



WSWS Officer and Committee Report Annual Board Meeting – March 9, 2015

Office or Committee Name: Research Section

Officer or Chairperson Name: Jane Mangold, Chair (jane.mangold@montana.edu)
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Date of Preparation (include year): February 29, 2016

Committee Activities during the Year:

A total of 148 papers (83 oral presentations and 65 posters) were submitted for the annual meeting this year (not counting General Session, 6 oral). The number of total papers submitted for 2016 was higher than in 2015 (132 papers) with the number of oral presentations up by 5 and the number of poster presentations up by 11 compared to 2015.

Section	Number of oral/poster presentations
Undergraduate posters	4
Basic Biology & Ecology	16/7
Teaching & Technology Transfer	7/4
Weeds of Agronomic Crops	34/23
Weeds of Horticultural Crops	7/11
Weeds of Range & Natural Areas	18/16
General Session	6/0

Titles, abstracts, and presentation files were submitted through the wssaabstracts.com website. No problems with slide submissions have been reported as of the date of this report. Project chairs and chair-elects have been reminded of their duties and responsibilities for the upcoming meeting and will be instructed in the procedure for downloading presentation slide files from the wssaabstracts.com website after March 2, the final day to submit presentations. Session moderators will be encouraged to organize presentation files on their computer desktop in a manner and format comfortable for them to move quickly and efficiently between presentations.

Discussion topics for Project Areas:

Section	Discussion title
Project 1: Weeds of Range and Natural Areas	Assessment of the weed risk assessment as a decision-making tool for invasive plant species management
Project 2: Weeds of Horticultural Crops	The impact of increased irrigation water salinity on perennial and annual crop injury from soil residual herbicides
Project 3: weeds of Agronomic Crops	The use of 21st Century technology in weed management
Project 4: Teaching and Technology Transfer	Reaching out: Who and how?
Project 5: Basic Biology and Ecology	How can we harness the rapid changes in genetic and physiological tools to advance our understanding of weedy plants?

Project Chairs and Chairs-Elect for the 2016 meeting:

Project 1: Weeds of Range and Natural Areas

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Project 3: Weeds of Agronomic Crops

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Recommendations for Board Action: None

Budget Needs: None

Suggestions for the Future: None

**Current Committee Members: Jane Mangold, Chair
Prashant Jha, Chair-Elect**

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