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**Minutes - Southern Weed Science Society  
Summer Board Meeting  
June 8 & 9, 1996  
Hyatt Regency, Houston, TX**

President Barry Sims called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Those in attendance included Sims, Past President - Steve Duke, President Elect - Bob Hayes, Vice President - Randy Ratliff, Secretary/Treasurer - Ted Whitwell, Business Manager - Bob Schmidt, Constitution and Operating Procedures Chair - Gene Wills, Forestry Representative - Shep Zedaker, Editor - Joan Dusky, and Board members at large - Dan Reynolds, Ann Wiese, Charles Snipes, Cast Representative - David Monks, Newsletter Editor - Tom Mueller, Graduate Student Representative - Robert Scott.

**Minutes - Ted Whitwell**

Minutes were read from the Thursday morning board meeting in Charlotte. Ratliff moved that the Minutes be approved as read with the exception of adding "Weed Science" to the program title. Hayes seconded and the motion passed.

**Business Manager's Report - Bob Schmidt**

Bob Schmidt reported that membership was down due to low attendance at Charlotte. He presented a handout of income, expenses, and meeting attendance. A modest income of \$1630 was realized from the Charlotte meeting. Bob estimated that the sales of the CD ROM will be 2 per week. Snipes moved to accept the report and Duke seconded. The report was approved.

**1997 Program Committee - Bob Hayes**

Bob Hayes discussed the meeting program with possible keynote speakers of Norman Borlaug or Dennis Avery. Avery was contacted and will require \$2500 plus expenses. Snipes moved to pay Avery \$2500 plus expenses as a general session speaker. Duke seconded and the motion passed. AESOP speakers will also need SWSS to pay travel expenses.

Symposiums on different topics were discussed. Registration for non-member speakers should be paid by SWSS.

There was a request for complaint handling workshop. Jim Ladlie and other speakers will be considered for this workshop. CCA and CEU credits were discussed. Bob Hayes will contact Randy Revere and Paul Bauman to get qualifications from each state and to get program input.

Discussion was held about the HTC symposium and speakers for these sessions were discussed.

More time for the Poster session is needed. We should encourage retirees to attend the 50th anniversary meeting by newsletter articles and contact with other retired members.

Duke moved to accept the report and Ratliff seconded and the motion passed.

**Local Arrangements Committee - Ann Wiese**

Food functions were discussed. Duke moved to authorize the local arrangement committee to go up to \$35 for beef banquet meal. Ratliff seconded and the motion passed. Preregistration for meeting will be \$95. Dupont and DowElanco will provide a continental breakfast on Tuesday and Wednesday. Invitation to the breakfast will be put into registration packet.

**Nomination Committee - Steve Duke**

Vice president and Board members from public and private sectors will be filled this year. Steve will inform the board of selection of the nominees. Snipes moved that we need to change the MOP to indicate that alternating years for vice president selection between public and private sectors for nominations and members at large. Reynolds seconded and motion passed. Dusky moved to accept the nomination report and Hayes accepted and the motion passed.

**Awards Committee - Steve Duke**

Outstanding Educator Award MOP was discussed. Duke moved that the amended MOP as presented be accepted. The words "biographical sketch and pictures will be included in the proceedings" should be added to the other award MOP. The

award MOP should also be changed from three to four awards. Hayes seconded the motion and it passed.

Outstanding Graduate Student award was discussed. Steve Duke will appoint a subcommittee to develop a MOP for this award to include funding and criteria. This will be available for the January meeting. Discussion was held concerning only allowing 1/2 time graduate students to be eligible. By adding two more awards, we need to be sensitive to not making the awards banquet too long.

Award banquet was discussed. Tom Mueller suggested that the past president present the awards instead the sub-committee chair.

We discussed eliminating the Display award because the winner is never present at the banquet. Ratliffe moved that we discontinue the display award. Hayes seconded the motion. Snipes suggested that we contact the Display Award subcommittee for more input. Snipes moved that we accept the report. It was accepted.

