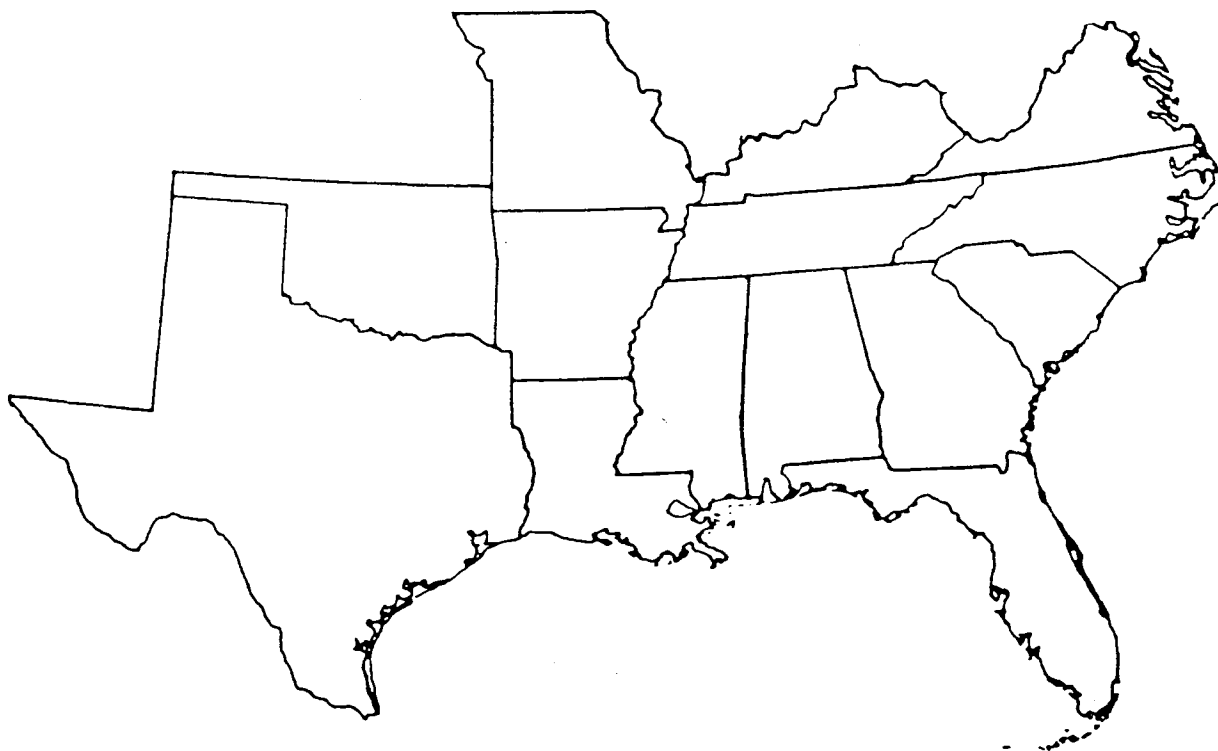


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"Preparing for the New Millennium" 51st Annual Meeting



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Birmingham, Alabama USA SWSPBE

**Minutes for SWSS Summer Board Meeting  
June 7-8, 1997  
Sheraton Civic Center, Birmingham, AL**

President Bob Hayes called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. 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, Local Arrangements Chairman - Euel Coats.

President Hayes asked for adoption of the agenda and the agenda was adopted.

#### **Minutes**

The highlights of the Thursday (January 23) Board minutes were read. Minutes were approved.

#### **Business Managers Report**

Bob Schmidt presented a written report of expenses and income from the various SWSS activities and events. He reported that income exceeded expenses by \$3000. The Weed ID inventory is sufficient that we should not have to order reprints for 2 years. There were no new slide orders. CD ROM expenses were \$18,000 and income \$67,000. Increased annual meeting expenses were from lack of minimum room nights, increased speaker expenses, a higher banquet meal, additional spouse program costs, more student rooms, and paying for non executive board member rooms at the meeting. The report was accepted.

The 1997-1998 budget was presented and discussed.

