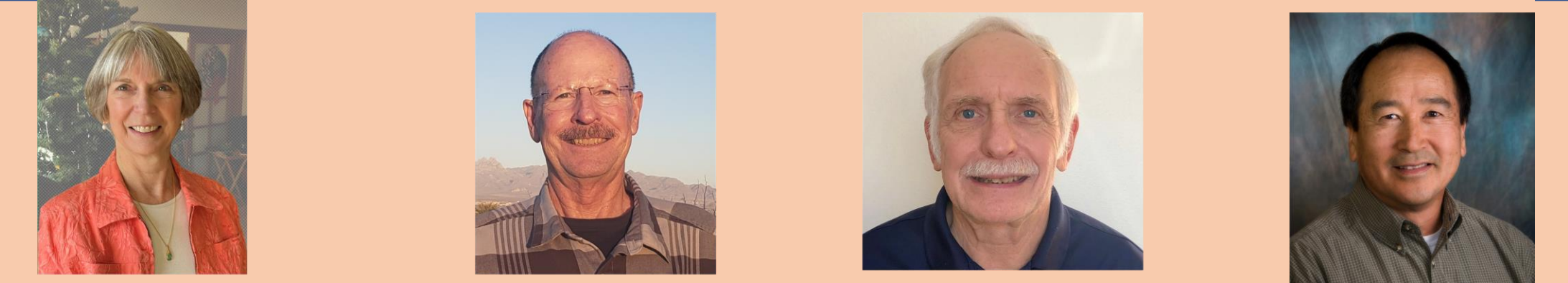


Western Society of Weed Science

1938 to 2021



ad hoc WSWs History Committee members:
Vanelle Peterson (chair), Phil Banks, Rod Lym, and Don Morishita

Origin of Weed Science Societies in the U.S.

2 of the Founders of the Western Weed Control Conference

1938 First Western Weed Control Conference held in Denver, CO

1968 name changed to the **Western Society of Weed Science (WSWS)**

1945 First meeting North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS)

1947 First meeting Northeastern Weed Science Society (NEWSS)

First meeting Southern Weed Science Society (SWSS)

1953 First National Weed Control Conference, now the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA)

Harry L. Spence
Extension
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WSWS Timeline of Some Events/Changes

1941 - 1st open discussion chaired by W. W. Robbins

1946 - Research section formally started chaired by Bill Harvey

1949 - Agreement reached with the Atomic Energy Commission to use radioisotopes for herbicide mode of action research

1950 - State reports were discontinued; mix of invited & submitted papers, organized by research project, and symposia

1952 - 1st Research Progress Report published (1993 - 2021, total of 2,357 reports) (Traci Rauch & Joan Campbell)

1963 - 1st 'What's New in Industry' held in Portland, OR

1969 - Filed for non-profit status

1970 - 1st mail-in ballots

1985 - 1st poster session (with 7 posters)

1991 - (re) instituted Sustaining Memberships

1993 - 1st symposium on Herbicide Resistance (Led by Charlotte Eberlein and Jerry Caulder)

1997 - 1st website developed (Joan Campbell)

2002 - 1st time LCD projectors used with computers versus 35mm slides

2003 - 1st Constitution and Operating Procedures representative (Steve Miller)

2006 - Graduate level mode-of-action course added to the website (Tracy Sterling, Scott Nissen, & Bill Dyer)