#### Weed ID Committee

There are 39 more species developed for another set. Fifty species are needed for a set. The Intriguing World of weeds may be added but WSSA holds the copyright. Defelice request funds for upgrading the CD. Part of the problem is copyright of the Intriguing World of weeds is with WSSA and WSSA has discussed publishing them in another form. Hayes moved to fund and approve the upgrade of CD ROM with the exception that nothing should be expended that is in violation of a copyright. Whitwell seconded the motion. Zedaker indicated that there is a lab with a reduced rate and he will get it to Jim Miller.

#### Editors Report - Joan Dusky

Joan Dusky reported that the Proceedings were finished and there were a few problems changing editors. Instructions to authors were redone. Graphics were a problem and getting everything into WordPerfect. Bob Hayes needs a new instructions for title form. Page numbers were down 445 pages including committees and weed survey. The proceedings should be kept in an electronic form and be available in the future for CD. Wills moved to accept the report and Hayes seconded. The report was accepted.

#### Site Selection Committee - Arlen Klosterboer

Wayne Curry presented a report for 1999. Snipes moved that we accept the site selection recommendation of Greensboro, NC on Jan 24-27 for the 1999 meeting. Duke seconded the motion and the motion passed. Site selection committee should check into recreation activities and reduced room rates. Duke moved to accept the site selection committee report and Hayes seconded and the motion passed.

#### Member at large Terms of Service - Laura Whatley

Length of service for member at large positions are too short and they should be lengthen to perhaps 3 years. WSSA has 4 year terms. Snipes agree that it is too short. All board members including the member at large are encouraged to attend the first meeting so they can be brought up to date. Laura should come to us with the wording for the proposed changes. Hayes moved that at large board member terms will be extended from 2 to 3 years effective in 1998 election. Duke seconded and motion passed. This should be published in August and December newsletter.

#### Resolution and Necrology Committee

Dale Monks was not able to develop a resolution for Mike and Karen DeFelice. Discussion was held on how to honor the DeFelice team. Dedicating the proceedings was considered. Duke moved that we dedicate the 1997 Proceedings to Mike and Karen DeFelice. Snipes seconded. Motion passed. A gift for DeFelice was discussed and decided to wait for more sales.

#### Congressional Science Fellow - Barry Sims

A ranking of fellow candidates was determined by the Board. SWSS ranking was similar to other societies. Andrew Johnson and Karle Glasener were selected as fellows.

#### Program Committee - 1998 - Randy Ratliff

Program committee has been appointed and Randy is soliciting suggestions for the general session. Freedom to Farm or

Getting Close to the Customer are possible themes.

Newsletter Editor's Report - Tom Mueller

Shorter newsletters are better and the most important things will go on the first page. Getting articles sent to the editor is the most important area. The annual meeting will be on the first page.

WSSA Plans and AESOP - Steve Duke

The recommendations from the Strategic Planning Committee are being explored. An executive secretary is being considered as well as a business manager. Publications are to slow. Bids will be received from other business management groups. Other societies are being considered for management of publications and various levels of involvement. It is not going to be easy to sort out all of the ramifications.

AESOP - It is more important for us to have quick response in Washington. AESOP is doing a good job representing us in Washington for this quick response and for providing continuity in our programs. AESOP will be putting things in the newsletter. Harold Coble is Washington Liaison for AESOP.

Membership survey - Steve Duke

Survey was put in the May Newsletter with 6-7% response. Compilation of the results has not been done. Generally speaking the society gets a B+ grade. The awards banquet was greatest difference. Statistical analysis will be done. Nonmember survey was discussed but response will probably be too low. The survey could be sent out with paper request. Dusky moved to send the member survey out with the call for papers in July. Ratliff seconded and the motion passed.

Membership committee

Concerns and suggestions about declining membership was discussed. Vegetation management group is a potential source of members. Zedaker gave a list to Bob Schmidt of potential members from the vegetation mgt. group..

SWSS Endowment Fund

No report

Budget - Bob Schmidt

Bob Schmidt presented the budget for 96-97. The reason we made a profit at the 1997 meeting was that the Local arrangements Committee at Charlotte handled coffee breaks by requesting support from companies. Hayes moved to accept the budget report. Duke seconded and the budget was accepted. Discussion was held about relationship of attendance and losses at meetings including the policy on graduate student room cost being paid for by the society.

