

NCWSS Board Meeting Agenda
St. Criox Room
Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
December 1, 2014
1:00 pm



1. Call to order (President): JD Green
2. Roll call (Secretary-Treasurer) David Simpson
3. President: JD Green
4. President-Elect: John Hinz
5. Vice President: Anita Dille
6. Past President: Dave Johnson
7. Secretary-Treasurer: David Simpson
8. Proceedings Editor: Bob Hartzler
9. Communications Editor: Harlene Hatterman-Valenti
10. WSSA Representative: Mark Bernards
11. CAST Representative: Curt Thompson
12. Executive Secretary: Phil Banks
13. Director of Science Policy: Lee Van Wychen

Interest Group Committees:

14. Strategic Planning: Brian Jenks; Dawn Refsell, Lowell Sandell, Eric Ott
15. Extension: Devin Wirth
16. Industry: Mike Meyer
17. Resident Education: Tate Castillo
18. Graduate Students: Rodrigo Werle

Standing Committees:

19. Distinguished Achievement Awards: Dave Johnson
20. Fellow Awards: Duane Rathmann
21. Future Site Selection: Charles Slack
22. Local Arrangements: Eric Spandl

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| 23. Invasive Plants: | Roger Becker |
| 24. Nominating: | Stott Howard |
| 25. Resolutions and Necrology | Joe Armstrong |

Special Committees:

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| 26. Presentation Recording | Brian Jenks |
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Business Meeting:

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| 27. Old business: | All |
| 28. New business: | All |
| 29. Adjourn | |

NCWSS Board Meeting Minutes December 1, 2014.

- Meeting called to order at 1:03 pm on Monday, December 1, 2014.
- Roll call was conducted. 15 voting member present which exceeding the required 12 members for a quorum.
- All committee reports are attached.
- Video Recording committee: current database only records 2 month of data on visits. Committee has communicated to vendor that 12 month data is required.
- Minutes from summer board meeting presented by David Simpson. Dave Johnson moved to approve the Meeting minutes for Summer Board meeting. John Hinz second the motion. The meeting minutes approved unanimously.
- Brian Jenks made motion to accept proposal to develop new website for a cost of \$5,200 to replace the current NCWSS.org website. Curtis Thompson second motion. Motion passed unanimously. A task force will be named by John and JD to oversee the development of the new site. Recommendation is to have newsletter editor and Executive secretary to be part of the task force.
- Discussion on Recording special committee continuing to operate under the Program Committee for 2015 until sufficient data is generated on website hits on video views. No board action required.
- Motion made by Dave Johnson from the Site Selection Committee for the 2017 meeting to be held at the Hyatt Regency with Room rates at \$129 per night, rebate of 5%, food and beverage minimum \$10,000 and Scholarship. The meeting dates will be 12/4 Monday–12/7 Thursday. Second by John Hinz. Motion passed unanimously.
- Board agreement that NCWSS is interested having joint meeting with MIPN at the 2015 annual meeting in Indianapolis, IN. The NCWSS invasive species committee chair will need to work with NCWSS program chair to make arrangements. Registration fee would be set at the 2015 NCWSS summer board member.
- Brian Jenks moved and second by Harlene for NCWSS to provide monetary support for the first place team prize at the Monday Night Quiz Bowl in the amount of \$100. Motion passed unanimously.
- John Hinz recommended that the NCWSS fund a Presidential reception at the annual NCWSS meeting beginning in 2015. The current board members and distinguished award winners and new Fellows will be invited. The cost would be included in the food and beverage line item of the meeting. No board action required.
- Dave Johnson moved and Anita second to adjourned. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Roll Call: 12 voting membes needed for Quoram.

Executive Board	Boad Members	Roll Call
President	JD Green	present
President-Elect	John Hinz	present
Vice President	Anita Dille	present
Past President	Dave Johnson	present
Secretary-Treasurer	David Simpson	present
Proceedings Editor	Bob Hartzler	Arrived 3:30 pm
Communications Editor	Harlene Hatterman-Valenti	present
WSSA Representative	Mark Bernards	present
CAST Representative	Curt Thompson	present
Executive Secretary	Phil Banks	present
Director of Science Policy	Lee Van Wychen	Absent

Interest Group Committees:	Directors	
Strategic Planning:	Brian Jenks	present
Regional Directors at Large	Dawn Refsell	present
Regional Directors at Large	Lowell Sandell	present
Regional Directors at Large	Eric Ott	absent
Extension	Devin Wirth	present
Industry	Mike Meyer/Stott Howard	present
Resident Education	Tate Castillo	present
Graduate Students	Rodrigo Werle	absent

