Office or Committee Name:  Awards Committee

Officer or Chairperson Name:  Prashant Jha

Date of Preparation (include year):  March 20, 2019

Committee Activities during the Year:
Call for nominations for distinguished service awards were submitted to the summer newsletter, and a reminder in the fall issue.

There were six distinguished achievement award nominations submitted this year, one for Outstanding Weed Scientist-Public Sector, two for Outstanding Weed Scientist – Private Sector, one for Outstanding Weed Scientist -Early Career, and two for WSWS Professional Staff.

The “Outstanding Weed Scientist – Public” was awarded to Don Morishita (University of Idaho)
The “Outstanding Weed Scientist – Private” was awarded to William (Bill) Cobb (Cobb Consulting Services)
The “Outstanding Weed Scientist - Early Career” was awarded to Todd Gaines (Colorado State University)
The “WSWS Professional Staff” was awarded to Traci Rauch (University of Idaho)

There were 6 entries for the student travel awards, 6 graduate and no undergraduate students.
The following students were selected recipients of the “WSWS Elena Sanchez Outstanding Student Scholarship Program”:
Larissa Larocca de Souza (Oregon State Univ); MS Graduate student
Ramawatar Yadav (Montana State Univ); PhD Graduate Student
Lucas Kopecky Bobadilla (Oregon State Univ); MS Graduate Student

Recommendations for Board Action:
One new committee member should be named to replace Roger Gast who will be rotating off.

Budget Needs:  $3000 funding for student scholarships.  Plaques for winners.

Suggestions for the Future:  None

Current Committee Members:  Roger Gast, Prashant Jha (chair), Leslie Beckworth
Name of Person Preparing This Report:  Prashant Jha