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Report from the President

The annual meeting is upon us! Please see Gil Cook's report on the annual meeting in this newsletter. We will have a full, busy program. In addition, the board meeting will be held on Sunday, March 9 and will probably begin at 8:00 in the morning. I have asked the committee chairs to send their reports to their board contacts and me by March 1. If you have any items that you would like included on the agenda, please contact me by March 1.

Meeting registration. I hope that all of you have pre-registered for the meeting. This not only saves you money but it also helps us with meal planning. Wanda would like to remind you that "if you have not sent in your pre-registration but plan to attend the meetings, please be prepared to pay registration fees with check or cash. No credit or debit cards will be accepted." I also hope that you are all staying at the Sheraton during the meeting. WSWs must commit to a certain number of room reservations by members in order to receive the meeting rooms at no additional cost.

Student room assistance. A number of students have emailed to inquire about student support for the meeting. The policy is that WSWs will pay \$80.00 per night for up to 3 nights (total \$240) to students who stay at the Sheraton during the meetings. The student must also present a poster or paper during the conference to qualify for the reimbursement. A maximum of three students per program are eligible for the reimbursement. The major professor should request the funding by writing (letter or email) to Wanda Graves after returning home. This level of support has been approved for the 2003 meeting **ONLY** due to the extra expense of the hotel and travel this year.

Student night out. You will find information in this newsletter from the ad hoc committee on the Student Night Out. Steve Dewey and his committee, especially Lisa Boggs who is the student representative, have developed the student night out activity this year. Please consider participating in this event! They have worked to design an event that

will help students learn more about the WSWS and its members. I think that it is a great idea and hope to participate.

Constitution and by-laws. You will also find information in this newsletter from the ad hoc committee on the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the WSWS. Vanelle Carrithers and her committee have gone through the documents and revised and updated them. The executive committee has approved the changes proposed by the committee and you will be asked to vote on the revised documents at the meeting in Hawaii. The purpose of this mailing is to allow you the opportunity to evaluate the documents at your leisure before the meeting. A copy of the proposed revisions should be on the web site or will be available through Wanda prior to the meeting. In addition, we will have a few copies available at the registration desk for your review during the meeting. We will vote on the revisions at the business meeting; however, please look at the proposed revisions before the meeting so that we can get through the agenda in time for the Thursday morning sessions!

I have one additional item for your consideration. The board approved the request by British Columbia to become a member province in WSWS this summer. This action requires a change in the constitution, which must be approved by the membership. This will also come to you for consideration at the March 2003 business meeting.

I look forward to seeing you in Hawaii!
My Regards,
Jill Schroeder

Program Chair's Report

Papers and posters. We would like to thank all of you for submitting papers and posters

and attending the 55th WSWS meetings in Hawaii. We have 87 posters and 105 papers. We have only five rooms to work with and will need to make some adjustments we haven't had to do in the past. The Koloa Ballroom will be dedicated to posters for Tuesday and Wednesday and will not be available for presentations. It is not as large as other rooms we have worked with and the posters will be packed in very tight. The only other option is to have them outside but previous experience with wind has discouraged us from doing it. The Po'ipu Ballrooms I, II, III combined are the only rooms that can handle the WSWS luncheon and Business meeting. Unfortunately, these also need to be used for meeting rooms and will have to be put up and taken down on Wednesday and Thursday morning. We will have a shortened time frame in the morning so 3 discussion groups will be in those rooms prior to setting up for lunch. After lunch, we will not be able to start until 2 PM in those rooms. Because of the large number of papers, some sessions will have to run until 5:30. Suggestions for improving it in the future will be greatly appreciated. We urge as many of you as possible to stay at the Sheraton and tell them that you are WSWS. If we don't have enough rooms, WSWS will have to pay for the use of the meeting rooms. A paid breakfast has been included in your room fee. We will have sponsored breakfasts for students and spouses that will be under cover near the pool.

Reminder to session chairs. George Beck reminds all Session Chairs to be sure that they have a laptop computer and LCD projector for their sessions.

Reminder to all presenters. You will have 1 hour for loading between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. each night in the Lawa'i room. Be sure to bring a copy of your presentation on a CD-R

(not CD-RW) as directed. You will be allowed to load your presentation the night before your assigned presentation time.

There will be sign-up sheets for state accreditation pesticide licenses at the registration desk.

Thanks for helping us make this a successful meeting.
Gil Cook.

Annual Meeting Information Reminders

Please preregister. If you have not already sent in your preregistration form, you still have time. This helps the Society plan for the meeting.

Registration payment. The WSWS can only accept cash, checks, or money orders for both pre and on-site registration for the 2003 annual meeting. If you have not sent in your preregistration please be prepared to pay registration fees with check or cash. Credit cards cannot be accepted due to cost of processing.

Oral presentations. All oral presentations for the 2003 meeting will be made using LCD projection equipment. Slide projectors and overhead projectors will NOT be available. A Windows PC laptop computer and projector with the Office 2000 version of PowerPoint will be provided for each session.