Standing Committees	Chairperson	
Distinguished Achievement Awards	Dave Johnson	present
Fellow Awards	Duane Rathmann	On site
Finance, Steering, and Policy	David Simpson	Present
Future Site Selection	Charles Slack	absent
Local Arrangements	Eric Spandl	On site
Invasive Plants	Roger Becker	absent
Nominating	Stott Howard	present
Resolutions and Necrology	Joe Armstrong	present

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: President

Officer or Chairperson Name: JD Green

Date of Preparation: November 19, 2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

During the year the NCWSS joined with the WSSA and other regional societies to sign three letters on issues relevant to our discipline, 1) Letter sent to Dr. Steven Bradbury, EPA-Director of Office of Pesticide Programs, which emphasized cooperation on education programs and best management practices to mitigate the future spread and evolution of herbicide-resistant weed populations. 2) A letter of concern drafted on the failure of congress to include a fix to the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) in the new Farm Bill. 3) Letter sent to Dr. Rosalind James, USDA-ARS Office of National Programs in response to a call for input on research priorities of programs administered by this agency during the next five years. The new strategic plan released by the USDA-ARS Office of National Programs has some indication that our efforts were worthwhile and the voice of the weed science community have been heard.

I was also able to participate in the 2nd Herbicide Resistance Summit meeting held in Washington DC on September 10. This meeting was an effort to continue to raise awareness of this highly important issue and a "call to action" by professional societies, university and industry scientists, government agencies, economists, crop consultants, and crop producers.

One of the highlights of the year was the 2014 summer weed science contest hosted by DuPont Pioneer at their facilities in Johnston, IA on July 23 and 24. Thanks to Dave Johnson, the staff at DuPont Pioneer, NCWSS Resident Education Committee, and several volunteers and coaches for making this a rewarding educational event for our students.

I consulted with several NCWSS committee chairs in preparation for the 2014 conference. I commend John Hinz, Eric Spandl, Devin Wirth, Michael Owen, Mike Meyer, and others on the Program and Local Arrangements Committees for their work in preparation for this conference. Furthermore, I want to express my thanks to Executive Secretary Phil Banks, all the Board members, committee chairs and committee members on their tremendous efforts throughout the year. In particular, I appreciate the work by the Nominating Committee chaired by Stott Howard who solicited an excellent slate of candidates for the four vacant board positions in the coming year. I notified the incoming board members, newly elected Fellows, Graduate Student, and Distinguished Achievement Award recipients and invited them to the awards luncheon.

Budget needs: None

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: President Elect

Officer or Chairperson Name: John Hinz

Date of Preparation: November 19, 2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

Development of the program was my main activity this year. There are 209 papers and posters to be presented at this year's meeting. Below is a breakdown of the presentations.

Submission Summary

Summary	General Session	Oral	Poster	Symposium	Total
Accepted	5	96	97	11	209
Deleted	0	0	0	0	0
Incomplete	0	0	0	0	0
Pending	0	0	0	0	0
Withdrawn	0	3	0	0	3
Total	5	93	97	11	206

All submissions were done through the WSSA abstract site. This all seemed to go smoothly. I want to thank David Kruger with Apex Web Studio for his help with this. I have received 2 calls that graduate students were not entered into the Paper Contest when they thought they had checked the box. I will contact David Kruger about including a statement on the email indicating that the paper has been included in the contest. There are 2 symposia this year. Devin Wirth organized the 'Cover Crops' symposium and Mike Owen organized the 'Roadmap to Success: The Human Dimension of Managing Herbicide Resistance' symposium. Anita Dille organized a 'Women in Weed Science Networking Breakfast'. BASF will sponsor the student mixer again this year and there will be a quiz bowl at the mixer. There are 46 graduate students in the paper contest, 41 graduate and 16 undergraduate students in the posters contests. All papers and posters will be judged on Tuesday. Awards will be presented at the banquet on Wednesday afternoon. The poster session was lengthened by 30 minutes and the general session was pushed back 30 minutes. This was done to give the poster judges enough time to complete their work on Tuesday morning. 19 authors have agreed to have their papers recorded and posted to the web site. 32 authors have agreed to have their posters posted to the web site. I want to thank Winfield Solutions for hosting the graduate student tour this year. I want to thank Eric Spandl, Brett Miller and the entire Local Arrangements committee for all their work in organizing this meeting.

