



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report  
2017 Coeur d'Alene, ID  
March 13, 8am to 5pm**

**Office or Committee Name:** Program Chair, Pres-Elect

**Officer or Chairperson Name:** Monte Anderson

**Date of Preparation (include year):** 3/7/17

**Committee Activities during the Year:**

The 2017 printed program consisted of 125 papers and 50 posters for a total of 175 in this unique joint meeting of WSWS and WAPMS. This includes five presentations at the General Session. Graduate students have entered 21 oral papers and 19 posters in the contests. WAPMS contributed a total of 38 papers and 3 posters with a total of 4 graduate students competing in the contests. Two WAPMS program slots were designated for discussion time and a business meeting. WSWS was represented by 87 papers and 47 posters, with 33 graduate students giving 38 presentations in the contests.

Changes to the actual meeting program through March 7<sup>th</sup> include three withdrawn posters and one withdrawn paper from the WSWS and one withdrawn paper from the WAPMS. In the graduate student contests, one poster was withdrawn and one was added upon realization they weren't entered; therefore, the meeting should still result in 21 papers and 19 posters to be judged.

The General Session will have General Announcements (Monte Anderson and Amy Ferriter) and Presidential Addresses (Kirk Howatt and Scott Nissen) from the WSWS and WAPMS, respectively. Lee Van Wychen is traveling from Washington DC to discuss national science policy issues. Guest speaker Nick Zentner from Ellensburg WA will discuss Ice Age Floods impact on Northwest agriculture and guest speaker Alan Schreiber of Eltopia WA will discuss a weed or crop that is transforming western states.

With a joint meeting and three symposia, this year's meeting utilized all available time slots, particularly Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday. Symposia included Kaci Buhl's rescheduled risk communication from last year, Robert Norris discussing photography, and a group of invited speakers covering climate change put together by Eric Lehnhoff.

The following discussion topics were gathered by Prashant Jha on four of the five sections. Some discussion time allotments are a bit short and require section chairs to include a small amount of time to vote new chair-elects, which are generally not listed in the program.

- Basic Biology and Ecology: Moving Beyond Herbicide Resistance: What are the Basic Biology and Ecology Research Needs in the Western U.S.
- Weeds of Range and Natural Areas: Study and Applications of Weed Risk Models in Plant Community Restoration.

- Weeds of Agronomic Crops: Herbicide Drift and Nozzle Selection for Weed Control Research in Agronomic Crops.
- Teaching and Technology Transfer: Open Access Publishing for the Open-Minded

Participated in several Science Policy Committee conference calls during the summer/fall and attended the Committee meeting at the WSSA in Tucson. Attended the WSSA president's breakfast of regional societies. Forwarded new WSSA president's interest in attending our regional meeting.

Upon becoming president elect, became involved in the selection process for new business manager. This entailed participating in NAISMA conference calls, joint candidate interviews with NAISMA, and attending the final selection process in Kansas City with the regional societies and WSSA.

**Recommendations for Board Action:**

If this meeting goes well in Coeur d'Alene with WAPMS, recommend another joint meeting in 2019 in Denver CO.

**Budget Needs:** None

**Suggestions for the Future:**

Topics for future symposia will need to be emphasized, as I fear there will be a drought after having three in this year's meeting.

**Current Committee Members:** Prashant Jha and Brian Jenks

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