

WESTERN SOCIETY OF WEED SCIENCE
Summer Executive Committee Meeting
Albuquerque Hilton Hotel - Albuquerque, NM
June 3, 1995 - 1:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm by President Gus Foster. Present were: Wanda Graves, Barbra Mullin, Jill Schroeder, Kai Umeda, Paul Ogg, Tom Whitson, Charlotte Eberlein, Joan Campbell, Tracy Sterling, Rod Lym, and Jack Schlesselman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Minutes WSWs March 13, 1995 Executive Committee Meeting - Barbra Mullin
 - a. Corrections noted were: 1) add Wanda Graves to those present; and 2) change Hyatt Hotel to Hilton Hotel under 6.
 - b. Paul Ogg moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded and passed.

2. 1996 Program Committee - Charlotte Eberlein

General Session - There is no general theme, but invited speakers include information on grazing on public lands issues and economic aspects of funding for ag sciences. It was suggested that possibly a representative from the Secretary of Interior could present an update on needs at the Washington, DC level and how WSWs can help. Barbra and Tom will contact BJ Thornberry in Secretary Babbitt's office to see if she would be available.

Proposed Thursday Symposium: Weed Management in Natural Resource/ Wildland Areas - the planners would like to see this session organized in cooperation with the Western Weed Coordinating Committee. The Board approved this proposal. Vanelle Carrithers will be organizing the session with help from Tom Whitson and Barbra Mullin and in cooperation with WWCC. The Board felt that the weed issue could bring weed and wildlife people together. We need to become more aware of potential problems and to develop more economic data and information on the impacts of weeds on wildlife.

Tom Whitson is in charge of the "Member Welcome/ Retiree Recognition" reception on Monday evening.

The luncheon will focus on the award recipients and there will not be a luncheon speaker.

Work still needs to be completed on industry-sponsored events.

The time allotted for the "What's New in Industry" section is up to the program chair. The Board did not feel that it should be moved into an evening session and that it should not conflict with the Thursday morning symposium. Some information given at the 1995 meeting would have been excellent as presented papers and participants should be encouraged to present more papers.

It was suggested that a better way to accept/reject posters and papers should be developed. The recommendation was to include a return postcard for authors to fill-in with their mailing address and return with the paper/poster submission. This will facilitate the Program Chair response to the author regarding acceptance/ rejection of the paper or poster and give the author notification of the time of their presentation.

- a. Research Section Report - Jill Schroeder

A list of all chairs and chairs elect has been mailed out. The same format will be used as was used in the past and the print will be large enough to read.

- b. Extension/Regulatory Section Report - Kai Umeda

Three suggested topics for this section included: 1) education programs for school children; 2) case histories of weed scientists and litigation; and 3)

biotechnology and vegetable crops and public perceptions and fears. It was felt that this section should fill a complete morning or afternoon.

It was also recommended that the Education and Regulatory Section be developed and maintained as a specific program by the elected Chair, independent of the Extension-Education-Regulatory session that is part of the Research Section.

3. Local Arrangement Committee - Keith Duncan
 - a. WSWS will fit okay but there is no extra space. The total number of sessions, based on the number of papers submitted, will determine the final space requirements.
 - b. Keith moved that an experienced local arrangements member serve on the Site Selection Committee to make sure all needs are addressed when selecting a site. Seconded by Joan Campbell. Discussion included: the need to also include a person from the state where the site selection committee is working and the importance of keeping new blood on committees by rotating committee members. It was felt that this could be addressed when appointing the committee and in this case, experience is more important than new blood. Motion passed. This arrangement will be incorporated into the operating guidelines.
 - c. Tracy Sterling reported on AV equipment needs. We can rent them through hotel or have members bring what's needed. Last year AV costs were \$1200. It was noted that we need quality equipment. After checking with the hotel, it was decided that their rates are competitive and we will rent the equipment.
 - d. Phil Banks reported on a Monday tour. There isn't much to see in March of an ag nature. The Board decided not to provide a formal tour but to let WSWS members know areas of interest and they can make their own plans. They felt that tours are appropriate if they are ag related and appropriate for the area.

4. State of the Society - Wanda Graves
 - a. The Society is doing well in the long-term, low risk mutual funds. Wanda recommended that the Finance Committee look at the money market saving and current mutual funds and make a recommendation to the Board about possible changes at the March meeting.

5. WSSA Representative Report - Paul Ogg
 - a. The next WSSA annual meeting will be held in Norfolk, VA on February 5 - 6, 1996.
 - b. Congressional Science Fellows have been funded and are working with Senator Tom Daschle, SD, and Senator Max Baucus, MT. A Congressional Liaison will provide information to policy makers and their staff, organize WADC meetings, review WSSA position statements, draft analytical statements, and communicate information back to WSSA. WSWS has committed \$2,000 to this position.
 - c. The 7th edition of the Herbicide Handbook is available for \$35 per copy.

6. CAST Representative - Jack Evans
 - a. CAST is proposing a workshop October 15 & 16 to determine if their current mission and goals serve their members. Jack will clarify this information.
 - b. We will be able to decide our issues in March of 1996, prior to their winter Board meeting.

7. Immediate Past President - Tom Whitson [no written report]
 - a. The Liaison Committee worked well through Vanelle's efforts. Several groups

13. Student Education Enhancement Committee - Phil Stahlman
 - a. There has been increased participation in this program from both students and host companies. A student request for lab experience rather than field work was arranged. The program is recommended to continue based on favorable reports from all participants.

14. Noxious Weed Management Short Course Committee - Barbra Mullin
 - a. The course was held in Bozeman, Montana, April 24-27. There were 34 participants and course comments were again favorable. Accounting for the course through WSWS seems to be working smoothly.

