



## WSWS Officer and Committee Report

### 2021 Annual Meeting – Virtual Meeting

**Office or Committee Name:** Awards Committee

**Officer or Chairperson Name:** Craig Alford

**Date of Preparation (include year):** February 25, 2021

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

Call for nominations for distinguished service awards were submitted to the summer newsletter, and a reminder in the fall issue.

There were four distinguished achievement award nominations submitted this year, two for Outstanding Weed Scientist-Public Sector, and two for Outstanding Weed Scientist -Early Career. The committee unanimously recommended to award these nominees based on strong submission packages. No nominations were received for Outstanding Weed Scientist – Private Sector, Outstanding Weed Manager, or WSWS Professional Staff.

The “**Outstanding Weed Scientist – Public Sector**” was awarded to Prashant Jha (Iowa State University).

The “**Outstanding Weed Scientist – Early Career**” was awarded to Nevin Lawrence (University of Nebraska).

There were 2 entries for the student travel awards. The following students were selected recipients of the “**WSWS Elena Sanchez Outstanding Student Scholarship Program**”:  
Mirella Ortiz (Colorado State University) – Ph.D. graduate student  
Joshua Miranda (University of Nebraska) – M.S. graduate student

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

One new committee member should be named to replace Lesley Beckworth who will be rotating off after three years of service on the committee.

Continue to encourage nominations for distinguished achievement awards. There are many deserving members but very few nominations.

**Budget Needs:** \$2,000 funding for student scholarships. Plaques for winners.

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