#### **Secretary/Treasurer**

Whitwell reported that he visited the Business Manager's Office to become acquainted with the Financial Operations. Actions that were taken as a result of the trip included increasing the Surety Bond to \$400,000 for the Society and adding \$150,000 bond for the SWSS Foundation. Storage insurance was raised to \$250,000 on the Weed ID color guides. Insurance (\$5,000) was obtained on the mini storage building for the CD ROM storage. Bob Schmidt is doing and outstanding job managing the business affairs of the Society. Each new Secretary/Treasurer should visit Bob early after being elected to the office to better understand the financial matters of the Society.

Discussion was held concerning the audit of the society. Street moved that the Secretary/Treasurer contract with a CPA to audit SWSS. Motion was seconded and the motion passed.

Bob Schmidt is going to prepare a proposal for Mary Swinson to work as his assistant and back up and present it to the board.

#### **Editor**

The Proceedings is finished with an increase of 30 pages. Key words included weeds and crops, common and botanical names, and herbicide common and trade names. The dedication statement and pictures delayed publication. Joan will send everything to Bob and have Karen DeFelice send Bob the pictures. Instructions to authors will be revised. Instructions for graduate student contest abstracts needs to match the instructions to authors.

#### **Local Arrangements**

Euel Coats suggests that the hotel staff may not be as responsive as we would like. Our room block is for 1500 room nights. Local arrangements suggested that the banquet menu include a grilled salmon meal @ \$30.24 (includes tax and gratuity). Discussion was held about the menu but no decision was made. Euel will handle the meal with the concern of not having salmon as the only entree. The sessions and meetings will be on the third level in the convention center. The abstract collection room should be located close to the meeting rooms. A fast noon meal may be a problem

and he will try to set up a noon time lunch line. Chairs and tables are needed for the halls near the meetings for informal discussions. Euel requested for us to let him know of meeting needs as soon as possible. We toured the hotel and meeting facilities.

### **Site Selection**

Tulsa and Little Rock properties were discussed by Ray Smith, Chairman of the Site Selection Committee. Both locations have good facilities. The Site Selection Committee recommended Little Rock as the number 1 choice and Tulsa as the second choice. A motion was made to accept Little Rock, Arkansas (Excelsior and Double Tree Hotels) for the year 2000 meeting site. The motion was passed.

Ray recommended that the moderators of the program sections take session counts in order to better plan for Hotels in the future. Forty student rooms at reduced rates are needed for the Little Rock meeting. The student room rate at the Excelsior should match the rate at the Doubletree.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM>

**June 8 Meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM.**

### **Southern Weed Contest**

Tom Mueller reported that the Weed Contest is Aug. 11 and 12 at Knoxville, TN and everything is on go.

### **Program Committee**

Randy indicated that the Birmingham facility offered us a new capability of real time computer video selection with 275 units. We could take a survey of those attending the General Session on issues to understand the membership needs. The program will focus on Change and probably have the title 'Approaching the New Millennium'. Mike DeFelice will speak on the role of computers in Weed Science. Steve Duke may take the membership survey on line. Jeff Higgins is organizing a practicum for Golf Course Superintendents. The rights of way group is developing a seminar on roadside IPM. Forestry has a special symposium. CCA and CCE credits should be obtained for the program. Communication concerning the program for the Golf Course Superintendents should be released to trade journals as soon as possible.

### **Nomination and Awards**

We will be electing VP (industry) and Editor this year. The members at large board representatives will be elected for a 3 year term.

### **Outstanding Graduate Student Award**

Eight responses to a request for the wording of the Outstanding Graduate Student MOP were received. Most indicated that we should not distinguish between full time and part time graduate students. Discussion was held about the award. After much discussion about how to word the MOP, the following MOP was adopted.

The MOP was changed to read. To be added to Awards Committee duties:

**MOP for Outstanding Graduate Student Award Committee**

Sec. 2. Outstanding Graduate Student Awards (One each for students at the MS level and the Ph.D. level). These awards are sponsored by the SWSS and consist of a \$250 cash award and a plaque for MS ;eve; and \$250 cash award and plaque for Ph.D. level. The awards are given annually to a graduate student (one at the MS level and one at the Ph.D. level) who has demonstrated outstanding performance in graduate studies and related weed science activities.

Sec. 4. Outstanding Graduate Student Awards (One each for students at the MS level and the Ph.D. level).

(1). Must be enrolled as a graduate student in the degree program for which they are nominated in the year for which the nomination is made and has actively participated in SWSS sponsored activities such as the annual meeting, weed contest, student paper contest, or committee work during the past two years.

