

# **WSSA Business Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Thoroughbred 4

**Call to Order** – Joe DiTomaso called the business meeting to order at 5:00.

Carroll Moseley provided raffle results. Claire Keene was selected to receive the free tablet computer for her topic suggestion to the Public Awareness committee.

**Approval of Agenda** – Joe DiTomaso asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Prasanta Bhowmik moved to approve the agenda and Dan Kunkel seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Approval of Minutes** – Joe DiTomaso asked for a motion from the floor to approve the meeting minutes from the last business meeting in Vancouver. Sean Askew made motion to approve the old business meeting minutes. Seconded by Carroll Moseley. Unanimous approval.

## **President's Report – Joe DiTomaso**

President made short presentation highlighting the new items to the meeting which included the meeting app, first public service award went to David Shaw, Grad student poster contest, \$12,000 award for IWSS meeting, new strategic plan for WSSA, Donn Shilling WSSA Fellow to NIFA, and finally USDA provided funding to WSSA for herbicide resistance education with this effort headed by David Shaw.

## **2015 Program Report – Dallas Peterson**

Requested feedback on this year's program and the meeting app.

## **2016 Program Report – Kevin Bradley**

Kevin Bradley asked everyone to attend WSSA/SWSS joint Puerto Rico meeting in 2016.

## **Treasurer's Report – Ian Burke**

We spent approximately \$680,000 this year. Income exceeded expenses by a significant amount. General fund and endowment fund made good interest over the course of the year.

#### **Endowment Fund – Anita Dille**

Goal is to arrange funds for undergraduate research funds. Endowment has almost doubled over the last couple of years. She named off quite a few members who donated \$100 or more.

#### **Graduate Student Organization – Kate Venner**

Sixty-eight registered students at the meeting. Bayer sponsored luncheon on Tuesday, which included discussion with journal editors on publishing. Grad student workshop was conducted Wednesday on “Preparing for Careers in Weed Science” with several invited representatives from industry, academia, and government agencies.

#### **Publications – Sarah Ward**

It was Sarah Ward’s first year as Director of Publications. IPISM is no longer subsidized by WSSA. Total journal revenue \$166,132. Impact factors WS 1.684, WT 1.141 and IPISM 0.838. Two special issues of Weed Science online only, including Research methods (now available) and Herbicide Resistance Summit II (available later this year). Herbicide Handbook came out in July. Printed 2000 copies and 900 have been sold by November. WSSA is in the black on the new Herbicide Handbook. Dr. Ward also discussed some of the turnover and workflow issues this past year.

#### **EPA Subject Matter Expert – Mike Barrett**

Dr. Barrett reported that the EPA had a very busy year with a lot of shuffling of personnel. WSSA put in two pieces of advice on herbicide resistance management and monitoring for and mitigation of resistance associated with the new herbicide traits.

#### **WSSA Fellow to NIFA – Donn Shilling**

Dr. Shilling said WSSA had big impacts in Washington with the 4 representatives from our society that are working with EPA and USDA. His goal is to increase funding for Weed Science that comes from NIFA. This can continue to diversify sources of funding for graduate students and funding for study of agro ecosystem with respect to weed management.

### **Science Policy – Lee Van Wychen**

Report 1 Definition for “super weeds”.

Report 2. Help on national weed survey. Syngenta donated \$5,000 to help in this effort.

Report 3. Monarch butterfly and milkweed is becoming a major issue.

Report 4. Waters of US rule is also a large issue this year.

Report 5. NPS legislation will need to be addressed by WSSA membership.

### **Election Results – Jim Kells**

New Treasurer is Rick Boydston

New Vice-President is Janis McFarland

### **Necrology Report – Wes Everman**

Nine WSSA members passed away in 2014. Details of obituaries will be available in WSSA newsletter.

### **Graduate Student Poster Contest winners – Darrin Dodds and Kate Venner**

Forty-five students in contest. Seventy-five students were registered

Two MS sections

Section 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Jaime Farmer; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Thomas Butts; 1<sup>st</sup> place Drake Copeland

Section 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> place John Brewer; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Amanda Goffnet; 1<sup>st</sup> place Joseph Wolfe

3 PhD sections:

Section 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Chenxi Wu; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Hailey LaRose; 1<sup>st</sup> place Debalin Sarangi

Section 2: tie for second place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Alexandra Knight; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Ling Ou; 1<sup>st</sup> place Jon Kohrt

Section 3: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Rodrigo Werle; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Sushila Chaudhari; 1<sup>st</sup> place Sandeep Rana Brown.

**Old Business** None

**New Business** None

Leaving Board: Ian Burke, Jim Kells, Les Glasgow, Mark Bernards, Pat Clay, Kate Venner.

New members Reid Smeda, Rand Merchant, Marty Schraer, as well as the two new elected officers, Janis McFarland and Rick Boydston.

Passing of the Gavel by President Joe DiTomaso to new President Dallas Peterson. Dallas Peterson gave Joe a plaque for serving as President of WSSA.

Jim Kells moved to adjourn and Ian Burke seconded. Unanimous approval.