



WSWS Officer and Committee Report Annual Board Meeting – March 7, 2016

Office or Committee Name: President

Officer or Chairperson Name: Joe Yenish

Date of Preparation (include year): March 4, 2016

Officer Activities during the Year:

Conducted post-annual meeting Board of Directors meeting in Portland on Thursday, March 12, 2015.

Conducted the summer Board of Directors meeting in Albuquerque, July 30-31, 2015.

Appointed new committee members and notified all committee members and chairpersons of assignments and responsibilities as posted in the WSWS Operating Guide.

Signed and accepted a meeting contract on behalf of the WSWS with the Hyatt Regency Orange County for 2018 meeting in Anaheim, CA.

Contacted Presidents of the Weed Science Society of America, the Southern Weed Science Society, the North Central Weed Science Society, and the North American Invasive Species Management Association to consider joint or coordinated efforts to search for candidates for executive secretary or business manager positions of the respective societies. We reached an agreement to send out a joint RFP, but kept our options open to move forward with or without each or any of the organizations mentioned. Progress is being made to successfully find a candidate to fill our needs.

Communicated with Lee VanWychen, WSSA Director of Science Policy, on behalf of WSWS to support various activities.

Attended WSSA Science Policy Committee quarterly meetings via conference call and in person at the February WSSA meeting in San Juan. Discussed with Dr. VanWychen the possibility of changing WSWS representation on that committee from the current president plus Legislative Committee Chair to the current and past president to allow individuals a two year assignment. We will discuss this at the upcoming Board of Director's Meeting.

Attended WSSA president's breakfast meeting at the February meeting in San Juan.

Contacted all officer candidates involved in the election process. Congratulations were given to those newly elected officers and appreciation of willingness to serve was conveyed to unsuccessful candidates.

Contacted and congratulated new Fellows – Joe DiTomaso and Jesse Richardson.

Recommendations for Board Action:

See March 2016 board meeting agenda and Minutes of the 2015 summer meeting for current business activities and projects of WSWS for 2016-17.

Budget Needs: None

Suggestions for the Future: As the future of the society is largely dependent on the incumbent executive secretary/business manager, it is critical to hire the correct individual for the position.

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