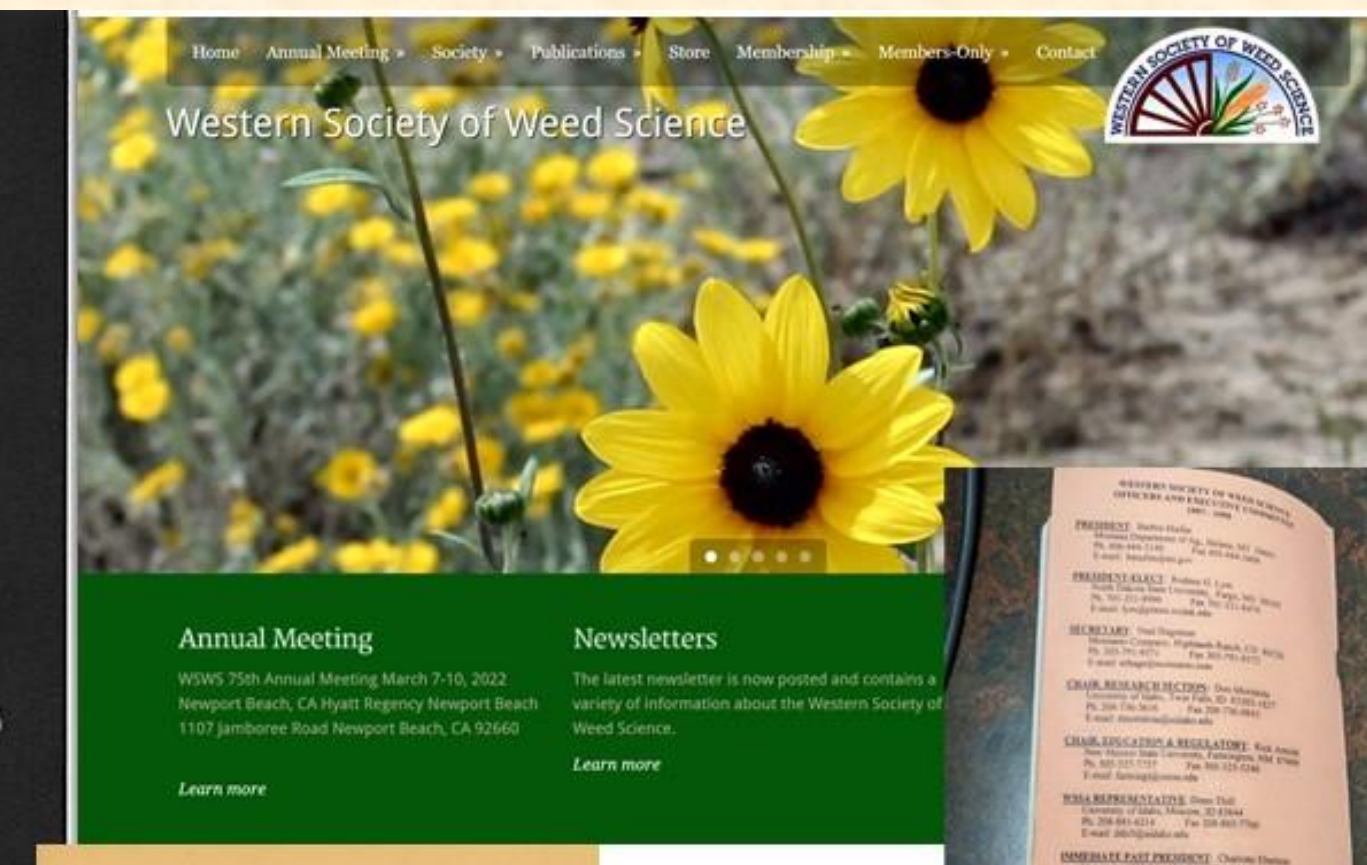
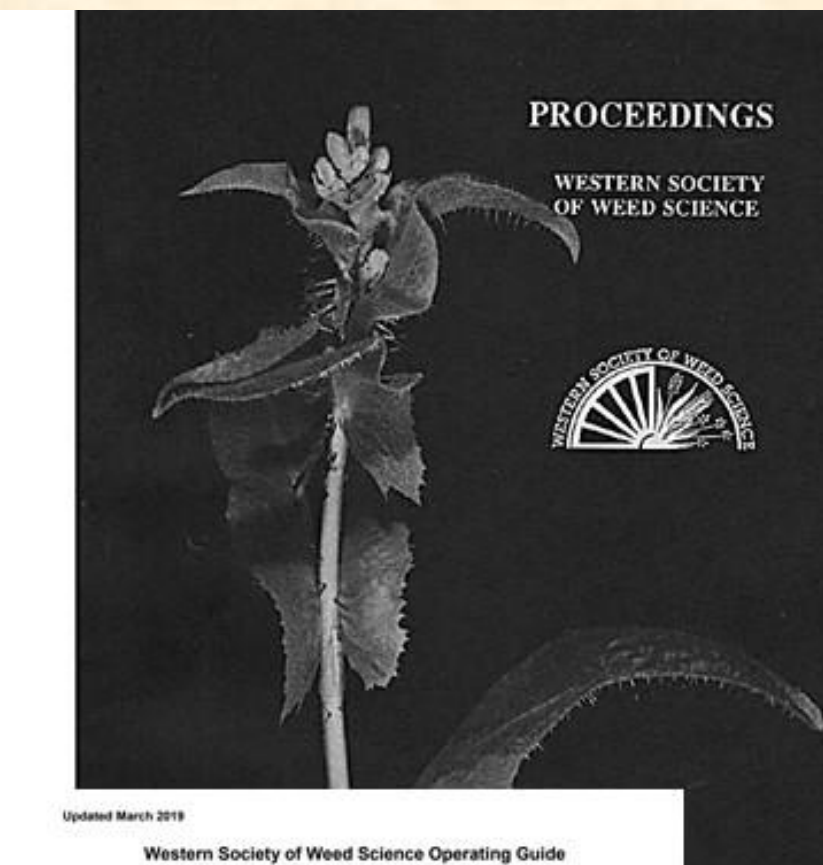
