

WSWS SUMMER BUSINESS MEETING

August 5, 2000

Coeur d'Alene Inn, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

7:00 a.m. Continental breakfast

8:00 a.m. Call to Order- Don Morishita

Approval of Agenda

Minutes of 2000 WSWS Executive Board Meeting, March 13- Mark Ferrell

Financial Report- Wanda Graves

Immediate Past President's Report- Jeff Tichota

Member-at-Large Report- Bob Stougaard

Program Committee- Bob Parker

Research Section Report- Phil Stahlman

Education and Regulatory Section Report- Rich Zollinger

Knapweed Symposium Report- Linda Wilson

Local Arrangements- Gil Cook

WSSA Representative- Donn Thill

CAST Representative- Rod Lym

Committee Reports: (Board Contact)

Awards- Harry Agamalian (Don Morishita)

Nominations- Bob Wilson (Don Morishita)

Site Selection- Mick Canevari (Don Morishita)

Fellows and Honorary Members- Doug Ryerson (Jeff Tichota)

Sustaining Membership- Vince Ulstad (Jeff Tichota)

Finance- Nelroy Jackson (Mark Ferrell)

Necrology- Steve Fennimore (Mark Ferrell)

Herbicide Resistant Plants- Ian Heap (Bob Stougaard)

Resolutions- George Beck (Bob Stougaard)

Student Educational Enhancement- Jill Schroeder & John Fenderson (Bob Stougaard)

Legislative- Jim Oliveras (Donn Thill)

Publications- Richard Zollinger (Donn Thill)

Placement- Doug West (Phil Stahlman)

Editorial- Joan Campbell (Phil Stahlman)

Poster- Jay Gehrett (Bob Parker)

Student Paper Judging- Mack Thompson (Bob Parker)

Public Relations- Kai Umeda (Rich Zollinger)

Education- Carol Mallory-Smith (Rich Zollinger)

Old Business:

Resolutions Committee future

New Business:

CAST Biotechnology Communications Initiative

Purge Spurge CD-ROM; permission to use WSWS information

Contribution to "Kid's Journey to Understanding Weeds"

**MINUTES OF THE 53rd ANNUAL SUMMER BUSINESS MEETING
WESTERN SOCIETY OF WEED SCIENCE
COEUR D' ALENE INN -- COEUR D' ALENE, IDAHO
AUGUST 5, 2000**

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by President Don Morishita at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes - Don Morishita

It was moved (Phil Stahlman) and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 2000 board meeting. Motion passed.

Financial Report - Wanda Graves

Taxes have been filed. The certificates of deposit and money market accounts have been closed out and these funds have been transferred to Merrill Lynch Investments. Current capital is \$322,944.59 and is distributed among Merrill Lynch Funds (\$210,365.99), Money Market Savings (\$99,142.82), and the Checking Account (\$13,485.78).

The number of revolving fund accounts has increased due to the Knapweed Symposium. Total Revolving Account funds are \$162,204.29 and are comprised of Weeds of the West (\$93,037.31), the Noxious Weed Short Course (\$13,650.96), Biological Weed Control Handbook (\$53,016.02), and the Knapweed Symposium (\$2,500).

Speaking fees for Tom Hoban were greater than negotiated. It was suggested that letters of confirmation should be sent to speakers prior to the meeting and that the society should book and make early reservations for these individuals.

Immediate Past President's Report - Jeff Tichota

It was proposed that the Monday evening "Member Welcome and Retiree's Reception" held at the annual meeting have a title change to "Members Welcome Reception" in an attempt to increase attendance. Retiree's would continue to be recognized. It was reported that Lamar Anderson had retired.

It was proposed that changes to the Operating Guide include language pertaining to posting the minutes on the web. Specifically, names of officer nominees, and award winners not be posted in the minutes from the summer board meeting and that it is the responsibility of the Secretary to edit the minutes accordingly. The minutes will only state that the nominees were approved/disapproved by the Board.

It was also proposed that the Editorial Committee elect a chair from among the various subcommittee editors (proceedings, progress report, newsletter, and web site) and that this individual would present one collective report to the Board in an attempt to streamline the Board meetings. Further, this individual would continuously serve at their desire and by the consent of the Board. The Chair could rotate within the Editorial Committee. In addition, it was proposed that the Editorial Committee be changed from an Ad Hoc committee to a Standing committee. A change in the constitution is required in order to implement the proposed changes. The Publication Committee would continue to operate

separately.

