



## **WSWS Officer and Committee Report Annual Board Meeting – March 10, 2013**

**Office or Committee Name: Awards**

**Officer or Chairperson Name: Richard N. Arnold**

**Date of Preparation (include year): February 10, 2014**

**Committee Activities during the Year:**

Scholarship Awards:

The Award committee received five applications for the three WSWS Scholarships. All scholarship packages were submitted on or prior to our October 1 deadline. Roger and Phil were notified so Roger could send letters to each applicant and to the winners.

The 2014 scholarship winners are:

1. Halley Berg  
Montana State University  
Dept. Land Resources and Environmental Sciences  
Degree sought: M.S. in Land Rehabilitation  
Advisor: Dr. Jane Mangold  
Title of Research: Integrated Management of Tall Buttercup (*Ranunculus acris*) in Montana Meadows.
2. Ashley Cunningham  
New Mexico State University  
Dept. Entomology, Plant Pathology and Weed Science  
Degree sought: M.S. in Agricultural Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Brian Schutte  
Title of Research: Impacts of annual weed seed bank deposits on weed control for agricultural cropping systems in New Mexico.
3. Krista Ehlert  
Montana State University  
Dept. Land Resources and Environmental Sciences  
Degree sought: Ph.D  
Advisor: Drs. Fabian Menalled and Jane Mangold  
Title of Research: Optimizing efficacy of downy brome (*Bromus tectorum*) biocontrol in crops and rangelands: integration and implementation.

### **WSWS Member Achievement Awards**

The committee evaluated three nominations before the December 1 deadline and one nomination was a carryover from 2013. We had nominations in three categories: Outstanding Weed Science Private Sector, Professional Staff and Weed Manager. We made the following recommendations to Roger on December 9, 2013.

#### **OUTSTANDING WEED SCIENTIST-PRIVATE SECTOR:**

Nominee: Charlie Hicks

Nominator: Monte Anderson

#### **PROFESSIONAL STAFF:**

Nominee: Ed Davis

Nominator: Joe Yenish

#### **WEED MANAGER:**

Nominee: Rita Beard

Nominator: Todd Neel

### **Recommendations for Board Action:**

I do not know if a decision has been made for the following:

1. Decide if a former scholarship winner may apply the following year (s). The Awards committee would prefer that one scholarship be awarded during a graduate program but an undergraduate scholarship winner could reapply after entering a graduate program.
2. Develop an Award committee procedure when a scholarship applicant's advisor is also an Award committee member.
3. The WSWS board and members are encouraged to recruit nominees for WSWS awards.

**Budget Needs:** Similar to past years.

**Suggestions for the Future:** Please see recommendations for Board action.

### **Current Committee Members:**

Richard N. Arnold, Carol Mallory-Smith, and Jeff Tichota (rotating off).

### **Name of Person Preparing This Report:**

Richard N. Arnold