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Vice-President, 2013-2014

Officer or Chairperson Name: Anita Dille

Date of Preparation: November 6, 2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

My main activity for this past year was to represent the NCWSS on the WSSA – Public Awareness Committee. This committee is responsible for developing and publishing press releases on relevant and interesting weed science topics as well as general announcements for WSSA and related societies. This committee meets via teleconference every two weeks for a 1-hour call.

Recent press releases:

1. Farmers battle herbicide resistance with harvest-time weed seed controls (11/5/2014)
2. Summit on the “wicked” problem of herbicide resistant – now available online (10/20/2014)
3. Weed Scientists uproot common “superweed” myths (10/8/2014)
4. The pesticide safety education program reaches a 50-year milestone (9/15/2014)
5. WSSA announces agenda for herbicide resistance summit, plans live webcast
6. WSSA updates popular herbicide handbook (8/18/2014)
7. New training modules on herbicide resistance now available (7/29/2014)
8. WSSA to exhibit at upcoming conference on Invasive Aquatic plants (7/9/2014)
9. Common myths about poison oak, poison ivy and poison sumac: WSSA experts separate fact from fiction (7/1/2014)
10. WSSA to sponsor second national summit on herbicide resistance (5/15/2014)

A new initiative is the “Women in Weed Science Networking Breakfast” planned for the 2014 annual meeting. Thanks to the society for sponsoring the room and meal. A report on the breakfast will be presented at the Wednesday Board Meeting.

Budget needs: none

Suggestions for future: none

Current Committee members: none

Suggestions for future committee members:

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Past President

Officer or Chairperson Name: Dave Johnson

Date of Preparation: November 5, 2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

The main responsibility of the past president is to serve as chair of the Distinguished Achievement Awards Committee. See separate committee report for these activities.

The other activity was to host the 2014 student weed contest. The contest occurred on July 24, 2014 at the DuPont Pioneer research center in Johnston, IA. A total of 91 students (51 grad and 40 undergrad from nine universities attended. Forty five volunteers from several organizations helped with various aspects. Additionally, several of the students participated in a career discussion and tour of Pioneer facilities the day after the contest. Pioneer did not request reimbursement for expenses, so the \$8500 earmarked by NCWSS for contest support was disbursed to the schools to help defray travel their expenses. A poster summarizing the contest and results will be presented at the NCWSS annual meeting in Minneapolis. All score sheets and a thumb drive with photos were provided to the coaches, and a summary and thumb drive of photos provided to Newsletter Editor Harlene Hatterman-Valenti. All NCWSS-owned contest equipment (sprayers, clipboards, calculators, etc) has been transferred to Bruce Ackley of Ohio State, who will host the contest in 2015.

Budget needs: none

Suggestions for future: none

Current Committee members: n/a

Suggestions for future committee members:

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Secretary-Treasurer

Officer or Chairperson Name: David Simpson

Date of Preparation: November 15, 2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

Minutes from the 2014 Summer NCWSS Board Meeting have been prepared and submitted for approval.

An electronic board vote on two proposals was completed on April 10, 2014. Proposal made at December 2014 board meeting to move investments to Royal Bank of Canada was approved unanimously. As reported by Phil Banks, the specified funds have been moved to Royal Bank of Canada. Unanimous approval of the proposed change to MOP for Secretary-Treasurer, Proceedings Editor and Communications Editor positions to be elected to four-year terms which are renewable for another 4 yr term by choice of the officer and approval by the NCWSS board. The updated MOP was sent to Phil to be posted on website.

The annual NCWSS Committee and Officer Reports were compiled and sent to the board members prior to this meeting.

Budget needs: none

Suggestions for future: none

Current Committee members: n/a

Suggestions for future committee members:

NCWSS Proceedings Editor Report

Bob Hartzler

The process went smoothly. I notified David Kruger on Nov 26 that the abstracts were ready for viewing. The following are the instructions I prepared for Greg Kruger regarding the process. I will meet with him to provide more details about the responsibilities.

Process

- Read all abstracts, about half require some minor edits. This year I sent 6 back to authors for clarification, converting units, etc. In most years I contact authors who haven't submitted abstracts. Didn't get around to it this year because of the shortened period between the deadline and meeting. You can sort the papers by those with no abstract submitted. I usually am flexible in allowing authors to submit late abstracts – just had them send the abstract to me and I enter it into the system.
- Notify David Kruger after you have finished going through them so he can make them available to members.
- Make a pdf version with program, abstracts and keywords. Send this to Phil Banks
- *I wanted to keep track of the hours I spent on it this year, but about 1/2 of the way through my mind got foggy and I stopped keeping track. I would estimate it at between 15-20 hours*

Deadline: I've always set the deadline on the Friday prior to Thanksgiving and do the majority of work during Thanksgiving week. This year reduced the time available since there normally is a week between Thanksgiving and the meeting.