Finally, it was proposed that the Resolutions Committee be changed from a standing committee to an Ad Hoc committee or eliminated entirely. One option discussed was that the responsibilities would fall to the president as pertains to drafting and presenting resolutions. Further discussion is reported under Old Business.

Member-at Large Report - Bob Stougaard

It was reported that several members had voiced concern over the facilities at Tucson and that they would prefer paying more for better accommodations in the future. There are tentative plans to work with Don Morishita and Jill Schroeder to investigate the possibility of developing a leadership-training workshop for interested members.

Program Committee - Bob Parker

Tentative speakers for the general session include Bob Stevens (the status of Mount St. Helen's), Rob Hedberg (legislative issues), and possibly Bob Norris (zero weed tolerance). Time constraints may limit the number of general session speakers. Bob will arrange the Wetlands and Wildlife and the Range and Forest projects close to Thursday to coincide with the Knapweed Symposium. In an attempt to avoid the overlap between the Agronomic Crops discussion section and the project presentations, more posters may be solicited and/or papers may be placed in different project sections.

Bob mentioned that Carol Mallory-Smith was interested in having a Herbicide Resistant Crops Symposium. Carol had also inquired about reimbursement for speaker's fees. Speakers only get reimbursed for the general session and it was suggested that Carol could seek outside funding. Bob mentioned that Bill Cobb was also interested in having a symposium on expert witnessing. It was suggested that both functions might be held in appropriate discussion sections.

Research Section Report - Phil Stahlman

Letters were sent to project chairs and chair-elects to initiate the formation of discussion topics. Phil reported that he represented the WSWS, for Don Morishita, at the USDA/ARS Crop Protection and Quarantine National Program - Weed Science Workshop in Dulles, VA in July. The USDA was soliciting input from stakeholders in order to help guide their future programming as it pertains to weed research. There was concern that "Weeds" weren't even mentioned in the National program title and that a separate National Weed Science Program should be created. The majority of those in attendance were ARS/academicians, which raises concerns with respect to the input obtained with this exercise. Research priorities were identified and voted on. A majority of ARS personnel assigned a high priority to biological weed control and a low priority to research on herbicides, whereas most stakeholders prioritized those areas in opposite fashion.

Education and Regulatory Section Report - Don Morishita for Rich Zollinger

Several discussion section topics have been proposed. The top candidate being "What does industry expect from university/what does university expect from industry. Several

sub-topics were delineated. Bob Parker will talk to Rich regarding the sub-topic "training graduate students for industry/public employment" as well as the time constraints with this discussion section.

Knapweed Symposium Report - Don Morishita for Linda Wilson

The symposium is expected to attract 150 attendees. Wanda requested copies of all paper work pertaining to the financing of the Knapweed Symposium. It was decided that: the WSWS registration will be kept separate from the Knapweed Symposium, registration for the Symposium not be opened until Thursday morning, there be a reciprocal mailing of registration materials from both entities, there be no combined registration fees, WSWS members wear name tags, and our meeting be policed accordingly to keep non-registered people from attending.

Local Arrangements - Gil Cook

Gil investigated the option of the society purchasing lapel mics. Due to the high cost (\$500 to \$2000) as well as a tendency to deteriorate without continuous use, it was decided to rent this equipment from the hotel. Slide and overhead projectors will be brought in from the University of Idaho. A secure room will be needed to store this equipment during the evenings. Local arrangement committee members and U of I staff will set-up equipment each morning. Moderators will be responsible for taking down and storing equipment at the end of the sessions. It was suggested that a meeting be held Tuesday morning with all moderators and project chairs to go over these arrangements and paper cancellations.

An on-site visit was conducted to determine which rooms would be used for the different project and discussion sessions. The interior walls of most rooms will allow for posters to be displayed directly using push-pins and the air walls can also be used similarly with the use of painters tape. There are several boats, which when docked, could be used as meeting rooms. It was discussed that a non-sponsored boat ride may be offered Tuesday or Wednesday evening with option to sign-up included in the registration packet.

