



## 2021 Annual Meeting – Virtual

**Office or Committee Name:** President  
**Officer or Chairperson Name:** Corey Ransom  
**Date of Preparation (include year):** February 2021

### **Activities during the year:**

Board meetings were held immediately after the annual meeting in Maui and virtually during the summer.

Many board positions have been filled, however there is still a need for individuals to serve on the Public Relations and Site Selection Committees. We also need a person to serve as the WSSA Representative. Several individuals were contacted, but the timing is bad for them to serve.

An ad-hoc Diversity and inclusion committee was formed with Elizabeth Mosqueda as the chair. The committee met during the fall and drafted a Diversity and Inclusion Statement for the Society which was circulated to Board Members for feedback.

I had the privilege of contacting Fellows, our Honorary Member, and Award winners. All were excited to be recognized by WSWS.

Board member elections winners were also contacted and will take office at the end of the annual Business Meeting. Those not elected were also contacted and thanked for their willingness to serve the Society.

During the spring, Lee Van Wychen was able to set up virtual congressional visits and it was great to visit with legislative staffers and communicate with them on items important to our society. Most of the regional presidents and the WSSA president were able to be on the Zoom meetings and it was also great to interact with each of them and hear their enthusiasm for weed science.

I was able to participate in regular Science Policy calls and appreciate the work of the Science Policy Committee for all of the work they do in representing our interests. Numerous topics

were discussed ranging from anti-herbicide legislation that had been proposed to the first assessments of herbicide (glyphosate and atrazine) impacts on endangered species by the EPA. These assessments will be made on all herbicides and the challenge of getting EPA to use appropriate assumptions and use data in calculating risks attests to the need for representation of our societies in Washington. I would encourage everyone to read the Executive Director of Science Policy Report.

I have joined the Program Committee in their regular meetings throughout the fall in mostly a supporting role as Sandra McDonald has done fantastic work in putting together a great program. Our original contract with the Boise Center to host our annual meeting in 2021 was renegotiated to allow our meeting to be in Boise in 2023. Thanks to Eric Gustafson and IMI for work on this and many other items for the society.

I appreciate each member who serves on the Board or on a committee for the service you provide to the WSWS. Special thanks to those rotating off the board at the conclusion of the annual meeting. Pat Clay (Immediate Past President), Marty Schraer (WSSA Representative), Mithila Jugulam (Research Section Chair), Todd Neel (Education and Regulatory Section Chair), Julie Kraft (Member at Large-Public Sector), and Mirella Ortiz (Student Liaison Chair).

**Recommendations for Board Action:**

Discuss the Diversity and Inclusion Statement prior to presenting it to the membership for a vote of acceptance.

**Budget Needs:** None

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