**Special Meeting of WSSA Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 2, 2020**

Attendees:

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| Name | P | A |  | Name | P | A |
| Bill Curran | X |  |  | John Lindquist |  | X |
| Anita Dille | X |  |  | Refsell, Dawn | X |  |
| Larry Steckel | X |  |  | Lynn M Sosnoskie | X |  |
| Stanley Culpepper | X |  |  | Wykle Greene | X |  |
| Dodds, Darrin |  | X |  | Rob Richardson | X |  |
| Phil Banks | X |  |  | Rakesh Chandran |  | X |
| Christian Willenborg | X |  |  | Greg Elmore | X |  |
| F. Tardif | X |  |  | John Byrd | X |  |
| Lee VanWychen | X |  |  | Marty Schraer | X |  |
| Eric Gustafson | X |  |  |  |  |  |

**Agenda**

* 2021 Annual Meeting Discussion
  + Review membership survey results. Only 30% participation from members. Greg summarized data. Encouraging results favored virtual abbreviated sessions. Greatest comments were related to registration fee for virtual meeting.
  + Review Executive Committee meeting minutes from 8/13/20. Bill summarized notes. Eric has been working with hotel on negotiating cancel/rebook, consider joint with SWSS in 2024.
  + Open discussion about how to move forward. Many comments that full rate isn’t terrible since savings in travel. Consideration of group rates. Discuss what events are necessary.
  + Phil Banks made a motion to move to a virtual meeting for the WSSA Annual Meeting in 2021. This motion was seconded by Larry Steckel. Discussion from Phil relative to perspective on financial position of society. Vote: All in favor.
  + Eric and Anita exploring opportunities for virtual meeting. Networking, symposia, student involvement (contests), share research, awards. Anita presented in draft template of meeting. Discussion regarding submission of papers/posters. Announcement needs shared soon to encourage change in behavior and presentation style for meeting. Lynn encouraged us to use unique approach for call to meeting. Greg shared idea for a search, Dawn for happy hour or coffee hour.
* Other business
  + New US-HRAC sponsored award. Discussion on how to differentiate from research and extension awards. Impact or contributions to herbicide resistance encouraged as focus. Provide feedback ASAP to Anita.
  + Fall 2020 Board teleconference scheduling: looking toward early October. Expect doodle poll from Bill.
* Adjournment of meeting motioned by Anita and seconded by Marty.