Western Society of Crop Science
Annual Business Meeting
June 26, 1996
Puyallup, Washington

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President, Dwane Miller who recognized the Executive Committee: Dwane Miller, President; Andy Bary, Secretary/Treasurer; Steve Fransen, Past President; Duane Johnson, President Elect. Andy Bary thanked Liz Myhre for her assistance.

Minutes of 1995 Meeting

Minutes were read from the 1995 business meeting and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Andy Bary reported:

- Carry over $ 3,071.89
- Registrations & cash donations $ 2,190.00
- Expenses ($ 2,042.10)
- Balance $ 3,219.79

Treasurer's report was approved.

Item for discussion: Andy Bary set up a business account for funds, but desires to move remaining funds to a CD in Puyallup for 6 months. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Discussion of length of term for Secretary/Treasurer. The advantage of having the secretary located at the site of the next meeting was discussed. A decision was made to leave position as it is.

Committee Reports

Membership:

Glen Murray reported that membership committee was asked to select another person to serve on the membership committee with them. This would facilitate more participation. Other suggestions were made to increase membership: Develop special themes, graduate awards and presentation, encouraging county extension and branch extension faculty to participate. Commercial companies have applied programs. Those agronomists could contribute to our program.

Joint meetings with AAAS and WSCS to create a broader perspective of work. Other comments: Offer up to $700 to encourage more speakers from the region where the meeting was held to be used for mileage and/or motels. Steve said he contacted Certified Crop Advisers to get them to
come into our meeting to get some of their required credits and expand our niche to expand our needs, but they had fulfilled their required credits this year.

One area that could be used for increasing visibility is to develop worldwide web and link to ASA and CSSA homepage. It's a low-cost method for distributing information. Ken Kephart has developed a homepage. Presently, it is mostly abstracts, but could be expanded to include more information about WSCS. Brochure was developed for a meeting that could be available electronically. Could have current information about meeting site, etc. Suggestions can be sent to Glen or other committee members (get list from Murray). Glen agreed to follow-up with Kephart and put together some electronic information. Agronomy News can also be used for advertising.

Ron Delaney suggested that we provide funds to the new president elect to entice people to come to the next meeting. A decision was made to leave this up to the executive committee because they will be developing the program for the next meeting.

Nominations:

Names will be placed on the ballot and election will be sent when they call for papers. The executive committee has discussed two nominees: Ralph Whiteside, Utah State University, and Mike Ottman, University of Arizona. Moved and accepted to accept nomination committee report.

Historian:

Ken Kephart, historian, has put together a homepage on the web, abstracts, minutes. Needs 1996 abstracts submitted. Abstracts are also printed in the American Society Agronomy Abstracts. Several year's minutes are missing effort is being made to retrieve them.

ASA Board Report::

Duane Johnson reported that he will be going off the board after three years. Soil sciences will pick up for the next three years.

ASA Representative Update and Comments:

No representative from ASA attended these meetings. Basically we are on a parallel track with our parent society.

Old Business

Future Meeting Sites:

Projecting sites to 2000. 1997 meeting will be at Oregon State University, Corvallis. It was suggested that Wyoming would be a good site for 1999. 1998 - University of CalPoly, San Louis Obispo. 2000 University of Idaho. If California is not interested Texas Tech would be a good site. They are not in the district, but participate. Discussion: When we meet with another group, participation increases. Western Weed Sciences is interested in meeting with us. In 1998, Western Society of Weed Science meets in March (Hawaii). Suggestion was made to meet with North Central (western Nebraska or Wyoming) in 1999. Alfalfa group meets in 1997 in California ... they meet on odd numbered years. Hort Assoc might be another candidate. Decision was made to
propose that if we try to partner with another organization sometimes this will extend time to 2-3 days. Have our own business meeting, part where we present papers, but partner as much as possible. Proposed that executive committee and OSU meet together and decide next year. Maintain identity. Continue investigating and set dates for the next three years next year.

Committee Appointments: Membership committee will continue.

Mailing List: The executive committee will continue to update.

Past Meeting Minutes:

Dwane will continue to work with Ken Kephart to find missing minutes and post on homepage.

1997 Meeting Site Invitation:

Sheldon Ladd OSU, presented invitation to next years meeting in Corvallis. AAAS and Soil Science will meet at the same time. Moved and seconded to accept invitation. Motion carried. June 22, 1997.

Other:

Dwane Miller will select 3 people to audit the books and have the report in time to transfer to OSU. Volunteers for audit are Dave Claypool, Dave Evans, and possibly Ann Hang.

Graduate Student Paper Awards:

Mark Brick thanked all the presenters for their participation.

1st place award and $150  Cathy Brown, Colorado State University  
2nd place award and $100  Brent Berg, Washington State University  
3rd place award and $75  Hugh Cross, Colorado State University  
Honorable mention  Todd Lindscott, University of Idaho  
Honorable mention  Rogett Ausee, Colorado State University  

Resolutions: Ron Delaney reported WSCS expressed appreciation to WSU Puyallup REC for hosting, Andy Bary, the Steve Fransen family, and Steve Fransen for the Purple Heart Award, Liz Myhre, Jean Lascelles, Melna Forrester, Joyce Weber, tour guides, Mr. Englehart, Alan Tinzman and graduate students. Resolutions report was accepted.

Passing the Gavel:

Brief history of the Society was presented. New president, Duane Johnson was presented the gavel. Dwane Miller was presented thank you, a certificate and plaque.

New Business
Electronic Mailings: Duane Johnson has asked Andy Bary to collect e-mail addresses. Plan to expand on the homepage and get things into Agronomy News with the homepage address so that people all over the world can be informed.

Industry Participation and Meeting PR: In order for the society to expand, public relations efforts need to be expanded.

Other:

Discussion of proposal to change graduate student competition award be changed to the Albert K. (Doc) Dubrinz Graduate Student Awards Competition. Suggested that WSCS be included in the name. Motion passed.

Annual Dues:

Procedure to collect annual dues. Non-attendees receive applications with announcement of meeting. Suggested a second electronic message to invite people to join specifically reminding them their dues are due.

Announcement of the 1997 President Elect: Jim Krall is next president elect. Congratulations.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andy Bary
Secretary/Treasurer