

WSSA President's breakfast, Wednesday February 6, 2008, Chicago Hilton, Chicago, IL

Meeting called to order at 7:15 AM by Jeff Derr. Those in attendance introduced themselves, and included those on attached list. (see appendix one)

Derr distributed items to discuss and led the discussion on each point.

1. ARS weed science program leader. Del Delfosse is leaving and we need to push for a replacement. Van Wychen to send contact information to all regional/affiliated societies for supporting letters, with swift action for best effect.
2. Herbicide list for programs. Derr said that WSSA terminology committee could coordinate this list for inclusion in regional societies programs. Derr suggested August timeframe for updating by the committee, and then upload to website.
3. Some discussion ensued about hosting of regional/affiliated society archives at Iowa State, and what to include in archives. Mike Owen is the contact person.
4. Abstract submission software. WSSA has a contract with Oasis for 2009, SRM will handle this for 2010, need to investigate options for 2011. Derr introduced topic of having a common website platform for title and abstract submission.
5. WSSA Website - Derr informed those present that WSSA website has ample storage available.
6. Future meetings: 2008 IWSC joint with CWSS, 2009 SWSS+WSSA, 2010 WSSA + Society of Range Management.

Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS) will meet in Charleston, SC in July 2008. Shared idea about defining "control".

Canadian Weed Science Society (CWSS) will next meet in Banf in November 2008.

North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS) met in St. Louis in December 2007, and plans to meet in Indianapolis in 2008.

Northeastern Weed Science Society (NEWSS) had a good meeting in Philadelphia in 2008, focus on climate change. Reported struggles to find host for student weed contest.

Southern Weed Science Society (SWSS) met in Jacksonville, FL; and expressed concern about back to back SWSS and WSSA meetings. Looks forward to joint meeting in 2009.

Western Society of Weed Science (WSWS) will be meeting next in Anaheim, CA in 2008. They hope to maintain registration of previous years. Future WSWS meeting sites: Albuquerque in 2009, Hawaii (on big island) in 2010, and Spokane in 2011.

Other miscellaneous topics discussed including new IPSM journal, EPA liaison subject matter expert(s), and joint publications. Derr questioned the group about desired contact among the participants during the upcoming year.

Meeting ended 8:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Mueller, WSSA Secretary