The WSCS business and annual meetings were held jointly with WSSS, June 21-24, 2010 in Las Vegas, NV. Nine members were in attendance.

WSCS President Leonard Lauriault and WSSS President Jay Norton brought the meeting to order.

Minutes of the 2009 meeting were read by WSCS Secretary-Treasurer Wendy Cecil and accepted per a motion by Raj Khosla (CSU) and seconded. The WSCS financial report was presented for 2009 showed an ending balance of ($1,084.00), however this was prior to registration revenue and expenses.

WSSS presented their financial report with a balance of $1150.

Winners of the 2010 Student Oral Presentations were: 1st Mandy Williams (UNLV), 2nd Matt Levi (UA), and 3rd Brian Beres (Canada). The Student Poster winners included a tie for first Chris Kelley (Univ. of Washington) and Eric Robertson (Univ. of Idaho) and 3rd Magan Allen (Texas A & M).

The 2010 meetings being jointly held with Western Regional Cooperative Soil Survey Group, which footed much of this year’s bill. BLM paid for the buses used for the tour and the remaining registration monies would be split between the branches once hotel/meeting costs were paid. $500 would be allocated for the student awards. It was decided to combine the student competition.

Joe Lauer, President of CSA, was present a reported on activities at CSA. The Societies would be acting as a board. There would be some restructuring in the societies. There is a new headquarters building at Madison, WI. CSA board is having impacts on funding from the national level, which is determining the strategic plan on science policy, industry participation, student encouragement, and communications via the web. There are 6 grand challenges the Society is pursuing: Bio-resources, Crop adaptations to climate change, Resistance to biotic stressors, Management to resource limited systems, crop management systems, and biofuels.

Susan Chapman, form headquarters, gave an update. In 2009 there were 9,791 members and 2010 membership was down to 9,542. Corporate membership has been approved. 2011 membership will be changed to coincide with the anniversary date of application. ASA is restructuring their by-laws on line. The CCA website has been redesigned. The next annual meetings will be in Long Beach.

Old Business

WSCS by-law changes have been approved. WSSS need to post new by-laws and then vote on them.

Membership for affiliate dues can be paid at the same time as national dues.
New Business

Lunches were to be provided however they were overlooked. So options were to refund, give a rebate for next year or donate it to the awards program. The conscience was to donate it to student activities.

WSCS will host the 2011 meeting at the University of Wyoming in Laramie June 19-21, 2011.

2012 meetings will be hosted by WSSS. It was suggested that WSSS President William Harwarth would possibly host at UC-Davis in 2012.

The elected officers will run through 2011. We will be taking nominations in the next 6 months and having elections prior the next meeting.

Resolutions were made thanking:

- Susan Chapman and membership services, for her assistance
- Dr. Joe Lauer, President of CSA, for attending and giving a national update
- Western Regional Cooperative Soil Survey, for jointly hosting and helping carry the societies’ expenses.
- Jay Norton, WSSS president, for coordinating the student presentations
- Bob Boyd, WRCSS, for coordinating the meetings
- Doug Merkler, for coordinating the field trip
- Jay Norton and Leonard Lauriault, presiding presidents, for their leadership

Motion to adjourn was made, Sanju moved and Mark seconded. It was so approved.