

**MINUTES OF THE 49th ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
WESTERN SOCIETY OF WEED SCIENCE  
ALBUQUERQUE HILTON HOTEL  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO  
MARCH 14, 1996**

The meeting was called to order by President Gus Foster at 7:10 a.m. The President reported that Dr. Bob Zimdahl will be serving as Parliamentarian for the meeting and has been provided a whistle to keep the membership in line. Minutes of the 1995 General Business Meeting were approved as printed in the 1995 WSWS Proceedings.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Program Committee.** Charlotte Eberlein

- a. A special thanks was extended to the Program Committee members, Kai Umeda and Jill Schroeder.
- b. Breakdown of papers.
  1. General Session - Charlotte Eberlein, Chair
    - 4 invited presentations, including the Presidential Address
  2. Poster Section - Tracy Sterling, Chair
    - 33 volunteered papers, including 6 student competition posters
  3. Education & Regulatory Section - Kai Umeda, Chair
    - 4 invited papers
  4. Research Section - Jill Schroeder, Chair
    - 72 volunteered papers, including 15 student competition papers
  5. Special Symposium: Weed Management in Natural Resource/Wildland Areas - Vanelle Carrithers and Barbra Mullin, Co-Chair
    - 5 invited presentations
- c. Special Discussion Sessions
  1. Changes in the Workplace: Will You Be Competitive? - Phil Banks, Moderator
    - Panel - Phil Banks, Sheldon Blank, Steve Dewey, Jill Schroeder
  2. What's New in Industry/Weed Management - Jeff Tichota, Moderator
    - 10 presentations
- d. Sponsored Activities
  1. Member Welcome/ Retirees Reception - Monsanto
  2. Refreshment Breaks - Sandoz
  3. Graduate Student Breakfasts - Bayer, CIBA
  4. Accompanying Persons Breakfasts - Zeneca
  5. WSWS Business Meeting Breakfast - DowElanco
  5. Affiliation Partners Dinner - American Cyanamid

**Education and Regulatory Section Committee.** Kai Umeda

- a. Two sessions were organized for this session:
  1. "Growing Agriculture in the Classroom - Children's Education Programs"
    - 3 invited papers
    - this topic generated a very good discussion
  2. "Weed Science and the Law - A Reality Check"
    - 1 invited paper
- b. The Board of Directors is considering a name change for Project 4: from "Extension, Education, and Regulatory Research Section" to "Teaching and Technology Transfer Research Section" to prevent the confusion that seems to be generated by two similarly named but different sections.

**Local Arrangements Committee.** Keith Duncan

- a. The committee provided host ribbons for graduate students and technicians to help answer questions and provide help in contacting the hotel staff, etc. This system worked well and helped the meeting run smoothly.
- b. There was some confusion about local arrangements due to the time lapse between the site selection and the meeting date. The chairman pointed out the importance of having a local arrangements contact on the site selection committee.
- c. President Gus Foster presented Keith Duncan with a appaloosa statue in thanks for stepping into the breach and making sure the meeting was well organized.

**State of the Society.** Wanda Graves, Business Manager

- a. 347 members registered for the meeting, up significantly from past meetings [304 in 1995, 301 in 1994]. There were 286 preregistered, with 30 graduates students and 12 spouses registered.
- b. Thanks to Mary Moore, with Sandoz, for her help at the registration desk.
- c. The Society is in good financial standing with \$183,000, including three special project revolving accounts.
- d. Wanda requests that the members leave their name tags for future use. Don't forget to inform her of any address changes.

**WSSA Representative Report.** Paul Ogg

- a. The 1997 WSSA meeting will be held February 3-6 in Orlando, Florida.
- b. The Society seems to be having some budget problems, with a net loss of \$47,455 for this year. Membership dues were increased from \$60 to \$75.
- c. WSSA, with support from regional societies, sponsors the Congressional Science Fellow program. There are currently two half-time fellows providing contacts in Congress.
- d. AESOP Washington Liaison is also sponsored by WSSA with support from regional societies. They are active in following research bills proposed or introduced into Congress.

**CAST Representative Report.** Jack Evans

- a. CAST is a very dynamic organization that has recently redirected their efforts to meet the needs of their membership.
- b. Meetings were sponsored on "Sustainable Agriculture and the 1995 Farm Bill" and for leaders in agricultural science and technology professional societies [WSWS took part] to develop strategies to help in the new work environment.
- c. CAST plans to publish more and shorter documents [facts sheets and issues papers] rather than task force reports in the future. These seem to serve the membership need better.
- d. WSWS members are encouraged to join CAST as individual members.

**Immediate Past President Report.** Tom Whitson

- a. The New Members/ Retirement Reception was held on Monday evening and had a large attendance. Retirees Chuck Stanger, Ed Schweizer, and Pete Fay were honored. Thanks to Doug Ryerson and Monsanto for their sponsorship.
- a. Invited affiliate groups attended a dinner sponsored by WSWS and American Cyanamid. This is the second year that representatives from states and federal agencies met to discuss issues of mutual concern, including economic information, ecology, and integrated systems approaches to weed management. They will be invited to join WSWS again in Portland for the 1997 meeting.

