WSWS MEETING INFORMATION
You will find information enclosed with this mailing regarding room reservations at the Doubletree Hotel-World Arena for our annual meeting. WSWS has a contract with the hotel and we have guaranteed a block of sleeping rooms for the nights of our conference. Payment or no payment of meeting rooms, etc., is based upon the pickup of these rooms. Please do your part in making sure we pick up our room block by booking your room reservations at the Doubletree.

A registration form also is enclosed in this mailing. You will not only save money by registering early but will also help in the planning of the meeting. Deadline for early registration is February 15, 2004. Please do not mail registrations after this date. You will be able to register at the door – but at a higher registration fee. **Note: a check or money order must accompany your registration. Do not send your registration form with a note that payment will follow.**

No Credit Cards and no Purchase Orders Please! Those residing in Canada must send a check drawn on a U.S. bank or a money order in U.S. dollars. Thank you!

Wanda Graves, Business Manager

**TAKE TIME TO VOTE!**
Enclosed with this newsletter are the 2004 WSWS Ballot and biographies of all the candidates for each elected office. Show your support for the Society by taking time to vote for the candidates of your choice. Return the ballot to me by January 15, 2004. Thanks for voting!

Neal Hageman, Chair
2004 Nominations Committee

**WSWS AWARDS NOMINATIONS DUE DECEMBER 1**
Nominations for WSWS Fellows, Honorary Member, Outstanding Weed Scientist (public and private), Outstanding Weed Scientist – Early Career, Weed Manager, and Professional Staff are due December 1, 2003. Details on nomination procedures are included in this newsletter. Please take the time to nominate individuals who deserve these awards.

Charlotte Eberlein, Chair
2004 Awards Committee

**WSWS MEMBER SURVEY**
In an effort to better serve the WSWS membership, the Placement Committee is soliciting input as to how potential positions and candidates might be shared more effectively. Please respond to the survey that is included with this newsletter by
December 17. It should take less than 5 minutes to fill out.

Tracy Sterling, Chair
2004 Placement Committee

WSWS MEMBER RECEPTION
The member reception at the annual meeting serves to welcome everyone to the meeting. In addition, we recognize members who have retired in the past year.

Please, if you are retiring or if you know of a member who has retired since the March 2003 meeting, I am anxious to hear from you! My email is jischroe@nmsu.edu and my phone is 505/646-2328. Thank you for your assistance!

Jill Schroeder, Past-president

NATIONAL INVASIVE WEEDS WEEK
The 5th National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week will be February 23-27, 2004 in Washington, DC. An opening general session will be at the Holiday Inn Capitol on Monday morning, briefings with USDA and the Dept. of Interior will be on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, and FICMNEW will hold a meeting on Thursday morning. Active weed management programs are encouraged to present displays that highlight successes and collaborations. The poster displays will be exhibited for the week at the US Botanic Garden.

IN MEMORIAM
J. Wayne Whitworth, 80, former New Mexico State University Agronomy Professor and resident of Las Cruces, New Mexico died from complications of prostate cancer in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Dr. Whitworth received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Utah State University and his Ph.D. from Washington State University. He spent 33 years of teaching and research at NMSU. Wayne was an active member of the WSWS having served as president in 1983 and was named a Fellow of the WSWS in 1981. He is survived by his wife Leona, nine children, 38 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WEST
Idaho: Charlotte Eberlein has been named Associate Vice President for University Extension and Director of Cooperative Extension at the University of Idaho. She is located at the Twin Falls Research and Extension Center in Twin Falls, ID.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Nov. 27- Dec 3, 2003, Canadian Weed Science Society Annual Meeting, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Contact Glen Sampson at 902-893-6608 or gsampson@nsac.ns.ca


Feb. 4-5, 2004, Idaho Weed Conference, Nampa, ID. Contact Rick Waitley at 208-888-0988 or rwaitley@spro.net.

Feb. 7-11, 2004, Weed Science Society of America Conference, Kansas City, MO. Contact Brent Philbrook at 816-242-2547 or brent.philbrook@bayer.com.

February 22-27, 2004 National Invasive Weed Awareness Week, Washington, DC. Contact Craig Searle at 801-370-8638 or ucpw.craigs@state.ut.us.

September 20-23, 2004. 12th Annual
NAWMA Conference and Trade Show,
Rapid City, SD. Contact Scott Guffy at 605-
394-5320 or scottg@co.pennington.sd.us.

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