



WSWS Officer and Committee Report 2016 Spokane, WA (for Coeur d'Alene, ID)

Office or Committee Name: WSSA representative

Officer or Chairperson Name: Marty Schraer

Date of Preparation (include year): August 1, 2016

Committee Activities during the Year:

Attend annual meetings of WSSA and WSWS. Attend and participate in WSSA and WSWS BOD meetings as availability allows.

Recommendations for Board Action: None at this time

Budget Needs: None. Syngenta reimburses any related expense for society activities.

Suggestions for the Future: None at this time

Current Committee Members: Marty Schraer

Name of Person Preparing This Report: Marty Schraer

Highlights and key points from WSSA summer board meeting:

- I was unable to attend but have included highlights from the BOD meeting minutes from Tuscon.
- **Executive Secretary Search.** The recommendation by Search Committee was to go with Interactive Management Incorporated (IMI), located in Westminster, CO. Contract period will be 3 years. The BOD entertained and approved motion for Kevin Bradley (WSSA president) to move forward on negotiating the contract with IMI.
- **2016 Annual meeting in San Juan Puerto Rico:** Membership statistics look good but includes student registrations, which were high in Puerto Rico, going from 91 to 182. Regular membership is steadily dropping; Emeritus membership was up slightly.
- **Registration and Membership fees:** BOD entertained and approved motion to amend annual meeting registration and membership fee schedules. I need to gain some clarity on the changes.
- **Director of Science Policy internship:** Lee Van Wychen will put together and job description and solicit applicants.
- **Recording of Oral Presentations:** WSSA is entertaining the idea of capturing video recordings of presentations made at the annual meeting (with author/presenter consent). The society is conducting a survey to gauge interest of the membership.