Ad Hoc Committee Recommends Changes to WSWS Constitution and By-Laws

An ad hoc committee consisting of Vanelle Carrithers (chair), Phil Banks, Peter Dotray, Charlotte Eberlein, Gus Foster, Nelroy Jackson, and Jill Schroeder have worked hard this past year to update and make corrections, as necessary to the WSWS Constitution and By-Laws. Recommended

changes were sent to the Executive Board for approval to present the final version of the recommended constitution and by-laws changes to the to the full membership. The entire membership will vote on the approval of these changes at the annual business meeting in March. An Executive Summary is provided below. A complete copy of the proposed changes to the constitution and by-laws can be obtained at the WSWS web site (www.wsweedscience.org) or by contacting Wanda Graves.

Executive Summary of Constitution and By-Laws Proposed Changes

Constitution.

1. Added British Columbia to the Society area, pending member approval.
2. Added "and management" following where "weed control" is used throughout the document.
3. Under objectives added "prevention and identification of weed problems".
4. In the entire document changed the term "Executive Committee" to "Board of Directors"
5. In the listing of Board of Directors, added a section with non-voting members of the Board (Chairperson elect of the Research section*, Chairperson of the Education and Regulatory section*, Representative to CAST, treasurer business manager, and Representative for Constitution and Operating Procedures**). One asterisk denotes new members of under the old listing of the Executive committee and 2 asterisks denotes creation of a new position on the Board.
6. Treasurer/Business manager changed from an elected to an appointed position.
7. Term of the Secretary changed from 1 to 2 years.
8. Resolution committee has been dropped and those duties assumed by the Immediate Past President.

9. Publications committee has been added as a standing committee.
10. Immediate Past President has been added as a member of the Committee for Nominations of Fellows and Honorary Members.
11. Changed the terms of service of the Legislative committee

By-Laws.

1. Changed the duties of the Immediate Past President to reflect changes in the Constitution.
2. Duties of Standing Committees, updated duties for the standing committees: publications, nominations, awards, poster, student paper judging, necrology, and legislative.
3. Added the description for the Representative for Constitution and Operating Procedures.

Hosts Needed for Student Night Out

Hosts are still needed for the student night out. According to Lisa Boggs and Steve Dewey, you can pick your night and your digs! They anticipate each host will entertain up to four students. If you are interested please contact Steve Dewey at 435-797-2256 or steved@ext.usu.edu or Lisa Boggs at boggs1@swosu.edu. This is a great opportunity to get to know students attending the WSWS meeting.

Call for WSWS nominations

Included with this newsletter is the call for nominations of WSWS Fellows and Honorary members. Nominations for both awards are due May 15, 2003, and should be sent to Charlotte Eberlein, University of Idaho, P.O. Box 1827, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

WSWS Retirees to be Honored

If you know of any WSWS members who have retired since our 2002 meeting please

send their names to Bob Parker, Immediate Past-President. His email address is rparker@wsu.edu and his phone number is 509-786-9234. The WSWS wishes to recognize those individuals at the meeting.

Industry Downsizing Affects WSWS

Recent changes in the agrichemical industry have led to changes or loss in membership status of several WSWS members. Jack Handly and Todd Geselius have both left Dow AgroSciences due to downsizing. BASF Corporation representatives Paul Ogg, Gus Foster, Don Colbert, Steve Van Vleet, and Gaylan Goddard have left following corporate re-structuring.

CDFA Cuts Biocontrol and Weed Eradication Programs

Responding to the governor's request to reduce budgets, the California Department of Food & Agriculture has focused its cuts almost entirely on weed control programs, indicating that these projects are not considered "core" parts of the department's mission. The department -- asked to trim \$1 million from their general fund budget of approximately \$30 million -- cut \$750,000 from weed programs, whose total budget is \$2-3 million.

These cuts come from two important weed programs: biocontrols, and weed eradication. The first researches, releases and monitors biocontrol agents to control invasives such as yellow starthistle, tamarisk, arundo, and Cape ivy. The second program identifies and controls A-rated noxious weeds before they get out of control. District biologists under this program work closely with counties and Weed Management Areas to respond to new weeds coming into a region. For instance, new knapweed infestations originating with gravel deliveries from Nevada were recently detected through this program. In addition,

the GIS specialist dedicated to weeds has been reassigned to support other non-weed programs.

The governor is expected to ask for more cuts, and CDFA management's response to this first round may indicate an intent to further cut – or eliminate -- their weed programs. According to supporters of these programs, it is critical that the department know that such cuts damage important weed work on the ground. Please (1) alert your colleagues, and (2) register an opinion with Secretary William Lyons, Jr. His address is CDFA, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. To contact him send messages via his secretary Sue Hessing at shessing@cdfa.ca.gov.

USFS Hires Invasive Species Coordinator

The US Forest Service has hired Michael Lelmini as their National Invasive Species Coordinator. Lelmini has been with the US Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge Program in Washington, D.C. He also currently is co-chair of the Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds.