WSSA website

- David Bridges is the contact person for any issues with the abstract submission program, he is great to work with: 877-518-8030 ext 1; webmaster@apexwebstudio.com
- You'll be giving administrator rites by David. On the left side menu the 'Titles/Abstracts' makes the abstracts available to edit. I sort them by title order and go through them numerically, and make a grid where I keep track of which ones I've completed.
- To make the pdf version I use the 'Reports' tool. You need to generate the program, abstracts and keywords (author and keywords) separately. I copy and paste them into Word to make the program. Phil wants this by the end of the year

Other: I think the biggest thing to work on is the instructions sent to the authors. I think you'll need to do this with David since the instructions are provided when people submit their titles. There is a trend towards using tradenames in papers. In some situations it is understandable (industry introducing a new product), but there are too many abstracts where people do it when not needed. Also need to stress the importance of using standard units and to enter keywords into the system when entering abstracts.

You have the flexibility to make any changes you think would improve the quality or simplify the process, but anything major should be run through the Board.

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Newsletter Editor

Officer or Chairperson Name: Harlene Hatterman-Valenti

Date of Preparation: November 24, 2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year: Worked with Glenn Nice to publish three newsletters (Spring, Summer, and Fall). Will be relinquishing newsletter editor responsibilities at the annual meeting, but will meet with Vince to explain publishing dates and needed content for the various newsletters.

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: WSSA Representative

Officer or Chairperson Name: Mark L. Bernards

Date of Preparation: Nov 26, 2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

WSSA Executive Board for February 2014– February 2015

Board Membership	Name
Past-President	Jim Kells
President	Joseph DiTomaso
President-elect (Program chair)	Dallas Peterson
Vice-President	Kevin Bradley
Secretary	Larry Steckel
Treasurer	Ian Burke
Members-at-Large	Les Glasgow, Daniel Kunkel, Andrew Kniss
Chair, Constitution and MOP	Peter Porpiglia
Director of Publications	Sarah Ward
Executive Secretary	Joyce Lancaster
www.wssa.net	

A. WSSA Summer Board Meeting

Attended WSSA summer board meeting July 8-9 in Lexington, KY and a report of that meeting was provided in the Summer 2014 board meeting minutes.

B. Outcomes since WSSA Summer Board Meeting

1. Rules for the 2015 WSSA graduate student poster contest have been posted at the WSSA website. For those who will be attending the WSSA there may be opportunity to serve as a judge.
2. The 2015 WSSA annual meetings will feature a smartphone/tablet app with the schedule.
3. The Herbicide Handbook, tenth edition is available for purchase.
4. The WSSA provided a letter regarding stewardship of 2,4-D on GMO crops, and in support of timely registration process. There was concern among some society members regarding what was perceived to be a letter of support for a specific product from the WSSA. There will be an extensive discussion regarding the process of providing comments on various issues at the February 2015 WSSA board meeting.
5. Herbicide Resistant Weeds Summit II webcasts are available at the WSSA website.
6. The USDA’s Secretary Tom Vilsack announced steps to help farmers manage herbicide resistant weed problems and will partner with the WSSA to develop educational materials.
7. The WSSA board reviewed a fact sheet on inaccuracies associated with the term “superweeds” and a press release that accompanied it.
8. The WSSA board approved an increase in the award amount for the Undergraduate research award from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per project, and authorized the awarding of up to 10 projects.
9. The search for a USDA-NIFA fellow to represent the WSSA within the USDA has been completed and Donn Shilling was selected.
10. NCWSS members are encouraged to also be members of WSSA.

C. Future WSSA Meetings

- Feb 9-12, 2015 Lexington, KY (Hilton)
- Feb 8-11, 2016 San Juan, Puerto Rico (Joint meeting with SWSS, to be held at the Sheraton)
- Feb 6-9, 2017 Tucson, AZ (Hilton El Conquistador)

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST)

Officer or Chairperson Name: Curtis Thompson

Date of Preparation: December 1, 2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

A table is set up at the meeting to provide NCWSS members with information about CAST and a sampling of several publications that CAST has completed.

During 2014, two articles regarding CAST were put in the NCWSS newsletters.