**Member-at-Large Report. Joan Campbell**

- a. The Operating Guidelines are in the process of being updated. They are now on disk and the final draft, with input from all committees and officers, will be presented to the Executive Board at the Summer, 1996 meeting. This project will continue through 1996 as an Ad Hoc Committee with Joan Campbell, Paul Ogg, and Mary Guttieri as members.
- b. An Internet Ad Hoc Committee has also been formed to investigate how WSWS can best use the resources available on Internet and World Wide Web. The committee includes Joan Campbell, Tim Prather, and Dan Ball.
- c. Joan was thanked for doing an excellent job as member-at-large and bringing other issues of concern by the membership to the notice of the Executive Board.

**Resolutions Committee Report. Mark Ferrell**

- a. The 1995 resolutions were published in the 1995 proceedings.
- b. Resolution 1.
  - WHEREAS; The 1996 program presented a thought provoking and relevant message, and
  - WHEREAS; The meetings were run smoothly and efficiently, and
  - WHEREAS; The facilities were excellent and the staff helpful and courteous.

Be it resolved that the Western Society of Weed Science expresses its appreciation to Charlotte Eberlein and the Program Committee, Keith Duncan and the Local Arrangements Committee, and to the management and staff of the Albuquerque Hilton Hotel.

Mark Ferrell moved to accept the resolution, seconded by Bob Zimdahl, and passed.

**Site Selection Committee. Bob Zimdahl for Frank Young**

- a. The Site Selection Committee has chosen Colorado Springs, Colorado for the site of the 1996 WSWS annual meeting. The hotel will be determined at a later date. Air travel will be good to Colorado Springs, with many flights bypassing Denver.

**Student Paper/ Poster Judging Contest. Dan Ball**

- a. A total of 21 students made presentations, 6 posters [up from 5] and 15 oral [up from 11]. The oral presentations were split into two groups, basic and applied.
- b. Winners of the student paper contest were:
  - Poster Presentations
    - First Place - Justin Knight, New Mexico State University
    - Second Place - Joyce Payne, New Mexico State University
    - Third Place - Asuncion Rios-Torres, New Mexico State University
  - Oral Presentations [Applied]
    - First Place - Michael Wille, University of Idaho
    - Second Place - Stephen Enloe, Colorado State University
    - Third Place - Jessie Strobbe, Montana State University
  - Oral Presentations [Basic]
    - First Place - Dean Riechers, Washington State University
    - Second Place - W. Mack Thompson, Colorado State University
    - Third Place - Patrick Miller, Colorado State University
- c. Winners received \$100, \$75, and \$50 respectively, a plaque, and a gift certificate for a WSSA monograph.

**Nominations Committee Report. Jeff Tichota**

- a. Officers for the 1996-97 WSWs year were elected from 142 returned ballots .  
President-Elect - Barbra Mullin  
Secretary - Wayne Belles  
Research Section Chair-Elect - Don Morishita  
Education & Regulatory Section Chair-Elect - Rick Arnold
- b. Members are encouraged to return their ballots as soon as they are received. It was noted that sending the membership stamped, return addressed ballots did not significantly impact voting response.

**Awards Committee Report. Steve Dewey**

- a. Outstanding weed Scientist Awards were presented to:  
Donald C. Thill, Public Sector, University of Idaho  
Neal R. Hageman, Private Sector, Monsanto Company
- b. Revised operating guides were approved by the WSWs Executive Board.

**Fellows/ Honorary Members Committee Report. Paul Ogg**

- a. Two individuals were selected as WSWs Fellows for 1996 - Donald Colbert and Robert Parker.
- b. No Honorary Member was selected for this year.

**Student Education Enhancement Committee Report. Phil Stahlman**

- a. Six individuals have applied for participation in the 1996 program and all six have been placed. Students from North Dakota State University, Kansas State University, Colorado State University, and New Mexico State University will be teamed with representatives from Phone-Poulenc, CIBA, American Cyanamid, Monsanto, Rohm & Haas, and FMC Corporation.
- b. Applications for the program will be sent to interested students as well as faculty to make sure that information about the program is adequately distributed.
- c. Curt Howell and Steve Seefeldt gave a brief overview of their participation in the program in 1995.

**WSWS Research Progress Report. Steve Miller**

- a. The 1996 report contains 105 reports from 91 authors with 146 total pages. Two hundred and fifty copies were printed.
- b. Section chairs need to make sure that guidelines are followed and index files are completed. All reports need to be submitted in a timely manner.
- c. Steve will continue as editor for 1997 and 1998. The Society will need to find a new editor by 1999.

