



WSWS Board of Director Meeting
3/5/2020

In attendance: Judith Barroso, Pat Clay, Carl Coburn, John Coyle, Jodie Crose, Chad Cummings, Gregory Dahl, Joel Felix, Eric Gustafson, Mithila Jugulam, Julie Kraft, John Madsen, Sandra McDonald, George Newberry, Corey Ransom, Marty Schraer.

Board members absent: Todd Neel

President Corey Ransom called the meeting to order.

All attendees introduced themselves.

Passed around a roll call sign-in sheet rather than a verbal roll call.

The Board first discussed the issues regarding the just-completed conference and problems associated with having a joint meeting (with WSSA), in preparation for the proposed meeting in 2021. It is a joint meeting with Western Aquatic Plant Management Society (WAPMS).

Review of conference:

1. Make sure WSWS is represented on all planning committees for all aspects of conference.
2. Some WSWS MS student posters were not judged – possible issue with having separate WSWS and WSSA boxes to check on registration. Some ideas for remediation included:
 - a. Have a contest online with posters sent as PDF for separate judging to reconcile the slip up.
 - b. Add a step of checking on submissions to ensure that students who want to be in contest are enrolled in correct contest.
 - c. No specific action taken.
3. Prepare for joint meeting with WAPMS next year – ensure good communication.
4. Other issues
 - a. Log on issues with Weed Science Abstracts portal.
 - b. Lack of discussion topics printed in the program, as is typically done for WSWS meetings
 - c. Distractions during some events.
 - d. Conflict of the WSWS and WSSA “cultures.”

Action Items:

- Gather discussion session summaries and Chair-Elects names

- Submit changes to SOP
- Transfer files or other information to new officers and chairs
- Placing people into appointments for open positions:
 1. Constitution / OG – Chad Cummings
Sandra McDonald moved, Julie Kraft seconded. Vote was unanimous
 2. WSSA Liaison – wait until summer board meeting
Joan Campbell has expressed interest.
 3. Nominations committee – TBD
 4. Legislative committee – TBD
 5. Herbicide resistant plants committee – student position interest. Committee has an opening for a student member.
Student Liaison will look for a student member with interest.
 6. Public relations committee
President Ransom appointed Brianne Tidemann for the WSSW Public Relations Committee
 7. Proceedings Editor, Research Progress Report Editor
Each get a stipend of \$750.
Consider bumping stipend up for Proceedings Editor since there are so many abstracts
Have to coordinate with WSSA editor, Muthu Bagavathiannan
Corey will coordinate that with Bill Curran

Next year's meeting in Boise:

Symposia Ideas

Restoration and Plant Materials – there is a USDA plant materials center in Boise

Fire – Interagency fire center

Interaction of weed control issues and actions

Irrigation, ditches/rights of way, agriculture and invasive species

Keynote Speaker

Summer Board Meeting Scheduling

Aug 10-13 as first option

Contract with IMI

Contract is up with IMI. IMI does both national and regional weed science chapters. Company and Eric doing a great job. Requesting a 6% increase (\$21,000 to 23,000).

Motion to Approve – Marty Schraer

Second - Greg Dahl

Vote was unanimous to approve.

Eric is doing a great job for WSWS, and we would highly prefer to have Eric remain our contact

Motion and second to adjourn (too quick to pick up who), vote was unanimous to adjourn.