



Virtual Space, Zoom, February 26, 2021

8:30 am Board Meeting

Roll Call:

Board Members present:

Judit Barroso, Pat Clay, Carl Coburn, John Coyle, Jodie Crose, D. Chad Cummings, Gregory Dahl, Eric Gustafson, Mithila Juglulam, Julie Kraft, John Madsen, Sandra McDonald, Mirella Ortiz, Corey Ransom, Jesse Richardson, Sandra Rios, Marty Schraer, Todd Neel.

Board Members not present: George Newberry, Lee Van Wychen

Other Attendees:

Elizabeth Mosqueda, Dennis Scott, Carl Libbey, Alan Helm, Clark Adler, Ryan Edwards, Charles Geddes, Rachel Zuger, Caio Brunharo

Welcome and Introductions

President Corey Ransom called to order at 8:30 am.

Officer Reports

Secretary – *John Madsen*

Approval of 2020 Summer Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Madsen, seconded by Greg Dahl

Approval was unanimous.

Business Manager and Treasurer Report – *Eric Gustafson*

Eric Gustafson presented his treasurer's report. The economic health of the society remains high.

Next annual meeting (2022) scheduled for Newport Beach, CA and 2023 will be Boise, ID.

President – *Corey Ransom*

President Corey gave his report. He reported a virtual visit of a number of regional and national society presidents with US Congressional staffers.

He visited with the WSWs election winners who will join the board, and thanked those who did not win their election as well.

Still looking for a WSSA representative, as well as a Site Selection committee.

Past President – *Pat Clay*

Reported on Past President activities.

President Elect/Program Chair – *Sandra McDonald*

She reported that we are having a meeting, a virtual annual conference. Using same platform as the WSSA conference.

Eric demonstrated how to access the virtual meeting website features.

Research Section Chair – *Mithila Jugulam*

Mithila presented her report. The number of submissions were somewhat less than past meetings.

Education and Regulatory – *Todd Neel*

Three symposia were offered for the meeting. No CEUs were requested for the WSSA, but WAPMS does have CEUs offered.

Member-at-Large Public – *Julie Kraft*

Report now available. Focused efforts on manager-based symposia.

Member-at-Large Private – *John Coyle*

John presented his report, repeating his focus on making the meeting relevant to land managers, applicators and contractors.

WSSA Representative – *Vacant*

Marty attended but his term has ended. Still looking for a representative.

Alan Helm volunteered to serve.

CAST Representative – *Greg Dahl*

Greg indicates that serving on CAST has been very interesting. They produce a number of excellent publications, including related to weed science. The Weed Science reps coordinate regularly to produce useful documents for weed science.

There is an issue related to the optics of invasive species. Lee van Wychen would like to see some new work on the economics of invasive species, and on the benefits of fire management.

Student Liaison – *Mirella Ortiz*

Mirella presented her report. She organized items for silent auction, and coordinated the student's night out. Eighteen items contributed for the silent auction.

Morning Break at 10 until 10:10.

Director of Science Policy – *Lee van Wychen*

Lee not attending.

12:00 pm Break (will move to wherever we are at when it is noon)

Committee Reports:

Publications Committee (Sandra McDonald – board contact)

Proceedings – *Carl Libbey*

WSWS Newsletter – *Carl Libbey*

Need to have a clarification that they do not endorse a specific product. Discussion ensued on how get this done. Some other regional societies have addressed this in their operating manual, and we can utilize their language.

Research Progress Reports – Traci Rauch

No report.

Website – *Eric Gustafson*

Changes in format to the WSWS website will also require some content changes. All regional chapter websites are undergoing the same changes.

The proposal from APEX was discussed. A one-time development cost of \$7,500.

We will have a demo (possibly) and an action item at the post-conference board meeting.

Also, need to schedule the post-conference board meeting.

Local Arrangements – George Newberry – chairperson (Sandra McDonald – board contact)

Sonia Rios will be the new chair for 2022.