(2). The winners of the MS level Outstanding Graduate Student Award are not eligible for the Ph.D. level Outstanding Graduate Student Award.

#### **Mike and Karen DeFelice**

Discussion was held about a tax letter or honorarium for their work on the CD ROM. A motion was made to invite Karen DeFelice to our annual meeting at our expense. Motion was seconded and passed. Bob Hayes will send a letter of invitation and inquire about the need of an 'in kind' donation statement for the DeFelice family.

#### **WSSA Report**

Joe Street reported that the transition to Allen Press has gone fairly smoothly. A retreat is planned for 3 representatives from each regional Weed Science Society and part of the WSSA board. Roles of WSSA and regional Weed Science Societies will be discussed. WSSA is going to pay for the retreat expenses except for travel. Dan Reynolds moved that the SWSS cover the expenses of Don Murray, Randy Ratliff, and Joe Street (or Bob Hayes) to attend the WSSA retreat. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **Constitution and Operating Committee Report**

Gene Wills reported that a change in constitution was being voted on by the membership with the representatives to board going to 3 years. As of now, the vote was 100 for and 2 opposed.

#### **Weed ID Committee**

Bob Hayes reported for Charles Bryson. He indicated that it would be several months before a revised CD ROM would be ready and they will work out a process to get the revised version to those who have purchased the first version.

Shep Zedaker reported on the Forestry Weed ID Guide. Jim Miller indicated that 50 more images were completed. Eighty percent (80%) of the images were completed and 25% of the write ups were finished. John Freeman (the taxonomist on the project) died and this has delayed the completion. Glenn Glover at Auburn is waiting for the reprints from SWSS proceedings. He also wants to get announcement of SWSS meeting dates. Shep will get mailing list to Bob Schmidt of Forestry practitioners from AL.

President Hayes asked Dan Reynolds to assemble a group to assist and make recommendations to the Board about SWSS needs on the WEB. Ann indicated a small company was doing this for a Texas Entomological group.

Bob Schmidt asked about the Weed ID key and that it has not been paid but no one knew the completion date.

#### **Newsletter Editor**

August newsletter will go first class and should include important (bullet points) from AESOP. NCWS and SWSS are trading advertisements on publications and other events. Abstract instructions for graduate students in the contest should include time and place for turning in hard copies of contestants abstract. Tom will check with Troy Klingman for further information.

#### **Undergraduate Committee**

Whitwell reported on ways this committee has been trying to get more undergraduates to the meeting. The Linnaean games were discussed and it was concluded that this would not work for undergraduates. WEB page information on careers and undergraduate surveys were other ideas suggested.

**Resolutions/Necrology**

Hugh Crowley and Luis Figuerola passed away. Bob reported good response to letters from families of deceased SWSS members.

**Student Organization**

Pat Clay reported that the Student Organization is developing an MOP. Student Board meeting will be on Monday morning and the entire student group will meet on Tuesday of the annual meeting. Each University will appoint a representative to a one year term but they can serve consecutive terms. A corresponding secretary will be elected and serve as the SWSS Board representative. The Student Board will nominate students to serve on other SWSS committees. Pat will submit an article about the Student Organization to the Newsletter Editor. Pat also should get with Randy Ratliff and Euel Coats to arrange meeting times and rooms.

**New Congressional Fellow**

Dr. Keith Menchey and Mr. Curtis Dell were chosen as congressional fellows.

**January Board Meeting**

The Board will meet Sunday, January 25 at 1:00 pm, attend Committee Meetings on Monday morning and meet again at 10:00 AM on Monday and Thursday at 7:00 AM.

**New Business**

A motion was made to approve the budget as presented by Bob Schmidt. The motion was seconded and passed.

Discussion was held about moving money to the Foundation and this is usually done at the annual meeting.

We should seek in our negotiation with hotels to allow our members that register after the hotel room deadline count toward our room night guarantee.

Discussion was held about better facilities and rates for the 2000 meeting at the Tulsa site. Dan Reynolds moved to rescind the motion to go to Little Rock for the 2000 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed 9 to 2.