I attended the annual CAST meeting held in Indianapolis on October 28-30, 2014.

Linda Chimenti, Executive Vice President of CAST is retiring summer of 2015. Replacement is currently being sought. Lowell Midla completed his term as CAST president and David Songstad is the new CAST president. Past president, Phil Stahlman's term ended and was recognized by CAST for his years of service.

Plant workgroup conference calls (4 so far during this year) were held every other month to discuss proposals in development. Our next call will be in December. October was skipped because of the annual meeting at which significant work was conducted to generate ideas and initiate proposals. In addition we revised proposals that are in a later phase of development.

Proposals within the Plant work group approved by the Cast Board:

1. *The Need for Agricultural Innovations to Sustainably Feed the World by 2050: An Introduction.* Todd Peterson.
2. *The Need for Agricultural Innovations to Sustainably Feed the World by 2050: An Introduction. Irrigation and Precision Crop Management Technologies.* Curtis Thompson.
3. *The Need for Agricultural Innovations to Sustainably Feed the World by 2050: Plant breeding and genetics.* John Soper, Ryan Wersal, Wendy Smic
4. *The Need for Agricultural Innovations to Sustainably Feed the World by 2050. Crop protection contributions to agricultural productivity.* Dirk Drost. (awaiting approval)

CAST is developing a consumer education video series called "Top 50 Food Questions." This timely series will address consumers' common food questions and provide clear, straightforward answers in an entertaining format of 50 to 90 second videos. The videos will be professionally produced by Capital Media Group and will be broadcast on television, in schools and hospitals, and on food and farming-related websites.

Reporting on the progress of the papers which NCWSS at the 2013 Dec. meeting designated \$2500 for each of two publications upon completion:

"The Contributions of Pesticides to Pest Management in Meeting the Global Need for Food Production by 2050", Task force chair is Stephen Weller, Purdue.

CAST released this paper, which was the focal point for the panel discussion, on November 17, 2014.

Considering the growing population, food production must increase. The authors point out that more than 800 million people in the world are food insecure, and the amount of crop yield lost each year to pests could run upwards of 30%. But they are optimistic about developments occurring around the globe. When pesticides are effectively applied and integrated into a comprehensive approach, the world will be on its way to providing for the 9 billion humans on earth in 2050.

CAST Issue Paper 55 is available as a free download from the CAST website, www.cast-science.org.



“Recruiting and Educating Graduate Students to Become Researchers and Leaders in Global Agricultural Sciences”, Task force chair is Chuck Rice, Kansas State University. **Initial draft to be completed sometime in early December. Release 2015.**

NCWSS donations for these pubs were discussed at the Annual Cast meeting in our Plant Work Goup. NCWSS was applauded for their support. The delivery of the funds at the time of publication was well received.

Budget needs:

NCWSS might consider providing some support for the proposed paper: The Need for Agricultural Innovations to Sustainably Feed the World by 2050. Crop protection contributions to agricultural productivity. Dirk Drost.

The Need for Agricultural Innovations to Sustainably Feed the World by 2050: An Introduction. Irrigation and Precision Crop Management Technologies. Curtis Thompson.

Suggestions for future:

Please communicate any ideas to me. These ideas can always be submitted to the work group conference call as a business item/proposal suggestion. Any individual CAST member can submit a proposal which will be turned over to the appropriate work group.

Suggestions for future committee members: 2015 is my final year as the NCWSS CAST Representative.

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Executive Secretary

Officer or Chairperson Name: Phil Banks

Date of Preparation: November 20, 2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

The current (as of November 20, 2014) net worth of NCWSS is \$510,089.25 which is \$ 9,446.98 more than reported on December 1, 2013. Following the recommendation of the Finance Committee and with approval of the Board, we moved all of our assets from Merrill-Lynch to the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) in May of 2014. Also, we had two CDs mature during the year and we split the total amount of the two (\$207,475.59) into 5 separate CDs that are laddered from 1 to 5 year maturities with interest rates ranging from 0.4% to 1.2%. The remaining amount is split between a checking account (\$93,977.54) and a money market account (\$92,596.37 at.3%). See the attached Net Worth Statement for the details of these investments. This investment strategy is conservative but will increase our total returns substantially over our previous strategy and will maximize our returns on CDs after a 5 year cycle. Total liquid assets (checking plus money market) represent approximately twice our annual operating expenses.

