



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

Office or Committee Name:

Southwestern US ad hoc committee for WSSA “Regional Herbicide Resistance Listening Sessions”

Officer or Chairperson Name: Brad Hanson and Brian Schutte, co-chairs

Date of Preparation (include year): July 28, 2016

Committee Activities during the Year:

The WSSA Herbicide Resistance Education Committee (chaired by David Shaw) proposed a series of regional workshops in fall 2016 as a prelude to the planned 2017 Herbicide Resistance Summit. These regional workshops are envisioned as facilitated listening sessions with the objectives of identifying stories and speakers for those stories on which to build the next Summit (see attached March 2, 2016 letter).

The WSSA committee contacted Brian Schutte and Brad Hanson and they agreed to help coordinate a listening session in the Southwestern US. Other listening sessions are planned for regions in the WSWS including the Northwest (Ian Burke and Done Morishita) and the Great Plains (Phil Stahlman, Todd Gaines, Andrew Kniss, and Sandra McDonald).

Activities during the year largely consisted of participation in email and conference calls focused on the vision and planning for the regional meetings. At least one member of the organizing committee from each region will attend an in-person planning meeting in Washington DC on August 4th. Brian Schutte will represent the SW group at that meeting.

The Southwestern listening session will be held February 15th in Tulare, CA. This date and location is in conjunction and close proximity to the World Ag Expo (<https://www.worldagexpo.com/>). The Ag Expo draws grower and ag industry personnel from the region and around the world and holding the WSSA listing session at this time should facilitate good participation from the WSSA-preferred grower and industry participants for the workshops.

Recommendations for Board Action: none at this time

Budget Needs: none at this time

Suggestions for the Future: none at this time

Current Committee Members:

Brad Hanson, UC Davis

Brian Schutte, New Mexico State University

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Brad Hanson