Randy Ratliff moved that Tulsa, OK-Adams Mark Hotel be the site of the annual meeting in the year 2000. The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

**Minutes for SWSS Board Meeting  
January 25 and 26, 1998  
Sheraton Civic Center, Birmingham, AL**

President Bob Hayes called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Those in attendance included Hayes, Past President - Barry Sims, President Elect - Randy Ratliffe, 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, Local Arrangements Chairman - Euel Coats. Newly elected officers: Vice president elect Laura Whatley, Members at large elect - William Witt, Cletus Yeomans.

President Hayes asked for adoption of the agenda and it was adopted.

**Minutes**

The highlights of the summer board minutes were read. Minutes were approved with corrections of Troy Klingaman instead of Tracy Klingaman.

**Secretary/Treasurers Report**

Whitwell reported that the Surety bond values and insurance were increased to further protect SWSS assets. Discussion was held about paying for the printing of proceedings the same fiscal year as the meeting. It was concluded that this was the best procedure regardless of auditor concerns. The cost of the audit was \$5300. The report was accepted.

**Business Managers Report**

Bob Schmidt indicated that SWSS paid \$1200 for freight and \$200 for other expenses to receive WSSA publications. SWSS will be able to sell or give these away after 2 years or when WSSA releases the books. SWSS is storing the publications for an unknown cost.

This report was accepted.

**Editor**

Dusky wanted the diskettes with the reports as soon as possible. It is important for key words to be included. The instructions to authors continues to improve. Auburn was given a diskette for the 1997 Forestry Section Proceeding for reprints but it was unsure if it was ever reprinted. Discussions was held about the WEB and abstracts.

**Awards**

Barry Sims noted the award winners and that there was a tie for weed scientist of the year. The candidate's picture and biography should be sent with the packet. Subcommittee chairs should make sure nominees send in picture and biography with nomination packet. The report was accepted.

**Nominations**

The MOP for nomination committee should be changed to indicate responsibilities for the Endowment Trustees and indicate that the Editor should be nominated and elected one year early. The report was accepted.

**Constitution and Bylaws**

The bylaws was changed by vote of membership for lengths of terms for at large board members. William Witt and Cletus Yeomans will serve three year terms. The report was accepted.

### **Terminology**

The committee recommends that SWSS publications use recent Weed Tech article by Retziger and Smith on MOA for herbicide terminology in resistant weeds and herbicides.

Discussion was held about weed common names that include the word common. The SWSS committee will present suggestions to WSSA terminology committee. Report was accepted.

Dusky moved that if the terminology committee will provide the correct chemical, common names, and trade names in the proceedings with manufacturers and the editor will published it. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **Local Arrangements**

Euel indicated that SWSS may be charged \$1000 penalty for the lack of room nights. Meals are major concern with the only Hotel restaurants close to meeting facilities. It is not safe to walk outside the Hotel at night. Euel estimated between \$60 K to \$65 K for total meeting costs. The session chairs should count numbers of the various sections for planning next years meeting. The A Ballroom should be used for unplanned meetings. Site selection committee should consider lunch costs and meal set up costs. Discussion was held about adding past local arrangements chairman to the site selection committee to help in the selection of future meeting sites.

### **Program Committee**

Ratliff reported corrections will be inserted into the program. A laminated sign will be placed for each section in each room. Large numbers (120 +) are registered for the Turf seminar. Programs were mailed out late because there were printer problems.

### **Display**

There was no display committee report.

### **Newsletter Editor**

Mueller asked for guidance to determine whether information is newsworthy or advertisements. The August Newsletter went out 1st class for the call for papers. Bert McCarty expressed interest in being editor. Report was accepted.

### **Cast Representative**

David Monks discussed various aspects of CAST activities and indicated that the report on prescription pesticide use was being developed. Harold Coble will help to include weed science. The impact of food protection act on food production will also be a publication. Monks encouraged members to join CAST.

Dan Reynolds moved that President Ratliff attend the spring CAST meeting for David Monks or write a letter for Shep Zedaker if Randy is unable to schedule it. Motion was seconded and passed.

### **WSSA**

Joe Street presented WSSA report including nine issues that deal with regional weed societies. The format of WSSA meetings was changed. Easels (135) were purchased and are available for regional societies if shipping costs are paid and any damage replacement. Report accepted.

### **Historical committee**

Tom Monaco is working with Mike Owen to determine the SWSS historical archives in Iowa. Report was accepted. Arnold Appleby is interested in regional weed society histories. President Hayes suggested to put together a separate document using several SWSS proceeding articles. Bill Barrentine will work with the Historical committee to put a writing committee to get develop SWSS history.