New Business

Graduate Student Report - Robert Scott

Scott reported on graduate students organization and discussion was held about a representative to the board. Snipes pointed out that the students should continue to develop the organization to help build leadership skills. Scott by consensus is representing the students on the board. Fifteen students were selected to represent their schools and they need to develop their functions, goals, and activities. The student representatives should meet as soon as possible Monday morning before the Board meeting to discuss selection of representatives. Student organization name was discussed. These items are needed from the student organization - name, representative, method of electing a representative to the Exec. board, draft MOP to Board.

Weed Contest will be August 13 in Greenville, MS at Valent with good expected participation.

Surety bond limit was discussed. Bob Schmidt should be covered for the limit of value of the Society - \$250,000 bond. Sec/Treas. should have a copy of the bond.

We do have liability insurance of \$1 million for meetings.

We have not participated in a national liaison meeting for Society presidents for the last two years.

Duke moved to remove the MOP wording about the annual trip for SWSS officers to Washington. Snipes seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ratliff reported on PR firms. Short articles about society activities can go into various trade publications such as Peanut Grower, Cotton Grower, etc. Weed Contest would be a good event for freelance writers. Newsletter should be sent to a free lance writer or other publications so that they can keep up to date and for PR. Articles about CD-ROM and other activities would be of interest. Some cost may be associated with free lance articles. Charles Snipes will check on cost for free lance writer to write articles monthly for SWSS.

Dan Reynolds will check on putting the publications and program on the web with WSSA.

Bob Hayes suggested that we have matching contributions to the Endowment Fund from the Society in hopes that this will increase giving. We are already matching more than is being given. Membership does not have to do the matching. Ratliff moved that we match the contributions to Endowment Fund up to \$10,000. Duke seconded and motion passed. This should be high publicized.

Ratliff moved that we adjourn. Duke seconded and the motion passed.

**Minutes - Southern Weed Science Society Board Meeting  
January 19 & 20, 1997  
Hyatt Regency, Houston, TX**

President Barry Sims called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Attendance included Sims, Past President - Steve Duke, President Elect - Bob Hayes, Vice President - Randy Ratliff, Secretary/Treasurer - Ted Whitwell, Business Manager - Bob Schmidt, Constitution and Operating Procedures Chair - Gene Wills, Forestry Representative - Shep Zedaker, Editor - Joan Dusky, and members at large - Dan Reynolds, Laura Whatly, Ann Wiese, Charles Snipes, Dan Reynolds, Cast Representative - David Monks, Newsletter Editor - Tom Mueller, WSSA Representative - Joe Street, Newly elected Vice President - Don Murray and newly elected board member at large - Bill Barrentine.

**Minutes**

Minutes were read from the Summer board meeting in Houston. It was moved and seconded that the Minutes be approved with corrections and the motion passed.

**Editors Report**

Joan Dusky reported that the 1996 Proceedings contained 446 pages and was mailed to the Business Manager in June, 1996. Page numbers were down by 72 from 1995 Proceedings. The report was accepted by the Board.

**Business Manager's Report**

Bob Schmidt indicated that sales of CD ROM and WEED ID guides were better than projected. Expenses are in line with budget projection.

Research methods manual is finally making a profit but Weed ID slide sets are not selling.

The society's net worth is estimated \$313,282.

Student presentation cost with room payments and banquet is approximately \$155/student. The Business Manager's report was accepted.

Discussion was held concerning the current and future employment of Bob Schmidt. Bob will only be working SWSS and North Central Societies. He is seeking other employment but will be able to manage SWSS affairs. His contract with SWSS continues through Dec. 31 1998.

President Sims called the board into Executive session to discuss a report from the Business Manager's Task Force.

After the Executive session, support and appreciation was expressed to Bob Schmidt as Business Manager and the desire to continue with the current contract.

**Nomination Committee**

Steve Duke presented and discussed the nomination committee report. Don Murray and Barry Brecke were nominated for Vice President. William Barrentine and Jackie Driver were nominated for Member at large (industry). David Jordan and Charles Bryson were nominated as members at large academia. David Prochaska and Ford Baldwin were nominated for Endowment Foundation Trustee. Don Murray, William Barrentine, David Jordan and David Prochaska were elected. Approximately 350 members voted in the election. The report was accepted.

