**WSWS Fellows and Honorary Member Committee**

Report to the Board of Directors

Board Contact: Kirk Howett

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**Committee members**: Bill Cobb, Jill Schroeder, Kassim Al-Khatib (chair)

Jill Schroeder will rotate off the committee after the 2017 meeting and Bill Cobb will assume the role of chair.

**Progress:** Two fellow awards will be presented at2017 WSWS annual meeting. The awardees are Dr. Ralph Whitesides at Utah State University and Dr. Edward (Ed) Peachy at Oregon State University. Both awardees have been contacted about the awards by WSWS president and they will attend the annual meeting. The committee chair, Kassim Al-Khatib, will not attend the annual meeting but committee member Bill Cobb will make the presentation.

**Request for board action:** The committee requests that the board members proactively recruit nominations for these prestigious society awards. The committee hopes that the president and president-elect will include a word of encouragement to the membership in their messages to the society at the annual meeting and in future correspondence with the society members.

Respectfully submitted,

Kassim Al-Khatib, chair