WSSA Representative Report - Donn Thill

The WSSA Summer Board meeting was held on July 22-24, 2000 at the Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center in Greensboro, NC. The 2001 annual meeting of WSSA will be held on February 11 to 14 at this excellent facility.

WSSA revenue YTD is \$420,334.40 and expenses are \$375,509.51. The Society is financially sound. Journals continue to be profitable with income exceeding expenses by \$13,458.11. However, the 2000 annual meeting in Toronto cost the Society \$23,716.62. A loss also is projected for the Greensboro meeting.

Standard membership will increase from \$85 to \$90 this year. Subscriber's dues also will increase from \$160 to \$170 for both journals or \$95 to \$100 for a single journal.

The membership directory is online as a first-cut. Improvements and changes are planned for the future.

Recruiting reviewers for Weed Science and Weed Technology continues to be a problem. The Board, based on a recent membership poll, voted to change the use of scientific names for weeds in Weed Science back to common names. This will be effective in volume 49, issue number one.

The 8th edition of the Herbicide Handbook is in preparation. It will be available as a hard copy or CD. A task force was appointed by President Oliver to develop a proposal for electronic versions of the journals. A task force also was named (Thill to chair) to prepared recommendations for refocusing Weed Technology. Ann Legere announced she is stepping down as Director of Publications in February 2001.

The Sunday to Wednesday versus a Monday to Thursday meeting format was discussed. No changes were made, but discussion will continue. Monday to Thursday was liked best, but the society is booked-out for 5 years.

There will be six symposia and a special session on what's new in industry at the 2001 meeting.

Rob Hedberg, Director of Science Policy (DSP) reported on his activities during the past year. Activities included National Invasive Weed Awareness, Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition (CARAT), ARS National Weed Management Program Workshop, Worker Protection Standard Research Exemption Petition, Plant Protection Act Passage, CoFARM, and DSP guidelines

CAST Representative Report - Don Morishita for Steve Miller and Rod Lym
Rod is not the official representative until September. The next CAST meeting is scheduled the same time as the WSWS meeting. Wanda reported that membership dues, starting in 2001, will be \$529 per year and that CAST will reimburse travel expenses for societal representatives up to \$529.

Awards Committee Report - Don Morishita for Harry Agamalian
The call for nominations goes out with the call for papers. Harry will need to send this to Wanda.

Nomination Committee Report - Don Morishita for Bob Wilson
The nominations committee has developed an excellent slate of candidates. Jeff mentioned that any individual who is nominated is held in high regard by the Society and if they happen to lose in the election, they should be encouraged to continue to volunteer for elected offices.

Site Selection Committee Report - Don Morishita for Mick Canevari
The committee investigated hotel accommodations and expenses for the 2003 annual meeting. Oklahoma and Hawaii were the two site options. After discussion, the Board decided to seek a location in Hawaii. Hotel rates are less expensive on the big island (Hawaii) relative to the other islands and would appear to be the best option. The Board decided to have the site selection committee further investigate hotel accommodations in

Hawaii, allowing up to \$150 per night. Higher rates would require Board approval. Lance Santo was mentioned as a possibility to head the local arrangements.

Fellows and Honorary Members Committee Report - Jeff Tichota for Doug Ryerson
Three nominations were packages were submitted for consideration as WSWs Fellows from the public sector. No nominations were received for anyone serving in the private sector. It was decided that two nominees from the public sector would be named as Fellows during the 2001 meeting and that the third public sector nominee would be held over for next year. The committee also received a nomination for Honorary Member. The Board approved the nomination. Don Morishita will write each successful nominee immediately and let Wanda know to arrange for the plaques.

Sustaining membership Committee Report - Jeff Tichota for Vince Ulstad
A list has been compiled of new potential companies including seed entities, chemical manufactures/formulators in the generic and specialties areas, and distributor organizations. Letters will be sent out in late August to these candidates as well as existing members. It was mentioned that Gus Foster had volunteered to contact companies to sponsor the break sessions.

Finance Committee Report - Don Morishita for Nelroy Jackson
Merrill Lynch has invested our funds in the following mutual funds as of 5-2-2000: Alliance Growth & Income, Alliance Premier Growth, Berger Small Cap Value, Invesco Small Company, MFS New Discovery, ML Special Value FD CL A, Nations International Value FD INV A, and Kampen American Value FD CL A, plus a Money Market account. The initial transfer of funds totaled \$210,365.99. As of 5-30-2000, the account value was \$208,181.15, and as of 6-30-2000, the account value was \$218,147.31. It was reported that Stan Cooper of Merrill Lynch was willing to come to the annual Board meeting and that he should be contacted as soon as possible so that he can begin to make travel arrangements.

