



## **WSWS Officer and Committee Report (Spokane Conference Meeting 2011)**

### **Office or Committee Name:**

Fellows and Honorary Member Committee

### **Officer or Chairperson Name and Committee Members:**

Don Morishita, Celestine Duncan, Bill Cobb

### **Date of Preparation (include year):**

March 2, 2011

### **Activities during the Year:**

A call for nominations of WSWS Fellows and Honorary Member was sent out with the August 2010 WSWS newsletter.

The WSWS Fellows and Honorary Member committee met December 14, 2010 to discuss five nominees for WSWS Fellows and one honorary member nominee. All five of these individuals are outstanding nominees and the committee appreciates the efforts of those who submitted the nominations. The committee unanimously recommended Dan Ball and Roger Gast as the 2011 WSWS Fellows. Both of these individuals have made significant contributions to the WSWS. Dan has served as President, President-elect and program chair, Research Section Chair, Education and Regulatory Section Chair, and has served on or chaired four WSWS committees. He also has authored numerous oral and paper presentations. Roger has served as the Weeds of Agronomic Crops Project chair and as a member and chair of three WSWS committees. In addition, he has coordinated the Dow AgroSciences sponsorship of the WSWS business breakfast meeting for the past five years and has authored numerous presentations at the WSWS meetings.

The committee also supports the nomination and acceptance of California Secretary of Agriculture A.G. Kawamura for WSWS Honorary Member. Secretary Kawamura's service has emphasized the need to make invasive species, including plants, a very high priority. In California, he formed the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee in October 2009 and he currently serves as the chair of this committee. On a national level Secretary Kawamura participated in the 2009 meeting of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C. and has presented his vision of state's roles in invasive species leadership, prevention and management. In a year when the California budget dominated the news and concerns with invasive plants was not the highlighted issue, Secretary Kawamura was the leading voice in the west and in the US on increasing awareness among other secretaries of state and federal policy-makers.

**Project chairs and chair-elects for the 2011 meeting:**

Celestine Duncan

**Recommendations for Board Action:**

Consider changing procedure for nominating WSWS Fellows candidates

**Budget Needs:**

None

**Suggestions for the Future:**

None

**Suggested Changes in Operating Guide:**

Make the information for nominating someone as a Fellow available in the Operating Guide or somewhere other than in the newsletter announcing the call for nominations.

Consider changing the process for nominating someone to be a WSWS Fellow. Currently the process requires a nomination letter and a CV of the nominee. This committee recommends the Board consider revising the nomination process and making it similar to nominating someone for the WSWS Outstanding Weed Scientist Awards. This committee proposes changing the requirement for nomination to include a nomination letter and three letters of support. The current requirement is a letter of nomination and the nominee's CV.

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