Cal-Pac SRM Sponsors Workshop

The California-Pacific Section of the Society of Range Management sponsored an invasive weeds workshop in Kailua-Kona. Entitled “Invasive Species: Hawaii and California”, the workshop was planned by Bill Frost, UC Davis; Ken Fulgham, Humboldt State; and WSWS members Joe Ditomasso and Phil Motooka. The first day consisted of a “sit down” session in which Federal, state and university scientists from both states presented background and management strategies on invasive weeds of their respective states. That was followed by two days of tours along the Kona Coast and Volcano to view infestations of such serious pests as *Rubus ellipticus* and *Myrica faya* in

the wet Volcano area, *Ochna thomasi* and *Psidium cattleianum* in mesic Kau, *Senecio madagascariensis* and *Delairea odorata* in mesic South Kohala, and *Prosopis pallida* in dry coastal Kohala.

More Work With Clopyralid in Compost

In 2000, it was discovered that clopyralid was persisting in compost produced at a composting facility in Washington state. Subsequent testing from facilities around the state revealed that a majority of finished compost and some feedstocks contained residues of clopyralid. New state regulations were passed that prohibited the use of clopyralid containing products in several markets and applications. In December 2002, the Washington State Department of Agriculture again collected samples from participating compost facilities across Washington and is having them analyzed for the presence of clopyralid. The objective is to determine if the WSDA rules prohibiting many uses of clopyralid for the entire 2002 use season have had an effect on the detectable levels now present in finished compost and certain incoming feedstocks. The product appears to persist in treated grass clippings, grain straw, grass hay, and other organic wastes that are now being recycled, when historically they may have been going to municipal landfills. For more information, contact Scott Nielsen (WSDA, 509-533-2687).

National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week 2003

The fourth annual NIWAW will be held in Washington, DC from February 24 to 28, 2003. This year, the NIWAW IV opening session will begin with a 7:00 am breakfast on Monday at the Holiday Inn Washington Capitol. The remainder of the week will include several hosted meetings with FICMNEW member agencies and Departments, briefings on critical invasive

plant issues, a combined reception at the U.S. Botanic Garden, and special poster displays and exhibits to raise awareness about invasive plant issues. Additional information is posted on the NIWAW website at www.nawma.org/niwaw.htm

News From Around the West

Hawaii. Dr. Roy Nishimoto, WSWS Honorary Member Designate, has gone on 40% duty in 2003, heading for retirement at years end. Quite a golfer, Roy qualified for the lone Hawaii spot at the U.S. Senior Amateur Championship in Jacksonville, Florida.

Washington. Steve McGonigal is the Washington State Weed Coordinator. Steve replaced Lisa Lantz in October of 2002.

Dana Coggon began duties in July 2002 as the new education specialist for the Washington State Weed Board. She recently completed an M.S. degree in Weed Science at Colorado State University.

Kudzu update. Clark County Weed Coordinator Phil Burgess, whose crews treated the state's only known infestation of kudzu in September 2001, reported no new growth during the 2002 growing season. Surveys of nearby areas detected no additional infestations to date. It has been proposed to add kudzu (*Pueraria montana* var. *lobata*) to the "A" weed list in Washington.

Calendar of Events

Feb. 24-28, 2003, National Invasive Weed Awareness Week, Washington, DC. Contact Rob Hedberg at 202-408-5388 or robhedberg@erols.com.

Mar. 11-14, 2003, Western Society of Weed Science Annual Meeting, Poipu Beach, Koloa, HI. Contact Wanda Graves at 510-790-1252 or wgraves431@aol.com.

Mar. 17-23, 2003, Asian Pacific Weed Science Society Biennial Meeting, Manila, Philippines. Contact Prof. Analiza Henedina M. Ramirez ahmr@mudspring.uplb.edu.ph or Mr. Joel Janiya J.Janiya@CGIAR.ORG

Apr. 3-4, 2003. Western Weed Coordinating Committee meeting. Las Vegas, NV. Agenda and meeting location details can be found at www.weedcenter.org/wwcc

Sep. 9-11, 2003, 11th Annual NAWMA Conference and Trade Show, Park City, UT. Contact Craig Searle at 801-370-8638.

Position Announcements

Graduate Research Assistantship in Weed Science/Ecology available Fall 2003. Seeking an MS or PhD student to study weed management in sustainable cropping systems. Research should focus on proactive techniques for avoiding weed problems. For additional information contact: Bill Curran at 814-863-1014 or wsc2@psu.edu or Dr. Dave Mortensen at 814-865-1906 or dmortensen@psu.edu.

Horticulture & Arboriculture Internship Program at the Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library in Winterthur, DE. Four positions are available. Interns will work with four horticultural teams and the Curator of Plants. Interns will work with and under the guidance of a Horticulturist, maintaining the historic naturalistic design of the garden by learning and practicing good horticultural techniques, i.e. fertilizing, planting, leaf removal, mowing, restorative pruning and weed control. For more information contact: A. Shonie Castle at 302-888-4830 or jobs@winterthur.org by March 31, 2003.