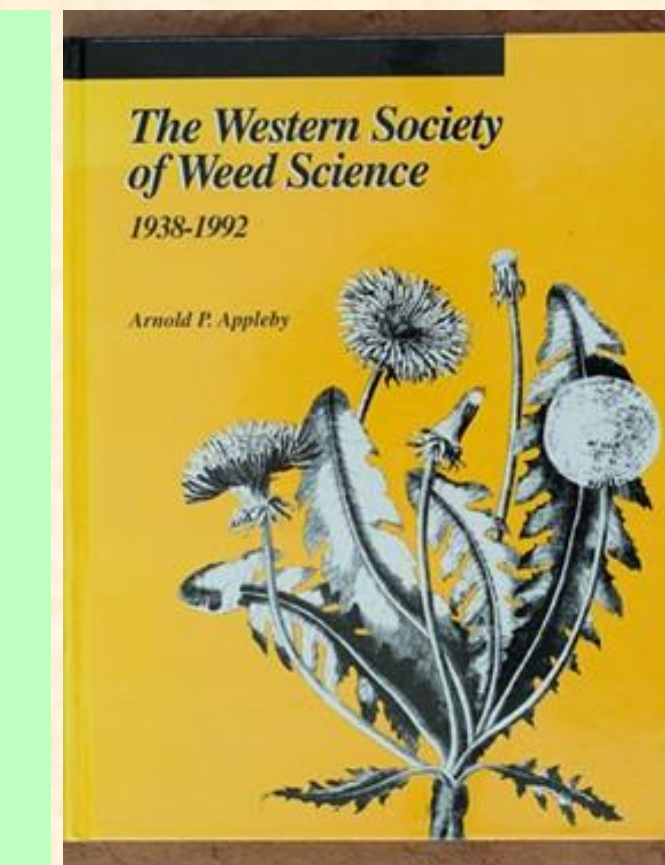
2006 - 1st on-line meeting registration