### **Legislative and regulatory**

Whatley indicated several regulations on posting and other restrictions including food quality protection act. President Hayes responded quickly to AESOP concerning the need for additional research funding. Report was accepted.

### **Placement**

Placement information was sent out in newsletter, to university and industry contacts. Report was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

### **Board reconvened at 10:00 AM on Monday Morning**

A motion was made to adopt agenda for today and agenda was adopted.

### **Public Relation**

Murdock is in public relation room and it is operational.

### **Resolution and Necrology**

Necrology report included Bill Ennis, Aaron Womble, Bill Hogue, Roland Mendt, Luis Figuerola, Charles Hogue, and Hugh Crowley.

A resolution dealing with witchweed eradication program and federal invasive exotic weeds was presented. Lists were also included for where these resolutions are to be sent.

Street moved to put the witchweed resolution before membership. Ratliffe seconded the motion and it passed.

Dusky moved to allow the members vote on the invasive exotic species resolution with the removal of the words "support and pledge assistance." The motion was seconded and it passed.

### **Sustaining Members**

There was no report.

### **Continuing Education**

The committee send out letters for participation in continuing education credits for 13 states. CEU for SWSS will be given to as many states as choose to participate. Appreciation is extending to this group. CCA credits are up to individuals because the program is not ready soon enough for CCA board approval. Report was accepted.

### **Research committee**

It is difficult to get information on economic assessment of weeds. Research report should include most troublesome and common weeds. The report was accepted.

### **Weed ID Committee**

The committee has several recommendations.

1) Propose a Title change of CD ROM - "Southern Weed Science Society's Weeds of the United States and Canada".

2) Pricing recommendations for Version 2.0 CD ROM

First copies -

\$120 for each single copy

10% discount for 2 to 99 copies

20% discount for 100 or more copies

Upgrade Copies - \$60 each with no volume discounting

3) Recommend printing a new set of 50 weeds for Color Weed ID Guide

Bob Schmidt should negotiate a printing contract for the next set. Arlyn Evans and Charles Bryson will proof and coordinate production of the set. They will provide text description files, adobe illustrator distribution maps and photographs.

4) The committee requests \$2000 to pay for advertising for version 2.0 version of the CD-ROM. Mike and Karen Defelice will design print advertising to place in professional journal newsletters such as the Entomology society, Phytopathology, Agronomy society and Vo-Ag teacher journal, etc.



5) Committee asked for Mike Defelice and Charles Bryson to use the money that was allocated for a Taxonomists. They will contract with graduate students or faculty to write data base description of plant families.

Murray moved for Bob Schmidt to negotiate a printing contract for the next 50 weeds and bring it to the summer board meeting. The motion was seconded and it passed.

Street moved to change name of the CD ROM to "Southern Weed Science Society's Weeds of the United States and Canada". The motion was seconded and it passed.

Pricing was discussed.

Murray moved to accept the recommendation of committee on pricing. The motion was seconded and it passed.

Murray moved to pay \$2000 for advertisement of the new CD ROM. Motion was seconded and it passed. The concept was to try a little targeted advertisement. in other professional society's newsletter and the response will dictate other advertisement.

Ratliffe moved to allow Defelice and Bryson utilize the remainder of the \$8000 for keys for the next version of CD ROM. The motion was seconded and it passed.

#### **Endowment Foundation**

The theme for the Endowment is "Sharing so others can learn". The short term goal is 200K and long term goal is 300K. A brochure was printed and mailed. Jim Bone with Griffin Co. printed the brochure at no cost to the Endowment. Thermometer was used for promotion at the meeting. A new brochure will be printed to include allowing donations to the Endowment in honor of a person, awards, in retirement, or passing away. The Endowment Foundations asked that a writing committee be appointed to write proposals to national groups and foundations to support educational activities of SWSS. The report was accepted.

#### **Long range Planning**

The long range planning recommends the following, 1) We should investigate meeting with other groups that would pull in more consultants such as Entomology, Crop consultants. The Board should appoint a person to meet with the Boards of other groups to determine interests. 2) Emphasize CEU and have a Program that encourage practitioner participation such as complaint handling and IPM. 3) The site selection should be considered to draw more people. 4) We should advertise better. 5) We need to get a WEB page up and going and the WEB master should link in to other groups such as Turf. 6) We should look to the future for what will be profitable projects 5 or 6 years away. 7) Need to determine the future of our Washington influence. The report was accepted.

