



WSWS Officer and Committee Report 2018 Summer Board Meeting – Denver, CO

Office or Committee Name: President Elect/Program Chair

Officer or Chairperson Name: Pat Clay

Date of Preparation (include year): March 6, 2019

Activities during the year:

The 2019 Annual Meeting program for the Grand Hyatt in Denver, CO will include 160 submitted papers; 88 oral papers and 72 poster presentations. The General Session will include 4 talks. There are two symposia scheduled which will include 19 additional presentations. In total, this year's meeting will include 183 titles in the program. The student competition includes 22 graduate student posters, 9 undergraduate posters and 23 graduate student papers.

The total numbers are similar to the joint meeting in 2017 as well as 2010-2012 annual meetings. While the paper numbers do temporarily reverse the trend of declining paper and poster submission, there are several contributing factors that need to be considered. Student contest numbers are at a high compared with the last 10 years and the two Symposia provided a sizable boost to the total number of papers. To grow our society and annual meeting and the offerings to our membership we will need to 1) Continue our efforts to make students a central part of our Society 2) Solicit and encourage robust symposia topics 3) Consider joint meetings with aligned societies/interest groups and 4) Site selection for ease of travel and affordability.



The General Session will include introductions, program changes and general announcements (Pat Clay) and a Presidential Address (Andrew Kniss). Lee Van Wychen WSSA Executive Director of Science Policy will provide an Washington DC update and two invited speakers will present. Elizabeth Mosqueda will present on the “Possibilities for a More Inclusive Society”. Sarah Lupis will provide a mini-workshop on the importance and how to improve on impact reporting.

Due to the high number of posters, Sandra McDonald has done an exceptional job of working with the hotel on meeting room space and adjusting the POE so that the meeting has a good flow.

Recommendations for Board Action: list any proposed actions here.

No Action recommended at this time

Budget Needs: any requested funds (and brief justification if not clear from above) should be provided here.

1. Discussion of honorarium/expenses for Sara Lupis general session mini-workshop. Not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Suggestions for the Future

1. Current and Past Presidents consider working on “use instructions” for the abstract submission site to improve efficiency for current program chair. Possibly a member at large project
2. SOP calendar reminders for board members and committee chairs related to key dates for annual meeting/functionality of society.
3. Opportunities for future joint meetings (2021 and beyond) or special sessions with other societies or interest groups;
 - a. SRM, WAPMS
 - b. Special Interests
 - i. Plant Growth Regulators – potential avenue for new weed science research
 - ii. Precision Agriculture – we have had an uptick in the number of papers and a discussion session related to new technology and how it can be incorporated into weed science research and education
4. Emphasize/recruit for symposia particularly topics with local interests

Current Committee Members: Brad Hanson and Brian Schutte

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