2011 - 1st use of WSSA on-line title and abstract program submission

2021 - 1st (and hopefully last!) virtual meeting

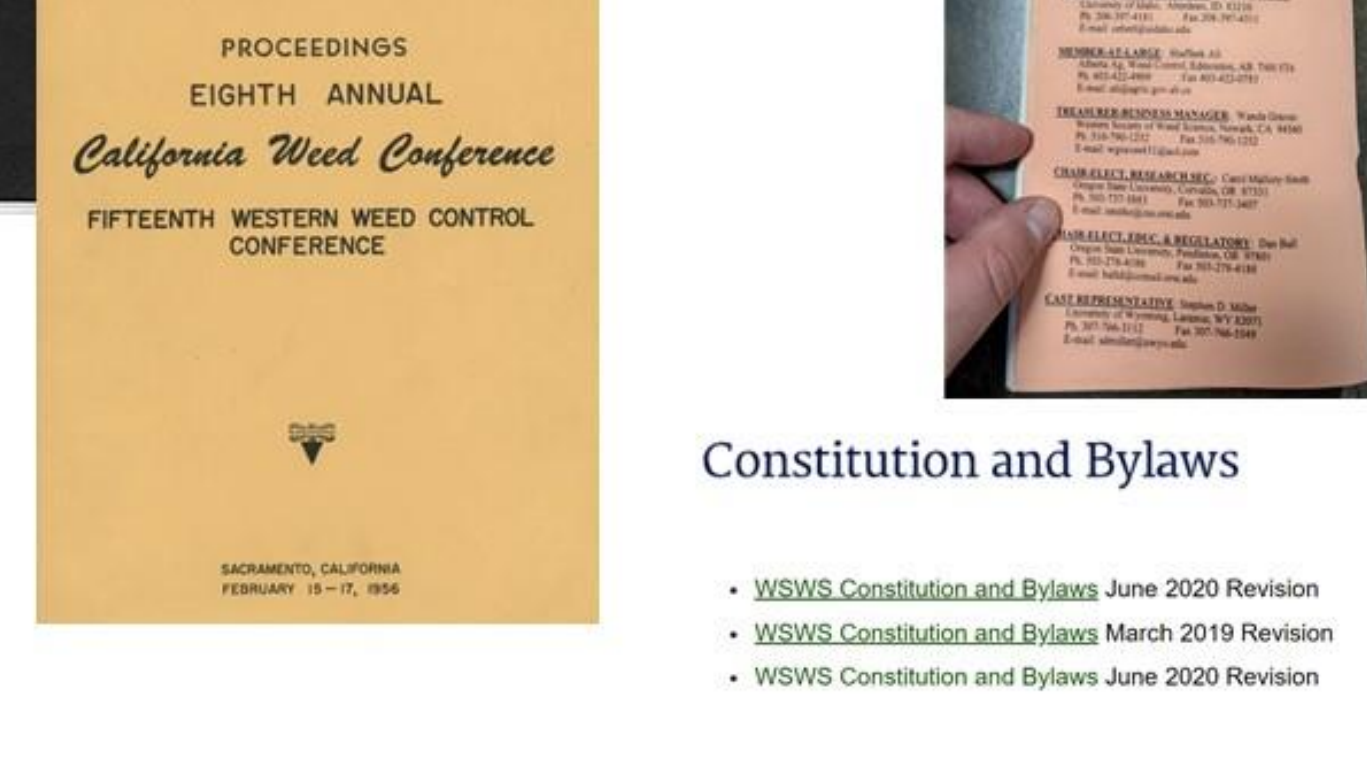
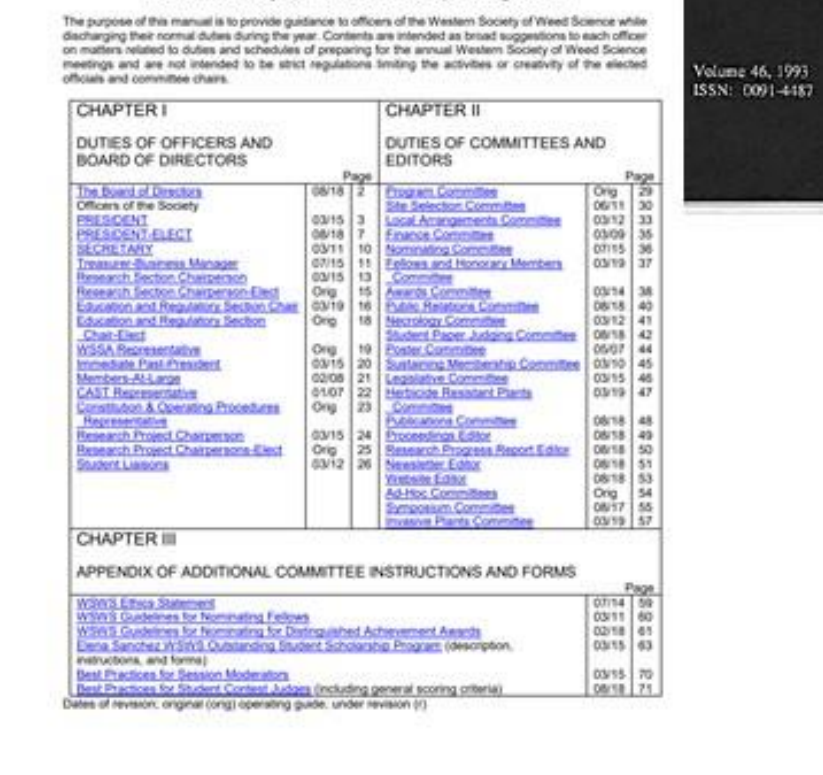
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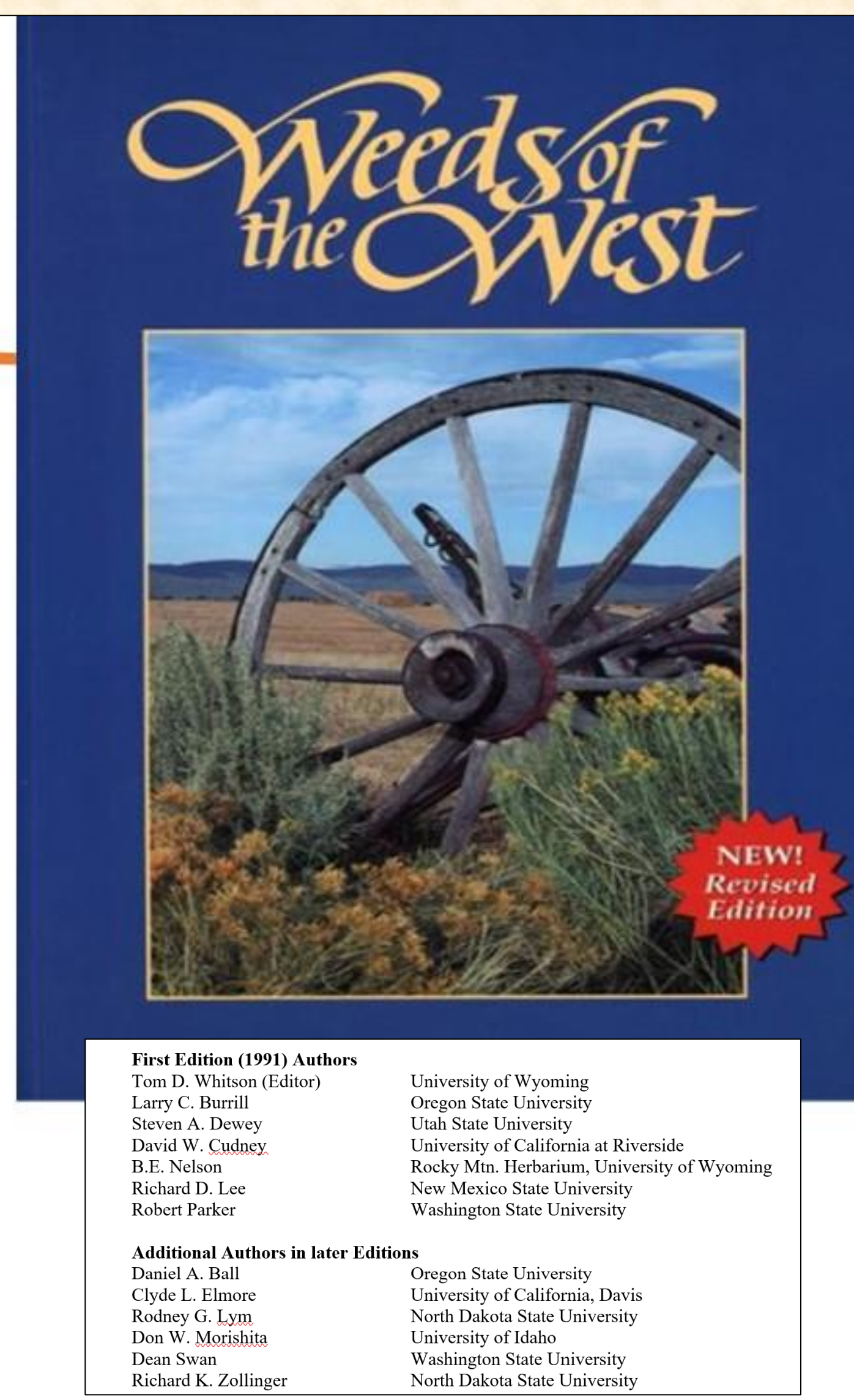
