



WSWS Officer and Committee Report

Office or Committee Name: WSWS representative to CAST

Officer or Chairperson Name: Brian Jenks

Date of Preparation (include year): Aug 3, 2017

Committee Activities during the Year:

2017 Borlaug CAST Communication Award winner: Dr. Jayson Lusk. Lusk was with the Department of Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University. In July, he became the head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University.

Why Does Bee Health Matter? The Science Surrounding Honey Bee Health Concerns and What We Can Do About It. CAST Commentary. June 2017.

Crop Protection Contributions toward Agricultural Productivity. CAST Issue Paper 58. April 2017.

Plant Breeding and Genetics. CAST Issue Paper 57. March 2017.

The Impact of Asynchronous Approvals for Biotech Crops on Agricultural Sustainability, Trade, and Innovation. CAST Commentary. December 2016.

Other upcoming paper topics include Omega-3 fatty acids, Animal well-being, and Genome editing. Many other papers are in various stages of preparation.

CAST annual meeting will be held October 25-27 in Raleigh, NC.

Recommendations for Board Action: None

Budget Needs: None

Suggestions for the Future: Continue WSWS commitment to CAST and encourage individual memberships.

Current Committee Members: Brian Jenks

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