandra McDonald; Anderson 2nd; Vote: Unanimous yes

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Constitution and Operating Guidelines (Miller): Report Online

Change in herbicide resistant plants committee – change to 3 members, and 2nd year they serve as chair

Will be voted on at Thursday breakfast
Possibly change to 2 members

Finance Committee (Banks): Report Online

Conference call in late Feb

Good shape financially

Assets reflect all cash assets

Q42018 took big hit; small bounce back; expecting volatility with RBC Wealth Mgt

Recommend \$31,000 invested in short term CDs

Change operating procedures to say quarterly report to BOD

Take out specificity of budget maintenance

Change finance committee to 4 members instead of 3 (chair serves in 3rd year) If below change is made, then delete

Proposal to create an elected BOD position for Treasurer/Finance Committee Liaison and Chair
Possible short-term solution to re-appoint Adkins to another 1-year term to hold experience

Committee Reports

Publications Committee (Clay representing): Report Online

All 2018 publications in play and committed

2017 Proceedings still not completed (McCloskey to complete or relinquish by Thursday of this week)

Traci Rauch will be willing to begin an additional 3-year term

Weeds of the West books and other pubs to be taken off the agenda for future meetings

Website = Gustafson

Functionality dated

Updates difficult to get implemented

Time and investment will be needed to make major changes

Eric G. to draft change in proposal options for 2019 summer BOD meeting

Nominations (Anderson): Report Online

Corey Ransom – president

Mithila Jugulam – research section chair

Todd Neel – Ed/Reg chair

Should rotate to private sector next year, but may not be able to do so due to lack of candidates

Public Relations (Schutte): Report Online

Request

\$1500/ year to manage social media (administrator)

Aggregate shareable content

Create new content to highlight societies activities

Discussion

We need a social media strategy

Which platform should we utilize?

Success in social media is very different; many good ones are edgy, which may not serve our purpose

A Kniss is current WSWS Twitter account Admin

Straw poll -- > 50% BOD approval

VOTE:

Ryan Rapp moved to move forward with \$1,500 per year experiment to test the waters for 2 years; Schraer 2nd; Discussion: How does info going out get tagged to us? Our name should be catchy; implementation could be discussed at summer BOD; Evaluation of success? Vision determined by applicant; there will be an application process for social media administrator.

VOTE: Unanimously yes

Awards (Jha): No Report Online

Don Morishita – Outstanding Public Sector

Bill Cobb – Outstanding Private Sector

Todd Gaines – Early Career

Student Awards – Lucas Bobadilla and Laryssa Larocho

Traci Rauch - Professional Staff

Should be some guide to have nominees recuse themselves as a Awards committee/Nominations committee member if chosen as a nominee

Posters (Clay): Report Online

70 posters total in 2019

We will be getting transport lined up to get these to Ft. Collins

Student Papers Judging (Clay): Report Online

53 papers submitted for presentations in 2019

Necrology (Cummings): Report Online

Announced those we lost in 2018

Sustaining Members (Anderson): Report Online

Sent out the request in August 2018, collections complete in December

Legislative (Valenti and Schraer): Report Online

Covered online content

Invasive Species ad hoc Committee (Cummings/Mealor): Report Online

Stagger committee with 2-, 3-, and 4-year term limits to keep consistent trained membership

Leave as ad hoc for now

Canadian representation would be a good idea

Fellows and Honorary Members (Campbell): Online soon

Fellows for 2019: J.P. Yenish, D. Lyon

Board Actions:

By-laws reference is incorrect; Miller to correct it
..... to the society

Joan C. will make a motion to modify at Thursday morning business meeting

Site Selection (Forester): Report online

Joint 2021 meeting with WAPMS, Boise, ID; March 1-4, 2021

Grove Hotel and Boise Conference Center

2022 scheduled to be in the southwestern US

Director of Science Policy (Van Wychen): Report Online

NISAW Feb. 25-Mar. 3, 2019; Washington D.C.

Looking to re-invigorate for 2020

Need weed list for Weed Bingo from WSWS by 18Mar2019

Weed bingo card set: \$14.95 + shipping and handling

Proposed weed list from WSWs BOD: downy brome, kochia, dalmation toadflax, yellow starthistle, Italian ryegrass, saltcedar

Herbicide Resistant Plants (Lyon): Report available

Proposed change – reword operating guide to have committee members at 2 or more

Unfinished and New Business

2019 Summer BOD meeting; 5-6 August for WSSA, 7 August for WSWs

2019 Summer BOD meeting will be held in Blackhawk
Reimbursement is at our own discretion

Student Night Out:

Mixed groups seem to be working
May need to include industry and academia in some groups
Next year we need more professionals
Host two students per professional (WSSA and WSWs)

Summer Weed Contest 2019

NCWSS, SWSS \$10,000 each contributed
NEWSS, WSWs contributed additional funding

VOTE:

Brad Hansen moved to contribute \$5,000 to Weed Olympics; Cummings 2nd; Vote: Unanimously yes

SACNAS Update

Elizabeth Mosqueda presented an update from interactions at the SACNAS conference in San Antonio, TX

Held in 2nd week in October; more than 200 students visited the WSWs booth

2019 October meeting will be held in Honolulu, HI

Keys: students don't know that weed science is a discipline in biological sciences
Plant science and weed science interest is there
40% undergraduate students and 15% graduate students, 45% professionals for booths

WSWs website: landing page should have career information, videos of weed scientists doing their work, information about the discipline (needed for student understanding and interest)

IMI Changes

Financial statements should be forwarded to the president of WSWS

CAST/WSSA Rep Changes

2021 WSSA rep (Schraer) rotates off BOD

2020 CAST rep (Jenks) rotates off BOD

Let Pat Clay or Corey Ransom know who would be interested (committed)

SACNAS Sponsorship and Attendance Discussion

Open question to WSSA – Steckel

Given the national student representation at the meeting it may be best to have WSSA sponsor attendance at the event

VOTE to Adjourn:

M. Schraer mad a motion to adjourn; Hansen 2nd; Vote: unanimous yes

Adjourned 16:25, 11Mar2019