Necrology Committee Report - Don Morishita for Steve Fennimore
It was reported at the board meeting that Louis A Jensen of Logan Utah, 1967 WSWs president and WSWs fellow had passed away. (Since the board meeting, we have been notified of the passing of Dan Hess on Friday August 4, 2000.)

Herbicide Resistant Plants Committee Report - Bob Stougaard for Ian Heep
No report

Resolutions Committee Report - Bob Stougaard for George Beck
The committee to date has received no resolutions.

Student Education Enhancement Committee Report - Bob Stougaard for Jill Schroeder and John Fenderson
Joan Campbell, WSWs web editor, was contacted and agreed to place the application forms on the WSWs web site. The committee chairs believe that student awareness of the program will increase if the application forms are placed on the WSWs web site and if

announcements about the program are distributed via the WSWs list serve and the summer newsletter. Schroeder will take responsibility for sending the application forms to Campbell for posting and for writing a short newsletter article and list-serve message. Fenderson will lead the effort to solicit the host participants. The committee will work together to match the applicants with the host participants. An announcement should be placed with the call for papers later in the year as well as the next newsletter.

It was recommended that the program should be discussed at the graduate student breakfast. Bob will ask Jill and John to contact Claude Ross and/or Phil Stahlman to obtain the application forms that the students fill out.

Legislative Committee Report - Donn Thill for Jim Oliveras

Issue: National Academy of Science Biotech Panel – The panel is to maintain surveillance of scientific issues in the areas of plant, animal & microorganism biotech. Bill Dyer, Montana State University, will serve as a panel member.

Information Item: The Legislative Committee has helped initiate the creation of an informal partnership group affectionately called “Weed Alert”. This group is headed by Roy Richenbach of Wyoming.

Information Item: National Academy of Science Biotech Crop Report. The report was designed to look at only this narrow aspect of biotechnology and was not intended to include herbicide resistant crops.

Information Item: CoFarm Strategic Plan – In February WSSA renewed membership in CoFarm. May help to advance funding for Weed Science Research.

Information item: Selection to CARAT committee – Rob Hedberg has become a member of the Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition. This committee advises EPA and USDA. This appointment will raise the visibility and influence of Weed Science as it pertains to regulations and registration.

Issue: Atrazine and TMDL's: The major issue with Atrazine was EPA's proposal to reclassify atrazine as a likely human carcinogen instead of a possible human carcinogen. TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) rules proposed by EPA were finalized. The rule, written under the 1972 Clean Water Act, would require states to develop plans within 15 years to clean up an estimated 20,000 lakes, streams and rivers that do not meet clean water standards and could require farms and ranches to obtain the same kind of permits for runoff now required for industrial concerns.

Information Item: ARS Weed Science Meeting – Stakeholders opinion that the ARS weed science research should be consolidated into a cohesive national program was heard loud and strong at this meeting. Another outcome of the meeting is the following priorities for researchable topics: 1) Increase herbicide related research, 2) Weed Biology, Ecology, Physiology and Weed/crop interactions; 3) Increase research in integrated weed management in all habitats and all ecosystems; 4) Increase biological

control, emphasizing long term post release evaluation of biocontrol agents; 5) Study invasiveness of Plant Species; 6) Develop emerging weed science technologies including precision Ag. Long term high risk research.

Information Item: Plant Protection Act Passed - The Plant Protection Act (HR 1504 was introduced by Congressman Canady (R-FL) with some modifications) was passed by both Houses as part of the Conference report on the Crop Insurance Act HR 2559.

Issue: Senator Boxner of California – Initiative to prohibit the use of pesticides on Federal lands. Potentially affected Bills were Department of Interior and Department of Defense.

Action: The "Weed Alert group was activated by Hedberg, and the troops were rallied and we hear that this threat has been squelched.

Information Item: National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week is a smashing success. This cooperative effort during the week of February 27 through March 3, 2000, has prompted many questions to Secretary Glickman at a gathering the secretary has set up with several delegates.