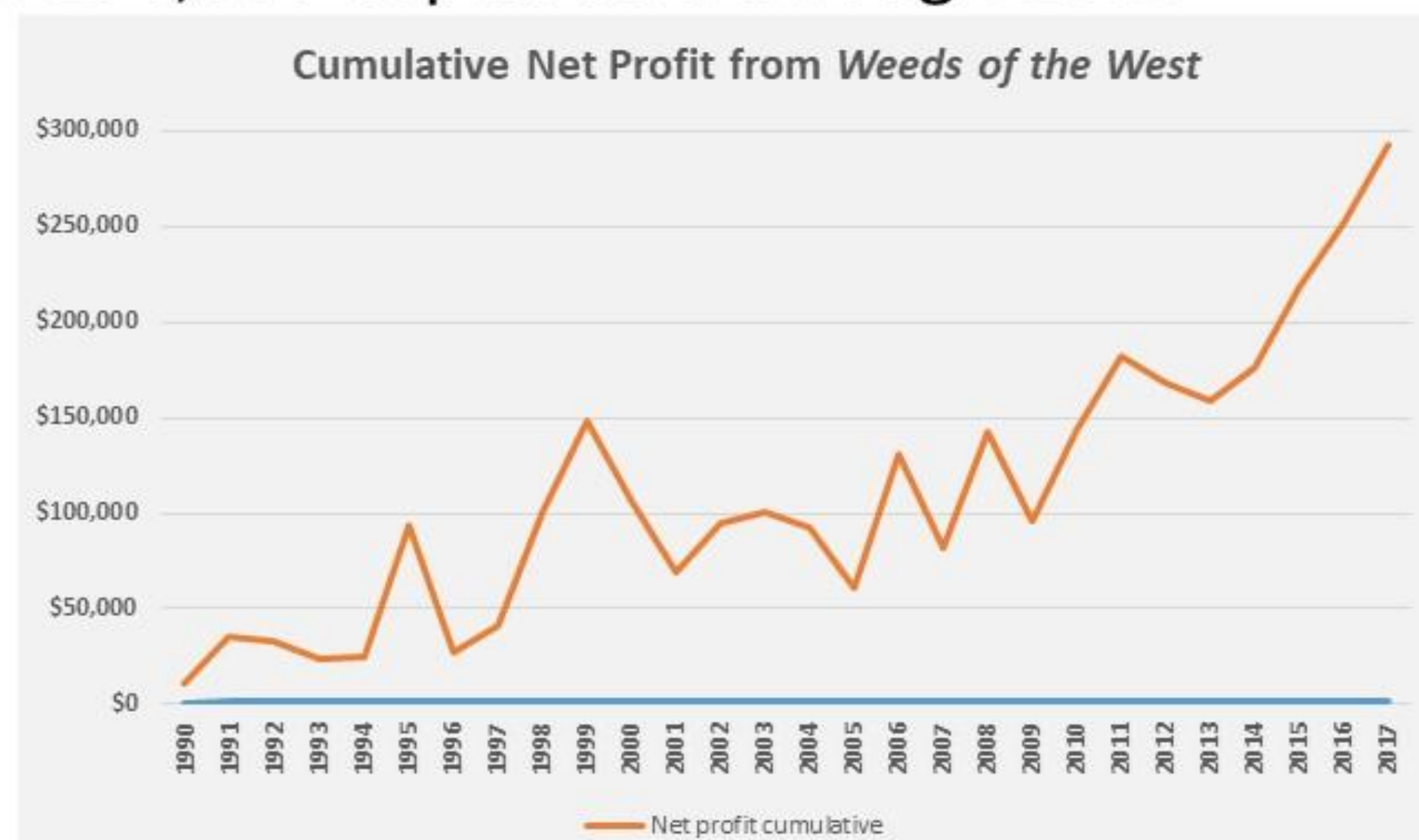
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Contents include: (1) Scanned copy of Dr. Arnold Appleby's book; (2) 1993 to 2021 meeting summaries with Fellows; (3) histories of the *Weeds of the West*, Research Progress Reports, the Noxious Weed Short Course, What's New in Industry, the Presidential gavel-hoe, Scholarships, and lists of Presidents, Fellows, Honorary members, Past Board of Directors Officers, Editors, Business Managers and Treasurers, Award winners, plus Dr. Appleby's Herbicide Company "Genealogy", and more.