Finance – *Pete Forster* – chairperson (Member-at-Large public – board contact)

Pete did not attend. Phil Banks will be the incoming Treasurer, and we need to work out how the Treasurer interacts with the Finance Chair. See report, we will act on the change to the operation guide.

Nominations – *Ryan Edwards* – chairperson (Pat Clay – board contact)

Report is available, and the election results have been reported. New Board members will be:

Joel Felix, President Elect
Research Section, Marcelo Moretti
Jane Mangold, Education and Regulatory Chair
Phil Banks, Treasurer

Pat Clay commented that Past President needs to be added as board contact for Nominations Committee.

Public Relations – *Charles Geddes* – chairperson (Todd Neel – board contact)

Amy Gianotti presented a proposal to do social media activity for WSWS for \$2,000 per year, and a request to reimburse travel costs.

Corey asked if there was a cap on travel expenses. No cap was included in the proposal.

Eric asked if they needed to be on site at the meeting, and Charles indicated that she would.

Include a cap of \$5,000 for travel. Comp room and registration.

MOTION: Greg Dahl moved that we accept the \$2,000 proposal, with the amendment of the travel cap.

Motion seconded by Mithila.

Discussion: No discussion.

One opposing vote, the motion carries.

Need to see if she can join the meeting next week.

Fellows and Honorary Members – *Jessie Richardson* – chairperson (Pat Clay – board contact)

Drew Lyons will be new chair of committee.

Report includes a request for action. Add an operating guide item that discourage committee members from nominating candidates for these awards. **(See report)**

MOTION: Motion by Judit, Seconded by Greg.

Discussion

Motion passes unanimously.

Site Selection – *Charlie Hicks* – chairperson (Pat Clay – board contact)

No report

Awards – *Craig Alford* – chairperson (Corey Ransom – board contact)

Not present – report posted online.

Poster – *Clarke Alder* – chairperson (Sandra McDonald – board contact)

Poster session is ready, most have an oral presentation recorded for inclusion. Video was optional.

Student Paper/Poster Judging – *Dennis Scott* – chairperson (Sandra McDonald – board contact)

Report is available for student contest judging. Judges are all lined up for the contest.

Necrology - *Earl Creech* – chairperson (John Madsen – board contact)

Booth set up in virtual interface. No additional report.

Sustaining Membership – *Alan Helm* – chairperson (Pat Clay – board contact)

We have 7 sustaining members. No other items or actions.

Legislative – *Rachel Zuger* – chairperson (Vacant – board contact)

Rachel has been updating contacts at state governments for weed science-related issues.

She also commented on the interaction with NAISMA on common interests and objectives.

Herbicide Resistant Plants – *Caio Brunharo*- chairpersons (John Coyle – board contact)

Committee is encouraging cooperation between members on herbicide resistant plants.

Wants to have an area in the webpage to discuss herbicide resistant plant research and collaboration.

Sandra suggested utilizing the booth at the virtual conference.

Ad Hoc Invasive Species – *Brian Mealar/Chad Cummings* co-chairs (Corey Ransom – board contact)

Submitted a report this morning (check reports).

This committee was initiated in 2019. There is a need for a permanent committee at WSWS.

Ad Hoc Diversity and Inclusion Committee – *Elizabeth Mosqueda* (Corey Ransom – board contact)

Committee decided to divide the draft statement into a mission statement for the web and a statement of goals.

Unfinished Business

SCHEDULE POST CONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

Thursday after Sandra's address at end of meeting, 12:30 to 1:30 pm MT

New Business

Recommendation from the Ad Hoc Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Vote on Thursday to accept the Diversity and Inclusion Statement for the WSWS.

MOTION – Greg Dahl moved that we accept the committee recommendation and move to membership at Business Meeting, seconded by Sandra. Vote was unanimous, motion passed.

Endorse and co-sign a letter to BLM to support indaziflam for use on annual grasses. Julie Kraft reported that it was from WY Gov. and WY Weed Council.

We will take action at the post-conference meeting, after the letter has been distributed.

Sandra moved to adjourn, Greg Dahl seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

12 noon Adjourn