**Awards Committee**

The following were selected for awards:

Aithel McMahon - Distinguished Service Award - Industry  
Harold Coble - Distinguished Service Award - Academia

Bert McCarty - Outstanding Young Weed Scientist

K. K. Hatizos - Weed Scientist of the year

Jerry Weber - Outstanding Educator.

The Outstanding Graduate Student Award will be presented in 1998.

This year is the first time to present the Outstanding Educator Award. Three to five nominees for each awards were submitted. The Board voted to accept the report.

The Graduate Student Award MOP will be discussed at Thursday's meeting.

The wording in the proposed graduate student MOP "Past recipients are not eligible for nomination for the same award". This statement may need to be added to the all award MOP. Gene Wills will come up with wording for the MOP.

Discussion was held as to how to honor Mike and Karen Defelice. Mike will be recognized at the general session at the 1997 January meeting and we will discuss other ways to honor them at the Summer board meeting.

Local Arrangements Committee

Ann Wiese reported that more rooms have been reserved at the Hotel this year compared to this time last year. The local arrangements committee raised \$2500 for coffee breaks from companies. The report was accepted by the board.

1997 Program Committee

Bob Hayes reported concern over areas of low paper numbers in the program sections, however, the forestry section is larger than it has been in past years.

Discussion was held about eliminating the Application Technology and Developments from Industry sections of the program.

Snipes moved to accept the recommendation of Bob Hayes that we eliminate the Program sections Developments from Industry and Application Technology. Wiese seconded the motion and the motion failed.

CAST Representative

David Monks represented SWSS on the National Concerns Committee at CAST. CAST emphasis will be on shorter reports and faster response time on issues. The Board voted to accept this report.

WSSA Representative

Joe Street presented a WSSA report. Discussion was held concerning whether WSSA approved the use of the Intriguing World of Weeds for the SWSS CD ROM. Joe read from WSSA minutes indicating that WSSA had approved on the condition that WSSA could use slides from the Weed ID guide if they decide to publish the Intriguing World of Weeds in book form. This report was accepted by the board.

Newsletter Editor

Tom Mueller reported a delay in the membership receiving the August Newsletter. Discussion was held about sending the newsletter by first class postage. The consensus of the Board was to send the August Newsletter by first class and continue to send out a call for papers by first class mail. The other issues of the newsletter should be sent by third class mail.

Constitution and Operating

Gene Wills presented changes needed in MOP.

Ratliff moved that Gene Wills draft the wording for the change in by-laws to reflect the vote of the summer board meeting extending the member at large terms to 3 years. Whatly seconded and motion passed.

Weed ID Committee

Sims gave the Weed ID report indicating computer drawings of grass collar regions and the incorporation of the Intriguing World of Weeds were priorities for upgrading the CD ROM. The Weed ID key will be ready for review by the committee in early 1997. The committee's report was accepted.

#### Site Selection Committee

Alan Klosterbor indicated that letters were sent to New Orleans, Dallas, Tulsa, San Antonio, Little Rock, Houston, and Fort Worth for convention accommodations for the 2000 meeting site. A recommendation will be presented at the summer board meeting. The report was accepted by the board.

#### WSSA Washington Liaison

Whatly reported that a CROPS Symposium will be held in the Fall of 1997 and the Congressional hearing on noxious weeds will be held next week. Two weed scientists will be testifying concerning noxious weeds. This report was accepted by the board.

Hayes moved that we adjourn the board meeting and Street seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

#### Monday Morning

Meeting was called to order by President Sims at 10:00 AM.

#### Finance Committee -

Randy Ratliff presented recommendations from the Finance Committee (see committee reports). The board voted to accept the report.

Snipes moved to have our books audited for the current accounting period (96-97) by a CPA. Hayes seconded and the motion passed.

Hayes moved that Business manger have a Surety Bond for the value of the assets of SWSS and that the Secretary/Treasurer insure that this is done annually. Whitwell seconded.

Whitwell moved to table this motion until more is understood about Surety Bonds. Motion was tabled.

