



WSWS Annual Business Meeting  
Thursday, March 14, 2013  
Catamaran Hotel, San Diego, CA

Kai Umeda 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.

- Andy Hulting indicated past board of director meeting minutes had been approved through voting by the board members and are posted on the website. Andy asked for a 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. Phil gave the Treasurer Report indicating the Society is in good financial standing and an update on the Weeds of the West book sales. He thanked the hotel staff and Jesse Richardson, Local Arrangements Chair, for hosting a successful meeting.
- Roger Gast, President-Elect, presented the Program Committee report. Total numbers of papers were down slightly. There were 94 oral papers and 60 posters. 159 total presentations including workshops and general session. One symposium was deferred to the upcoming Colorado Springs meeting, but three workshops at this meeting filled the symposium void.
- Vanelle Peterson presented the Past President report. Vanelle reported on the recent WSWS member surveys that had been completed, efforts to build momentum on the yearly silent auction held at the annual meetings and related efforts to engage student membership and involvement on Society committees.
- Tony White presented the Research Section Chair report. Tony summarized the program and announced chairs and incoming chairs of each section. He thanked current chairs for their efforts with the program.
- Brad Hanson presented the Education and Regulatory report. Brad commented on sessions related to education and regulatory matters being held at this meeting and described some of the potential changes being considered by the board related to the committee structures dealing with these efforts.
- Bob Stougaard gave the Member at Large Public report. Bob commented on the results of the membership survey that was recently completed.
- Monte Anderson gave the Member at Large Public report. Monte commented on his interaction with the Herbicide Resistant Plants committee and his efforts to help with donations to the silent auction.
- Pat Clay gave the WSSA Representative report giving the society a summary of recent WSSA meeting and board activities. Pat indicated that the WSWS is well represented within the WSSA. Pat gave updates on the WSSA website, negotiations with Allen Press and efforts related to reprinting the Herbicide Handbook.
- Phil Westra presented the CAST Representative report and discussed ideas on topics and papers that this group is working on. Phil stressed the importance of

CAST in disseminating non biased, science based documents on emerging issues in agriculture.

- Cameron Douglas gave the Student Liaison report. Cameron commented on efforts to improve the silent auction, survey results of student membership, efforts to engage students on society committees and introduced Craig Beil as incoming Student Liaison.
- Corey Ransom presented the Constitution and Operating Procedures report. Corey has continued to update the Operating Guide and Constitution and indicated that an online version is available in PDF format for those interested in continuing to improve the document.

The following Committee reports were presented:

**Proceedings Report** – Bill McCloskey. Bill indicated that the process for generating the Proceedings continues to improve using the electronic system.

**Research Progress Report** – Joan Campbell reported for Traci Rauch. Joan reported a slight upward trend in submissions (53 up from 45) and encouraged members to submit reports.

**Newsletter Report** – Carl Libbey reported that he will be the sole editor of the newsletter and requested that membership supply him with information for the newsletter.

**Website Report** – Tony White gave a summary of his updates and improvements to the WSWS website.

**Local Arrangements Report-** Jesse Richardson indicated that the Catamaran Hotel was well run and he thanked all the people he worked with and that helped him make this a successful meeting.

**Poster Section Report-** Chuck Rice indicated that the number of posters was down somewhat, but the quality of posters was excellent. Chuck thanked society members from UC-Davis and CSU for logistics related to poster materials transport.

**Nominating Committee Report-** Rich Zollinger reported for Dan Ball and reviewed winners of society elections. Rich thanked everyone that agreed to run for WSWS offices.

**Legislative Report-** Julie Kraft reported for Kirk Howatt and indicated that this committee is seeking to update primary contacts from each state who can serve as point people on legislative issues.

**Sustaining Member Report-** Pat Clay indicated that we have 16 Sustaining Members and thanked them for their support and also indicated efforts are underway to identify others who would be interested in this role.

**Fellows and Honorary Members** – Celestine Duncan reported for Scott Nissen. Celestine reported nominations were received for Fellow Award and two were selected.

**Awards** – Jeff Tichota reviewed this year's award recipients and urged members to nominate a deserving colleague.

**Finance Report** – Brian Mealor reported that the WSWS 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.

**Public Relations Report** – Brad Hanson indicated that this is a committee in flux and that the board will be working to redefine the role and mission of the committee in the future with respect securing CEU's and other public relations roles.

**Education-** Tim Prather reported that this group will continue to work on online course offerings and to increase the presence of educational materials on the WSWs website.

**Herbicide Resistant Plants-** Sarah Ward indicated that this group is working to take on a different focus and define specific tasks. For example, the idea of writing a white paper on resistance in the west has been discussed.

**Site Selection** – Carol Mallory-Smith reported that the 2014 meeting will be in Colorado Springs and in 2015 we will meet at the Portland, OR, Hilton.

**Necrology** – John Roncoroni read biographies and asked for a moment of silence for three WSWs members that had passed away this year.

**Ad hoc Noxious Weed Short Course** – Sandra McDonald reported that the Noxious Weeds Short Course will be held again in Colorado and is transitioning to a new funding model.

**Ad hoc Ethics Committee-** Kai Umeda indicated that the board is working on a WSWs ethics statement and efforts to develop this statement will be continued by the board at their summer meeting.

**Poster and Paper Contest Winners** – Guy Kyser presented this year’s winners of the student paper and poster contests. Phil Westra asked that the members present recognize all the graduate and undergraduate students who participated in the meeting with a round of applause.

Kai Umeda indicated that the only remaining old business was for members to make sure they have a commemorative 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary WSWs clock.

New business consisted of consideration of holding a joint annual meeting with the WSSA. A motion was made and seconded to not meet in conjunction with the WSSA. After much member discussion on the pros and cons of this approach and discussion about maintaining the “culture and identity” of the society the motion passed by a majority vote meaning that the WSWs will continue to proceed with annual meetings on its own. There was follow up discussion related to proposing a symposium or workshop at the upcoming WSSA meeting to showcase what the WSWs does best in terms of research and collaborative efforts between various stakeholder groups.

Kai Umeda acknowledged Roger Gast’s efforts this past year and passed him the gavel ‘Hoe’ as incoming president.

New WSWs president, Roger Gast thanked Kai Umeda for his service to the WSWs.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 AM.