**WSWS Proceedings Report. Rod Lym**

- a. Volume 48 of the WSWs Proceedings contained 77 papers on 110 pages. Cost per page was \$.06. The low number of pages relates to fewer authors expanding their abstracts to full papers.
- b. The postcard author notification worked well and should be continued. The revised index outline and call for papers worked well but could use a few minor improvements, including adding a poster check box to the "Submitting for" section.

**Herbicide Resistant Weeds Committee Report. Steve Seefeldt**

- a. The Herbicide Resistance video was reviewed at the meeting and will be completed by April, 1996.

- b. A summer workshop will be sponsored by Montana State University at Big Sky, Montana in the summer of 1996.
- c. The Executive Committee will be asked to review a committee proposal to change from ad hoc to standing committee status at the summer meeting.

**Legislative Committee Report.** George Beck

- a. The chairman was active, through INWAC, in participating in weed meetings held in Denver and Ft. Lauderdale in the fall of 1995. INWAC continues to sponsor a yearly trip to Washington, DC. They are currently working on amendments to the Federal Noxious Weed Act.
- b. WSWS has determined that they would like the Legislative Committee to develop an expanded role and more proactive approach to areas of legislative concern to the Society. George will work with a new committee and chairman.

**Noxious Weed Management Short Course Committee Report.** Barbra Mullin

- a. The Noxious Weed Short Course for 1996 is full and has a waiting list of 7 people. The current course cost is \$350 and covers the cost to sponsor the course.
- b. A special thanks to Celestine Duncan for organizing the course each year and to all of the instructors over the years, Steve Dewey [USU], Rod Lym [NDSU], Roger Sheley [MSU], Pete Fay [MSU], Peter Rice [UofM], Jim Bauder [MSU], Rick Arnold [NMSU], Rich Hansen [APHIS], Bret Olson [MSU], Don Morishita [UofID], Rose Wallander [MSU], Bill Dyer [MSU], Bruce Maxwell [MSU], and Tom Whitson [UofWY].

**Finance Committee Report.** Gil Cook

- a. The committee met with Wanda Graves and reviewed the books, investments portfolios, and investment reports. All finances are in order.
- b. Wanda is to be commended to an excellent job.

**Necrology Committee Report.** Shafeek Ali

- a. The committee reported the death of William E. 'Ed' Albeke.

**Placement Committee Report.** Carol Mallory Smith

- a. The placement room had a high level of activity through the meeting.
- b. The committee recommends to the Executive Board that the placement books be located in the same room used for the graduate student breakfasts.
- c. Both potential employees and employers should get information to the 1997 chairman [Dennis Scott] before the meeting so all information can be included in the placement book.

**Poster Committee Report.** Tracy Sterling

- a. There were 33 posters this year, up from 20 in 1994 and 25 in 1995.
- b. Thanks to Paul Ogg, for building boxes and transporting the boards and easels; Steve Miller, Pat Renner, and Steven Van Vleet for transporting the boards; and Bob Parker for taking the boards to Washington to hold for the Portland meeting.

**Public Relations Committee Report.** Jack Schlesselman

- a. The committee continues to provide advance notice of the meeting in area publications.
- b. All states requiring continuing education have now approved a standardized sign-up sheet.
- c. Thanks to new committee members Mark Ferrell and Tim Miller.

**Publications Committee Report. Steve Dewey**

- a. Weeds of the West underwent its 5th printing in 1995. A total of 70,000 copies have been printed with a retail value of \$1.4 million.
- b. WSWS co-sponsored publication of the new reference Biological Control of Weeds in the West. Thanks to the Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund for underwriting the printing costs of this publication. Three thousand copies were printed, with 1500 pre-sold.
- c. The committee continues to plan a WSWS brochure.
- d. The committee elected Dave Cudney to serve as current chairman.

**Sustaining Membership Committee Report. Neal Hageman**

- a. The Society currently has 18 sustaining members, down from 21 in 1995. The committee contacted 46 companies.

President Gus Foster thanked all of the committees for their continued hard work and dedication.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

Ron Crockett invited the WSWS membership to come to Portland for the 1997 annual meeting March 11 to 13. The "City of Roses" may not be in full bloom, but the "City of Bridges" is always ready to welcome guests. Ron provided a video and written materials on Portland.

Roland Schirman moved that the 1999 meeting date be moved from March to start the 4th Tuesday of February. The motion was seconded. Discussion included: the move would help avoid field season; some graduate students can take advantage of attending during spring break at the later date; there may be a number of conflicts that we are not currently aware of; and we need to see how the majority of the membership feels about a move. Bob Zimdahl moved to table the motion. Seconded by Rod Lym and did not pass. A show of hands showed the group was fairly evenly divided on the issue. Don Morishita moved to refer the motion to the Executive Committee for further considerations and polling of the membership. Seconded by Joan Campbell and passed.

President Gus Foster presented Business Manager-Treasurer Wanda Graves with her own personal Energizer bunny for her tireless work for the Society.

President Gus Foster turned control of the meeting over to incoming President Charlotte Eberlein. Gus was presented a plaque and thanked for his work for the Society.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbra Mullin, Secretary