



## **WSWS Officer and Committee Report 2016 Albuquerque, NM**

**Office or Committee Name:** WSSA representative

**Officer or Chairperson Name:** Marty Schraer

**Date of Preparation (include year):** 2/19/16

**Committee Activities during the Year:** Unable to attend WSSA summer BOD meeting in San Juan, PR. Attended annual meeting and BOD meetings in San Juan, PR, February 6-11, 2016.

### **WSSA report:**

- WSSA Endorsement of Take Action Herbicide Resistance Program and Educational Materials
- Membership stats (Joyce Lancaster)
  - 75% renewal (strong number according to Joyce Lancaster)
  - 91 students pre-registered
  - About 1000 members currently
    - Down from 1200 in 2015
  - Sustained membership: around 30 companies, pretty flat, contributions have increased
  - Emeritus membership is one of the fastest growing categories
- Tough financial year due to market instability
  - General and Endowment Funds lost 4.3 and 8.6%, respectively
- Discussion regarding appearance of conflict of interest with industry sponsored social events
- WSSA Strategic Plan was passed and formalized; Ad Hoc committee disbanded
- Business Management Proposals
  - 8 proposals to manage WSSA and the regionals
    - Currently with Allen Press \$95K
    - Bids range from \$185-300+K
- Graduate Student Paper Contest (Oral)
  - The BOD entertained and moved to adopt a proposal to initiate a graduate student oral paper contest.
- Publisher change
  - BOD voted not to renew WSSA's contract with Allen Press contract at the end of 2016
  - BOD voted to accept proposal from Cambridge University Press to publish Weed Science, Weed Technology and IPSM.
    - On-line only
    - Will digitize previous volumes

**Budget Needs:** None. Travel expense covered by employer.

**Suggestions for the Future:** N/A

**Current Committee Members:** N/A

**Name of Person Preparing This Report:** Marty Schraer