



MINUTES
WHIS Annual Business Meeting
October 7, 2010
Las Vegas, Nevada

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Peggy McKie at 8AM.

Reports from the states of WA, OR, UT and NV were presented and will be put on the website for viewing. All states not represented are encouraged to email their state reports to Lisa Rehms at rehms@oda.state.or.us. Lisa is the webmaster and can upload the reports to the website.

The minutes from the 2008 meeting were presented. John Wraspir moved and Ron Larson seconded the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed.

The treasurers report was presented by Bev Clark. Balance as of September 9, 2010 was \$5,840.27. A final report will be posted to the website after all meeting expenses/income have been settled.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **501c.3 status;** WHIS was granted 501c.3 status in 2009 thanks to lots of hard work by Connie Jones. An E postcard was filed with the IRS to maintain the current status.
2. **A webmaster position was created and approved by the Executive Committee.** The bylaws were changed to reflect the addition. The webmaster is a standing member of the Executive Committee.
3. **Jan Hedbergs' suggestions to increase membership in WHIS.**
 - a. A well-done newsletter to be produced 2X per year. The constitution stipulates the same. Newsletter editor, John Wraspir, will contact each state to submit an article.
 - b. Meet every other year. It was discussed and decided that we as an organization lose momentum if we only meet bi-annually.

c. WHIS develop an inspection manual like that produced by the Horticulture Inspection Society (HIS). This suggestion was tabled for further discussion.

4. **Email a welcome letter to new members so they are aware they actually are members.** This needs to be coordinated between the membership chair and the secretary.

5. **Christy Brown's summary chart for state reports.** No further action taken.

6. **Clint Burfitt's JB resolution presented to Western Plant Board (WPB) in May 2008.** This resolution was presented to the same and no further action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **National Horticulture Inspection Society; John Wraspir of WA.** There is interest in forming a national horticulture inspection society. Peggy is interested in starting a dialogue with the National Plant Board and to submit a proposal for monetary support from the NPB to send a representative from each HIS chapter to their annual meeting. Or for the NPB to sponsor one member from each state to attend our annual meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that it would be beneficial to continue dialogue in pursuit of a national consensus of HIS chapters. John suggested that we submit a grant application to fund a speaker at our next meeting through the FDA small scientific conference program.

2. **Resolution to encourage WPB members to include travel to WHIS in their budgets.** WHIS president and vice president will present this proposal at the next meeting.

3. **Executive committee possible conference call with members to HISSC and HIS.** TABLED.

4. **Find a better, faster and more effective way to communicate electronically with all of our membership.**

Oregon will check with IT to pursue this.

Election of Officers:

The slate of officers for 2010/2011 is

Peggy McKie, President (Nevada)

Dave Gordon, Vice President (Colorado)

Connie Jones, Secretary (New Mexico) unless a replacement is found

Bev Clark, Treasurer, (Oregon) unless a replacement is found

Editor, John Wraspir (Washington)

Webmaster, Lisa Rehms (Oregon)

Select site for 2011: Colorado has been proposed as the meeting state for 2011 pending confirmation. Idaho has been proposed as the alternative site.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15

Submitted by Bev Clark for Connie Jones