Street made a motion for the society to give \$20,000 to the Endowment Fund at the earliest convenience for this fiscal year. Snipes seconded and motion passed.

Whatly moved to amend the constitution to divide the office of Secretary/Treasurer into the secretary position and treasurer position. Duke seconded. The motion passed. This change will need to be voted on by the membership as a mail out ballot.

Discussion was held about the length of service and whether it will be an appointed or an elected position.

#### Forestry Weed ID

Jim Miller reported on the Forestry Weed ID guide that is being developed. It will focus on herbaceous plant identification in rights of way similar to the Weeds of Southern Turf. There is a \$14,000 budget from SWSS and companies. Three hundred of the 410 images have been collected. Discussion was held about the Forestry Service using these images. SWSS has the copyright on the slides but we can authorize the use to the Forestry Service. There was no estimates as to how much the book will cost. The report was accepted by the board.

#### Southern Weed Contest

David Shaw presented the Weed Contest report indicating a successful event was held this past summer. Industry financial support continues to be strong with contributions of \$20,000 in 1996 and \$16,000 for the 1997 contest. It requires about \$14,000 to conduct the contest. The report was accepted by the board.

#### Display Committe

Jerry Wells indicated that 12 organizations participated in the displays. He will get input from the participants about eliminating the award and report to Sims or Hayes by Thursday. The report was accepted.

#### AESOP Report

Keith Menchey gave a oral and written report. The most significant activities included the involvement in CROPS



Symposium to be held in November, 1997. It was funded from several organizations. Noxious Weeds congressional hearing will be on Jan. 28 and a discussion will be held with Nurserymen on invasive plant tendencies at WSSA. Zedaker asked Keith to keep the Forestry group involved in the noxious weed issue.

#### Historical Committee

Sims reported for Tom Monaco. There are several records missing from the archives. The Business Manager should add the Archives to the mailing list for all publications. Tom Monaco expressed an interest to stay involved with Historical committee. This report was accepted.

#### Legislative

Tim Murphy gave oral and written report. The committee has difficulty getting information on state issues. Relationship with Southern Crop Protection Association was established to get their newsletter about state issues. Grass roots efforts will be started to gain support on noxious weeds issue. We need a way to get information quickly to our members, possibly by putting membership E-mail addresses in our directory. This report was accepted.

#### Long Range Planning -

Phil Banks reported that we need to coordinate with WSSA on business and professional management services. The membership committee needs to be more proactive and we need to improve communication activity using web sites for program, committee, and site selection. Joint meetings should be considered with groups such as Southern Ag. Workers and Southern Soybean Workers etc. The long range planning committee suggest a conservative approach to investing the Society's money and to continue to develop high quality educational material. The report was accepted

#### Placement

David Jordan reported that the committee missed putting the placement form in the newsletter but it will be corrected for the next newsletter. This report was accepted.

#### Sales Coordination

Sue Rick reported that the estimates for display cost were not obtained. The report was accepted. She read a proposed MOP for this committee  
Street moved to accept the MOP as read. Hayes seconded and the motion passed.

#### Resolutions/Necrology

Tim Adcock reported that three 3 members (Steve Hineky, Charles Moore, and Joe Freeman) died over the past year. Resolutions will be prepared for these members. Charles Moore was a past President and the resolution and a letter from the President to the family will be prepared.  
The report was accepted.

#### Sustaining Memberships

Sims reported that there were 50 sustaining members. Efforts will be made after annual meeting to follow-up on renewals of these memberships. Report was accepted.

#### Terminology

Clay Salisbury reported that there were no new terminology issues but that the committee wanted to keep current with SWSS publications on the web. Report was accepted.

#### Continuing Education

Elizabeth Agnes reported on the efforts to obtain CCA and CEU credit for the Annual Meeting. Report was accepted.

#### Herbicide Resistant Weeds

Reid Smeda discussed the continued expansion on the list of herbicide resistant species. Efforts are being made for more authentication and verification so that the list is more reliable. Discussion was held about putting it on the web. This report was accepted.

