



## **WSWS Officer and Committee Report 2016 Spokane, WA (for Coeur d'Alene, ID)**

**Office or Committee Name:** President

**Officer or Chairperson Name:** Kirk Howatt

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

Committee positions were filled and committees notified of new member, chair, and operating procedures. Communication with Joe Yenish to confirm who will send letters to student paper/poster participants. Also discussed any other letters of acknowledgement to be sent.

Additional information on sites for the 2019 Annual Meeting was obtained by Phil Banks. After comments, the committee suggested and board confirmed the Grand Hyatt in Denver for the 2019 Annual Meeting. Contracts were forwarded by Phil Banks and were signed to secure the location.

Request was announced from the WSSA Resistance Education Committee Chair David Shaw to host 3 workshops in the Western Region in preparation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Resistance Symposia in Washington, DC. Since this request occurred during the Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, many coordinators could be approached in person. Three groups were identified and placed in communication with David Shaw for more information.

Several expressed concern at the Annual Meeting over the end of Weeds of the West income. Don Morishita was more persistent and we visited a few times. The board position was explained and reports were shared to help elucidate the decision process. Don expressed interest in continuing to visit with members about new direction/publication to replace the lost income. When the request for reports was sent to the board and committees, Don was asked if he had any ideas to share with the board. This prompted the question many of the board likely saw. We could more strongly promote Joe DiTomaso's book with strong profit sharing from Joe.

There has been one conference call with Lee VanWychen to update science policy committee on general issues. This call had several topics and led to a couple other conference calls to discuss and prepare comment papers on three key topics. Timeline for some allowed solicitation of comment from the board, others had very short turnaround. First, safe handling and use of paraquat, including comments on need for this herbicide for resistance management. Second, general resistance management strategy and itemized playcard for legal as well as ethical responsibilities of several stakeholders. Third, comments on herbicide synergy. Fourth, comments regarding dicamba and halauxifen registrations. And fifth, support of language to modify the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits to reduce oppressive paperwork. The other eight or nine items on the agenda were for information or were of lesser consequence.

Another item more recently circulated is whether official position, policy, or mitigation measure that should be presented by the Weed Science Societies. Responses were consistent in that policies are already in place and the societies do not condone the illegal use of pesticides. This query was initiated because of accused use of dicamba on dicamba-resistant soybean.

Participated in several calls to review and discuss candidate for Business Manager. WSSA solicitation identified two firms viable for work with multiple societies, ASG and IMI. WSWS solicitation identified three additional groups, Cornett, Daluge, and Montagne. WSSA and SWSS have entered negotiations with IMI, NCWSS is expected to follow. ASG has withdrawn from the WSWS selection process because the national group has chosen IMI.

**Recommendations for Board Action:**

**Budget Needs:**

none

**Suggestions for the Future:**

**Current Committee Members:**

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