



Office or Committee Name: WSWS ad hoc History committee

Officer or Chairperson Name: Vanelle Peterson

Date of Preparation (include year): October 7, 2021

Members:

Vanelle Peterson (Chair), Rod Lym, Phil Banks, and Don Morishita; Eric Gustafson (advisory)

Activities during the year:

A history of the Western Society of Weed Science (WSWS) 1938 through 1992 written by Dr. Arnold Appleby was published as a hard back book in 1993. Dr. Appleby summarized the proceedings for each meeting 1938-1992 (although there was no meeting in 1943) and included information about each member inducted as a Fellow of the society, Honorary members and "Founders".

As you are aware, an ad hoc committee was formed to update the history of WSWS 1993 through 2021. The objective is to create one WSWS history as an electronic version which will include a scanned copy of Dr. Appleby's book, summaries of meetings 1993 to 2021, and updated information on Fellows, scholarships, and other pertinent information. The work of this committee has progressed over the summer in the midst of trying to also enjoy the summer weather, family, and friends.

To date we have completed summaries of meetings 1993 through 2012 and anticipate that all meeting summaries will be completed by November 1.

Other completed documents include:

- Listing of and descriptions of Fellows 1993-2021
- History of WSWS Weed Short Course in coordination with Celestine Duncan
- History of Weeds of the West
- Student paper and poster contest winners
- Updated list of all WSWS Award categories
- History of the Rita Beard Endowment
- Information on the Elena Sanchez Outstanding Student Scholarship

- Updated list of meeting locations, dates, and Executive Officers
- Arnold's history book has been scanned into PDF searchable format

Other information:

- History of the Research Progress Reports (Traci Rauch and Joan Campbell)
- Meeting summaries 2007 through 2021
- Timeline of significant events in WSWs

We are coordinating with Joel Felix (Program Chair), and Carl Coburn and Jane Mangold (Education and Regulatory chair and incoming chair) through email and in our last 2 virtual committee meetings about participation in the 2022 meeting. Felix has proposed that a member of our committee talk about WSWs history and where other information on WSWs history will be presented during the meeting for 10 minutes during the General Session. Carl and Jane have proposed that there be presentations in the Education and Regulatory session on the history of various aspects of Weed Science through the eyes of WSWs. Those details were presented in their reports to the Board. I have been attempting to contact the Student Liaison about having some of our committee members at the Student Business meeting to answer any questions that students might have about WSWs history.

Vanelle and Rod will serve as editors to make sure the summaries and other information is consistent. Our plan is to have the completed document ready for electronic distribution by the 2022 annual meeting.

Recommendations for Board Action:

- Offer any suggestions to Vanelle about other items to include, or additional ideas for the 1993-2021 History
- Answer a question – does this history need to be vetted by anyone other than this committee and the editors (Vanelle and Rod)?

Budget Needs: None

Name of Person Preparing This Report: Vanelle Peterson, chair