#### **Weed Contest Committee**

The weed contest continues to have a good level of support with 2 years of operation money in the account. The costs of the contest is about \$14,000 to the host. The contest will be in Memphis at the Agri-Center on August 11. The report was accepted.

#### **Finance committee**

The committee reported that an audit once during a contract period of the business manager.

The committee recommended that the society put 20 K in the SWSS Endowment.

If congressional science fellow program is phased out, the committee also suggest that the additional \$7500 go into the Endowment.

The negotiations for Bob Schmidt's contract should begin soon and we should consider a higher salary. The committee also recommends giving Bob Schmidt a \$2500 performance bonus. The report was accepted.

Dusky moved that a CPA audit would not be done more than once during a business manager's contract period unless deemed necessary by board. Motion was seconded and it passed.

**Site Selection Report**

The site for the meeting in 2001 will be in the central region of the Southern region. Memphis, Nashville, Tunica, Mobile, and Knoxville will be considered for the meeting sites. Discussion about Lexington and possibly Louisville, KY. The report was accepted. The chairman of the site selection committee should rotate to the site within his region. Discussion held about the past chair of local arrangements to serve on site selection committee.

**WEB Report**

A mock up of a WEB page was demonstrated. SWSS must decide where to locate server, and people to update. The report was accepted. An improved version will be brought to the summer board meeting for further discussion and decision.

**Responsibility for Forestry Representative.**

Shep Zedaker presented a description of the responsibilities of the Forestry Representative for the MOP.

A motion was made to include this into MOP. The motion was seconded and it was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

**Minutes for SWSS Board Meeting  
January 29 1998  
Sheraton Civic Center, Birmingham, AL**

President Randy Ratliffe called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Attendance included Past President Bob Hayes, President Elect- Don Murray, Vice President Laura Whatley, 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, William Witt, Cletus Yeomans, CAST Representative - David Monks, Newsletter Editor - Tom Mueller, Local Arrangements Chairman - Euel Coats.

President Ratliffe asked for adoption of the agenda and it was adopted.

**Minutes**

Minutes were passed out and the important sections were read and the minutes were approved.

**Membership committee**

Membership is participating in the annual meeting, however, efforts should be made to encourage having complete abstracts.

Meetings should continue to target practitioners such as the Turf and Highway right of way groups and perhaps an industry symposium.

Meeting attendance should be studied and perhaps sites should be rotated among the three most successful locations.

Meetings may need to be managed by a professional meeting service group.

Allen York desires to get off of the membership committee and Bobby Walls is interested in serving.

Hayes expressed concern about the meeting in Greensboro because of other meetings at the same time.

Two half days may be more appropriate for turf and forestry practitioner symposiums.

**Business Manager**

There were 289 attending the banquet and 601 registered attendees with 127 students and 22 no shows at the banquet.

**Washington Representation**

Currently, SWSS is supporting AESOP and the congressional science fellow. The committee voted to shift from congressional fellow to full-time representation with the WSSA. Currently, the support is \$9500 for the fellow and \$8000 to AESOP.

Murray moved that SWSS no longer funds the congressional science fellow program effective at the end of the current term. Appropriate people should be notified immediately after this meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

WSSA would like to hire a full-time person with AESOP.

Discussion was held about full-time representation in Washington and AESOP responsibilities.

Murray moved that we **continue to fund AESOP and that we would entertain a proposal to increase our funding.** The motion was seconded and passed.

Letters should also be written to Euel Coats -Local Arrangements Chair, General Session Speakers, Jeff Higgins, Debbie Garvy, photographer from Auburn, families of deceased members, Joan Dusky and out going officers.

A resolution commending the Hotel will not be developed.

Randy asked Bob Schmidt to prepare a proposal for increasing the dues so that our meetings will break even financially. He should bring this to the summer board meeting.

Bob Hayes will check on writing the history of SWSS with Bob Frans, Gail Buchannan, Allen Wiese and others.

Any member of SWSS can attend committee meetings and interested students are encouraged to attend committee meetings.

Information concerning major decisions could be sent out before the summer board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned 10:30 AM.