



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

**Office or Committee Name:** WSSA representative

**Officer or Chairperson Name:** Marty Schraer

**Date of Preparation (include year):** 2/15/17

**Committee Activities during the Year:** attend annual meetings of WSWS and WSSA as well as serve on the board of directors for both societies

- As a result of an item brought up at the WSWS summer BOD meeting, the WSSA BOD voted on a motion the resulted in combining the payment of annual membership dues with payment of annual meeting registration. There will still a provision to pay only annual membership dues without meeting registration. Membership renewal and meeting registration will occur simultaneously.
- WSSA entertained 3 proposals for annual meeting management. IMI's proposal was accepted by the BOD, based on proposed cost and ease of having a single point of contact for business and meeting management.
- Transition from Allen Press to Cambridge University Press is complete.
  - After the next couple issues of Weed Technology; abstracts will no longer have an accompanying Spanish translation.
  - Still seeking some early editions of WEEDS to have added to the digital journal collection
- WSSA is currently seeking a newsletter editor and an EPA Liaison replacement for Dr. Michael Barrett.
- WSSA Graduate Student Organization presented proposal for "Graduate Student Experience"
  - BOD had mixed opinions/reviews; no action taken
  - Considering proposal to share cost with regional societies
- WSSA experiencing membership decline and expenses have exceeded revenue for last two years.
- Concern over declining sustaining membership as a result of buyouts and mergers.
- WSSA is entertaining proposal to change its fiscal year to better align with revenue cycle.
- 2017 meeting; Tucson, Arizona
  - 490 registered members and guest
  - 500 attendees
  - 354 papers and posters
  - Student Contest
    - 70 contestants
    - Representing 30 institutions
- 2018—Washington, DC
- 2019—New Orleans, LA

- 2020—proposal to send RFP's to Hawaiian Islands of Oahu, Kauai, Hawaii, and Maui

**Recommendations for Board Action:**

**Budget Needs: none**

**Suggestions for the Future:**

**Current Committee Members: N/A**

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