Weeds of the West Publication

- 1990 *Weeds of the West* first published
- Cumulative Profit over 28 years = over \$290,000
- Over 190,000 copies sold through 2017



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Interesting historical perspective

1938 to 1960 Presidents were from Agencies or Academia

1944 Lin Harris was elected president but resigned – WHY?

Because he took a job with Chipman Chemical Co. and.....

Industry members were not considered "suitable to be officers" of the society (from 1944 report)

1960 Dick Fosse of Amchem was the first chemical industry representative elected President

1996 Charlotte Eberlein was elected President (1996-1997) first woman from the Public sector

2011 Vanelle Peterson was elected President (2011-2012) the first woman from the Industry/Private sector



Richard A. Fosse
Fellow, 1975



Charlotte Eberlein
Fellow 1999

Student Participation

1983 1st Student paper competition and 1993 1st Student poster competition

Over 400 students have participated! (416)

2004 1st Undergraduate Student contest (included in total above)

2003 1st Student Night Out

Thanks to then-President Jill Schroeder, Steve Dewey & Lisa Boggs (Student rep)

2006 1st Graduate student meeting and breakfast held

2006 – 2008 Student representatives on the Board of Directors

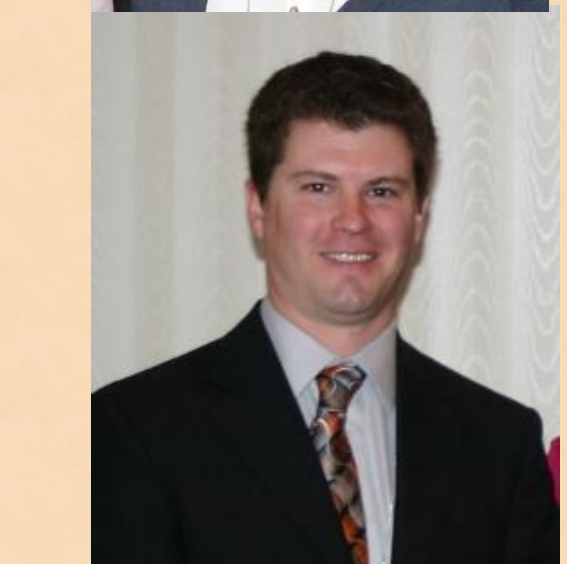
Non-voting: Dirk Baker (chair 2007), Angela Kazmierczak (chair 2008), and Todd Gaines

2008- 2009 1st student member as voting member of the Board

Melissa Bridges, Student Liaison chair

2012 Outstanding Student Scholarship renamed the Elena Sanchez Outstanding Student Scholarship – funded by the Student Silent Auction

2016 Formation of the Rita Beard Endowment Foundation (Travel scholarship)



Melissa Bridges, Dirk Baker, and Todd Gaines
Past Student Liaisons



WSWS
Wagon
Wheel
Logo



- Designed by Rod Lym, Steve Dewey, and Tom Whitson
- Drawn by Deb Tanner, graphic designer with the North Dakota State University Extension Service
- It first appeared on the cover of the 1993 WSWs Proceedings
- 1998 WSWs logo was registered as a TM trademark
 - This has since lapsed – cost was a factor



Presidential gavel-hoe
(photo courtesy of Phil Westra)