Endowment Foundation

Jim Bone indicated that there is \$114,000 in the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Board will develop newsletter articles, a brochure, and seek grants to support the Weed Contest. The Endowment Foundation will provide support for Outstanding Graduate Student Award.

Discussion was held about investments for Endowment Fund. Report was accepted.

Student Organization

Robert Scott reported that the MOP for Student organization will be ready for the Thursday Board meeting. Snipes recommended that a representative from the Board be assigned to work with the Student organization. Robert was commended for his efforts.

Graduate Program

Outstanding graduate student award MOP needs to be approved. MOP may need to reflect that the awards come from the Endowment Fund. A suggestion from Phil Banks was to have 2 awards, one for MS and one for Ph. D students. This needs to be approved no later than the summer board meeting.

President Sims called for old business and new business but there was none and the meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

**Minutes - Southern Weed Science Society Board Meeting  
Thursday, January 23, 1997  
Hyatt Regency, Houston TX**

President Bob Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM. Attendance included Hayes, Past President - Barry Sims, President Elect - Randy Ratliff, Vice President - Don Murray, Secretary/Treasurer - Ted Whitwell, Business Manager - Robert Schmidt, Constitution and Operating Procedures Chair - Gene Wills, Forestry Representative - Shep Zedaker, Editor - Joan Dusky, and Board Members -at- Large - Dan Reynolds, David Jordan, Ann Wiese, William Barrentine, CAST Representative - David Monks, Newsletter Editor - Tom Mueller.

President Hayes asked for adoption of the agenda. Agenda was adopted with additions.

**Reading of the Minutes**

The minutes of the Board Meetings on January 19 -20 were passed out and the significant actions of the Board were read. Minutes were approved with corrections.

**Business Managers Report**

There were 584 attending the annual meeting with 5 one day attendees, 5 undergraduates and 5 retirees, with 284 attending the Banquet including approximately 100 students.

**Program Report**

The Forestry representative requested that their sections have back to back sessions and that the sections not be concurrent with the rights of way section. The group desires for more Forestry practitioners attend and this will require much of the program to be on one day. Very few students are involved in the contest in the Forestry sections.

Ratliff reported that symposiums were planned for the 1998 Program including sessions with golf course superintendents and with the rights of way management personnel. Instantaneous interactive videos at the convention center will be used in the general session. The theme will be "Close to Customer". The symposium on the industry and academic relationships was well received.

Dan Reynolds reported that two posters were too large this year and wanted to know how to handle this in the future. The size of posters was not sent out in the call for papers. This needs to be included next year. Hotel information should also be sent to non-members that are giving papers. The Poster session should have a specified time printed in the program to collect abstracts. Moderators for all sections should meet before the beginning of the program.

**Graduate Student Contest**

Jackie Driver reported that 39 papers were in the contest with three oral presentation sections that contained 7 to 8 students each. There were two Poster sections in the contest with 8 and 9 students in each section. There were 107 total student presentations.

A section on the registration form should be added to indicate that the presenter is a graduate student or undergraduate student in order to determine eligibility for room reimbursement from the society.

The quality of the contestant's summary was a concern to the graduate student committee. Discussion was held about the quality of summaries and about using the abstracts as a part of the contestant's points.

Murray moved to eliminate the summaries for the graduate student contest and replace it with an evaluation of the abstract. Reynolds seconded and the motion passed.

The graduate student contest committee will determine when and how to collect the abstracts.

Student contest and meeting information should be included in the August newsletter.

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#### Student Organization

Pat Clay from LSU is the new representative to the Board from student organization. David Jordan volunteered to serve as the Board's representative to the student organization.

#### Secretary/Treasurer

Murray moved to rescind the board action of splitting Secretary/Treasurer into two positions. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 7 to 2.

Hayes instructed Whitwell to become acquainted with all the financial matters of the society and improve the MOP for the Treasurer's part of the position. A report will be needed at the summer board meeting to determine if the combined job is too much for one person. Bob Schmidt discussed what would happen if he was incapacitated prior to the meeting.

The Business Manager's task force will work with Bob to develop back-up plans for the registration and financial matters in case of some event would prevent him from conducting the normal society affairs.