Bob Parker recommended that a representative from Canada serve on this committee and function as a co-chair.

Publications Committee Report - Donn Thill for Rich Zollinger

Activities continue on revising Weeds of the West. The committee was contacted by representatives from the ARS facility in Sidney, MT seeking permission to add articles from WSWS Proceedings and Progress Reports to a CD-ROM leafy spurge data base entitled "purge spurge". Further, they would like to create a link to the WSWS web site. The Board approved the request.

Placement Committee Report - Phil Stahlman for Doug West

Positions desired and available sheets will be printed in the fall newsletter. To date no position desired forms have been received, while positions available consist of 1 research assistantship and 3 public sector positions.

Editorial Committee Report - Phil Stahlman for Joan Campbell

Web Site Report - Joan Campbell: The web site has been updated to reflect changes in committees, officers, and sustaining members. The call for papers will require on-line submission. Full papers will need instructions. Authors will be e-mailed to confirm acceptance. The Proceedings Index, from 1992 to 1998, is on-line in text form. Affirmative Technologies plans to improve the search capacity. There is some confusion with respect to billing from Affirmative Technologies.

Proceedings Report - Kathy Christianson: The 2000 Proceedings had 176 pages. The income to date, according to Wanda's calculations, is \$4321 with a cost of \$3701.45. Donn Thill and Joan Campbell are the new Proceedings co-editors.

Progress Report - Barb Mullin: Reports will be due to Project Chairs by December 1 and to the Editor by December 15. The Board felt that the progress Report should

continue to be printed in Helena, MT, regardless of the cost.

Newsletter Report - Don Morishita: The summer newsletter will be dated August 2000 and will include a report from the summer Board meeting, the Call for Papers, and the Call for Research Project Reports. All newsletter items must be received by August 21. The Fall newsletter will be mailed in November with pre-registration for the annual meeting and the winter newsletter will be sent out in late January or February.

Poster Committee Report - Bob Parker for Jay Gehrett

A total of 54 posters were displayed at the Tucson meeting. The 3 year average is over 50, and local arrangements should plan for this approximate amount when selecting an appropriate room(s) for future meeting. The poster session was not publicized in any of the newsletters during 1999-2000. Instructions were placed on the web last year and will do so again for the up-coming meeting. Posters must be set up on Monday from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. and must be removed Wednesday by 4:30 p.m. Donn Thill is keeper of the easels this year.

Student Paper Judging - Bob Parker for Mack Thompson

No report.

Public Relations Committee Report - Don Morishita for Kai Umeda

No report.

Education Committee Report - Don Morishita for Carol Mallory-Smith

Dr. Balke, University of Wisconsin, is developing a web based class on Herbicide Mechanism of Action that will hopefully be available in 2000-01. Once this class is available it will probably be up to individual universities to arrange to offer it. The committee has also investigated the possibility of a distance education class on weed biology but have not had any commitment thus far from an instructor. It might be useful to put a short note in the newsletter and ask if anyone is interested.

Old Business

The issue of changing the Resolutions Committee from a standing committee to an Ad Hoc committee was discussed. It was decided that the member-at-large should investigate alternative mechanisms to handle this situation.

New Business

Cast Biotechnology Communications Initiative: Richard Stuckey, Cast Executive Vice President, contacted the WSWS, and asked if we would like to participate in this venture. The Board decided to with hold support at this time until we obtain more information on this initiative.

Purge Spurge CD-ROM: The Publications Committee was contacted by representatives from the ARS facility in Sidney, MT seeking permission to add articles from WSWS Proceedings and Progress Reports to a CD-ROM leafy spurge data base entitled "purge spurge". Further, they would like to create a link to the WSWS web site. The Board approved the request.

Contribution to "Kid's Journey to Understanding Weeds": George Hittle requested that the WSWS again contribute this multi-media venture. The Board approved the request of \$2000.

Leadership Training: Jill Schroeder has been involved with "Conversations on Change". Leadership training has been a component. Some of our members may be interested in the information. Don will talk with Jill and look into the feasibility of providing a training session for our members. Jill had also conducted a survey of WSWS members to determine what areas of our society could be improved upon. Don will request this list of priorities.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, March 12th, at Coeur d'Alene, ID.
Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Bob Stougaard for Mark Ferrell