15. Awards Committee - Steve Dewey
 - a. The Board approved proposed changes for the Awards Committee Operating Guide. WSWS needs to continue to solicit nominations for these awards.

16. Fellows/Honorary Members Committee - Paul Ogg
 - a. The Committee recommended Don Colbert and Robert Parker for WSWS Fellow Awards in 1996. There was not an honorary member selected for this year. The Committee's recommendations were accepted by the Board. Some discussion noted that the honorary member does not need to be automatically included in the general session, the Program Chair determines if the honorary member fits on the program. The honorary member will always be recognized at the awards luncheon.
 - b. The Board approved the suggested new operating guide for the nominations of fellows and honorary members.

17. Finance Committee - Gil Cook
 - a. The Finance Committee reviewed the WSWS books and found them in order. The Committee will be asked to review mutual funds and make a recommendation to the Board at the March, 1996 meeting.

18. Necrology Committee - Ali Sheffeek
 - a. No report

19. Nominations Committee - Jeff Tichota
 - a. The slate of officers proposed by the Committee was approved by the Board of Directors. Nominations are: President-Elect - Jesse Richardson, Barbra Mullin; Secretary - Wayne Belles, Nelroy Jackson; Research Section - Carol Mallory-Smith, Don Morishita; Education & Regulatory Section - Joan Campbell, Rick Arnold.
 - b. The Committee asked two questions of the Board:
 1. Should we nominate academic and industry members for the same office to broaden the list of strong and willing candidates?

The Board agreed to try running academic and industry members for the same office again. The move was opposed by Paul Ogg, who noted that voting blocks are very real. In the past the public nominee always won against the private.
 2. Should the interval between receiving and returning the WSWS Executive Office ballot be shortened?

There was no discussion on this issue.
 - c. It was noted that there are no written guidelines for the Nominations Committee. This should be done.

20. Placement Committee - Carol Mallory-Smith
 - a. The committee recommended that the placement books be taken to the room used for the graduate student breakfast with the committee explaining how the book works at that time. This proposal was accepted.
21. Poster Committee - Tracy Sterling
 - a. The new posters looked very professional and worked well. The reminders to keep visiting down in the poster session worked well.
 - b. The posters are very heavy and hard to move. Tracy will get shipping estimates to get the posters from Albuquerque to Corvallis. Possibly someone driving can haul them.
22. Public Relations Committee - Jack Schlesselman
 - a. News releases on the Sacramento meeting were distributed, along with photos of the new Board and those receiving awards. Continuing education credit is an important part of this committee.
23. Publications Committee - Steve Dewey
 - a. The Board approved the Committee's recommendations to proceed with the development of a WSWs promotional brochure and table the "Weed Seeds and Seedlings" book until a formal proposal is received.
 - b. Discussion on a proposed biological control handbook was tabled until New Business.
24. Resolutions Committee - Mark Ferrell
 - a. The Board felt that the new Resolutions Committee chairman wouldn't have much to do if he didn't write the report for the summer meeting. The incoming and outgoing chairs need to be encouraged to talk at the meeting. Each Committee must be encouraged to keep their notebooks up to date.
25. Site Selection Committee - Frank Young
 - a. The Committee will be asked to recommend a geographic area based on where past meetings were held. They should provide a few cities to be voted on by the membership in March. Considerations for choices should be given to airfare into the cities and the excellence of available facilities.
26. Student Paper/Poster Judging Committee - Dan Ball
 - a. See attached report. No discussion.
27. Sustaining Membership Committee - Neal Hageman
 - a. Letters and follow-up phone calls will be made to the current sustaining members and leads for two new members.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board would like to increase participation-volunteered papers by encouraging more industry participation.
2. A second (pre)registration form will be included with the program mailing as a reminder and to encourage increased pre-registration.

3. Tom Whitson recognized Jim Helmer, Dow-Elanco Business Meeting Breakfast Sponsor, in a letter to him. Jim has organized the breakfast more many years and WSWs appreciates his support.

4. Update Operating Guide - The Member-at-Large will request that each Committee Chair review their operating guides and submit proposed changes to her. She will work with the Secretary to update the guidelines. New guidelines should be presented to the Executive Committee in March, 1996.

5. The Ad Hoc Legislative Committee purpose should be evaluated. It may need to include a regulatory function; expand the scope and activities; and add to the membership.

6. Joan Campbell, member-at-large, reported on the tabled motion from the annual meeting to elect a Secretary to progress to President-Elect (Program Chair) and President. [See item 8 above.] The general consensus is "if it's not broken, don't fix it." The importance of communication by the President-Elect with those who have done this in the past was emphasized, as well as making sure the Nominations Committee draws from experienced Board members for the President-Elect position.

7. The Symposium proposed by Vanelle Carrithers, Barbra Mullin, and Tom Whitson will be designed to continue the Society's goal to involve outside groups and associations to participate with WSWs activities as partners. There are benefits for all participants.


8. Steve Dewey, Chair of the Publications Committee, is developing the initial draft WSWs pamphlet.

9. Barbra Mullin proposed the development of a Biological Control of Weed reference to the WSWs Publications Committee. The Committee did not get the proposal in time to make a recommendation to the Executive Board at the June 3rd meeting. Barbra reported that printing of the reference would be funded fully through a grant from the Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund. While the Board generally favored the proposal they wanted a firm recommendation from the Publications Committee and certain questions answered on how the book would be developed, reviewed, and distributed. Once this information is received, the Executive Board will take action on the proposal, possibly through a conference call.

10. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Monday afternoon, March 11, 1996, starting at 1:00 pm at the Albuquerque Hilton Hotel in Albuquerque, NM

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Respectfully submitted,


Barbra Mullin, WSWs Secretary