#### Display Award

Jerry Wells canvassed the display group and they felt that the award was not needed. Sims moved to eliminate the Display Award and Dusky seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### Weed ID

Murray moved that the Herbicide Resistance committee become a sub committee of the Weed ID committee. Barrentine seconded and the motion passed.

#### Member at Large MOP

Ratliff moved to accept the MOP for the member at large board position as read by Wills. Barrentine seconded and the motion passed

#### Awards subcommittee

Discussion was held about the Outstanding Graduate Student Award.

Murray moved that two graduate student awards be given, one for MS candidates and one for Ph D candidates. Whitwell seconded the motion and it passed.

A consensus agreement was reached for the intent of the award is full time graduate students, not full time employees who are working on a graduate degree.

Ratliff moved to send the Graduate Student Award MOP to student University contacts and ask for the appropriate wording to accomplish the Board's intent of this award. Murray seconded and the motion passed. Sims will mail out the proposed MOP.

Reynolds moved that the monetary amount for the Outstanding Graduate Student Awards should be \$300 for PhD and \$200 for MS with appropriate plaques. Motion was seconded by Murray and it passed.

#### Resolutions/Necrology

Sims moved to approve the normal resolution for commendation to the Hyatt Regency Hotel and the motion was seconded and passed.

The resolutions for the deceased SWSS members should be sent to their family.

#### Undergraduate Student Committee

Whitwell reported that the Undergraduate Committee was working on a college bowl like event for the undergraduates and that a proposal would be presented at the summer board meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Forestry Service Slides

Forestry service wants to use the Weed slides from the Forestry Weed ID project for various publications. Consensus of the board was to approve the use of the slides on a case by case basis. The President will communicate this to the Forestry group. A possible change in the name of the publication to Weeds of South instead of Weeds of Southeastern should also be discussed with this group.

A request was made for reprinting parts of the 1997 Forestry section of the SWSS proceedings for use in meetings. Five hundred copies of these reprints will be published by Auburn Cooperative Extension.

Reynolds moved that SWSS grant the request for the reprints with additional requirements. Instructions about obtaining a complete proceedings, dates of future meetings, and order forms of all available SWSS publications including the CD ROM and Weed ID Guide should be included as an insert with the reprint. Murray seconded the motion and it passed. This insert should be reviewed by the editor before the reprints are published.

### Spouse's Program

Those involved with the Spouse's program should be aware that there is no requirement for a tour in the MOP.

### Sales Coordination Committee

The promotion of the CD ROM and Weed ID Guide should continue to be a top priority through magazine articles in various popular publications. Brochures and slides should be available for the State Contacts to use in presentations and to distribute to various groups. Sales coordination committee is the one that should take the leadership in the promotion of materials. Hayes will make some contacts to try to start and continue these activities.

### Historical Committee

Tom Monaco desires to go to Iowa to determine what we have in the archives and what is missing.

Dusky moved that the society cover his local expenses while in Iowa. Whitwell seconded the motion and it passed. John Byrd is interested in the historical committee and he was appointed to the committee.

### Summer Board Meeting

The summer Board meeting will be June 7 and 8 in Birmingham and Euel Coats will get the rooms for the Board members.

### Weed Contest

Southern weed contest will be August 11-12 in Knoxville TN with two events on Monday and two events on Tuesday.

### 1890 Schools

Don Murray will send letters of invitation and explanation of the graduate paper contest to the 1890 schools (Deans and Department Heads) and include copies of the August newsletter.

### Local arrangements

Ann Wiese reported that hotel cost for Houston was \$30,596.51 which includes most activities. A penalty of \$2500 was assessed to the society for not having 85% of the rooms filled. Discussion was held about lowering the number of rooms blocked for the Birmingham meeting since this provision is in the contract. Bob Schmidt, Barry Sims, and Euel Coats will decide on the estimated number of rooms to block for the meeting nights.

Reports of the local arrangement committee should reflect accurate room numbers.

The noon meal may be problem at the Birmingham meeting. Euel should arrange a buffet line to accommodate the lunch group.

Popular Publication Committee

The popular publication committee was not re-appointed due to lack of interest and support.

Continuing Education Committee

Continuing Education committee should become a standing committee.

Dusky moved that we adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.