Pre-registration as of November 20, 2014 is 360 (20 Fellows, 90 Students, 250 Regular Members). For the Industry Breakfast, 94 have paid. Forty people signed up for the Women in Weed Science Networking Breakfast. Local Arrangements Chair, Eric Spandl, and his committee have done a great job of preparation for the meeting.

Below is a summary of past meeting preregistration:

	Minneapolis	Columbus	St. Louis	Milwaukee	Lexington	Kansas City
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Members	270	253	272	264	256	223
Students	90	<u>78</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>57</u>
Total	360	331	345	326	313	280
Final	???	375	411	360	361	315

Budget needs: Current operating budget for the NCWSS is approximately \$100,000/yr.

Suggestions for future: Possible update of the NCWSS website. A proposal will be presented.

Current Committee members: NA

Suggestions for future committee members: NA

**Director of Science Policy Report
Lee Van Wychen
NCWSS Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. Dec. 1, 2014**

2014-15 Science Policy Committee Members

1. Lee Van Wychen	Director of Science Policy	WSSA
2. Donn Shilling	Chair	WSSA
3. Joe DiTomaso	President	WSSA
4. Dallas Peterson	President-elect	WSSA
5. Kevin Bradley	Vice President	WSSA
6. Jim Kells	Past President	WSSA
7. Michael Barrett	EPA Liaison	WSSA
8. David Shaw	E-12b Chair	WSSA
9. Jeffrey Derr	CAST rep	WSSA
10. Harold Coble	At-Large	WSSA
11. John Jachetta	At-Large	WSSA
12. Janis McFarland	At-Large	WSSA
13. Jill Schroeder	At-Large	WSSA
14. Michael Horak	At-Large	WSSA
15. Cody Gray	President	APMS
16. Rob Richardson	President-elect	APMS
17. J.D. Green	President	NCWSS
18. Mark Bernards	WSSA Rep	NCWSS
19. Greg Armel	President	NEWSS
20. Prasanta Bhowmik	WSSA Rep	NEWSS
21. Scott Senseman	President	SWSS
22. Robert Nichols	Legislative Chair	SWSS
23. Drew Lyon	President	WSWS
24. Chad Clark	Legislative Chair	WSWS

Discussion Items

1. Superweed Definition
2. National Weed Survey
3. Herbicide Resistance Summit II- steps forward
4. EPA Herbicide Stewardship Program

Updates

1. Election Changes
2. FY 2015 Appropriations
3. WOTUS
4. NPDES
5. USDA-ARS NPL for Weed Science
6. WSSA-USDA NIFA Liaison
7. Noxious Weed Compliance Clause in Farm Bill
8. Foundation for Food and Agriculture
9. NISAW – Feb. 22-28, 2015

1. Superweed Definition – [The Oxford Dictionary](#) is one of many online resources to define superweed as “a weed which is extremely resistant to herbicides, **especially one created by the transfer of genes from genetically modified crops into wild plants.**” Wikipedia’s definition says see “[Glyphosate#Weed resistance.](#)” WSSA published a fact sheet titled “[Dispelling Common Misconceptions about Superweeds](#)”. How do we correct the scientific misinformation online and in dictionaries, while still capitalizing on the press coverage that has helped increase awareness of weed resistance issues? Superweed- **A slang term for a weed species that becomes more problematic to manage than normal due to continued use of the same weed management tactic.** The most common use of this term refers to the repeated use of the same

herbicide mechanism of action that leads to resistance weed biotypes. A superweed has also been used to describe a weed species that has evolved characteristics that make it harder to manage than its unmanaged biotype due to the repeated use of the same mechanical, biological, or cultural management tactic (i.e. barnyardgrass mimicking rice morphology or prostrate dandelions in a mowed lawn). **Poor use of best management principles can lead to superweeds.**

2. National Weed Survey. We will be conducting a national survey of the “most troublesome” and “most common” weeds. During the 1st year we will collect baseline data for all management categories: 1) grass crops; 2) broadleaf crops; 3) horticultural/specialty crops, ornamentals, and turf; and 4) natural areas, range, pasture, rights-of-way, and aquatic. Subsequent years will survey one management category, and thus occur every four years. I was hoping to get this distributed by Thanksgiving, but it may be closer to Christmas. Initially, I was just going to identify one extension weed scientist in each state to be the lead for all categories. But that thought has evolved to creating an online survey database where any member of a National or Regional Weed Science Society can log in to enter the top 10 most common and troublesome weeds for the management systems they are familiar with. On the survey form, members would be asked the following information: 1) name; 2) email; 3) affiliation (university/industry/land manager/other); and 4) state. The goal would be to compile the survey data each year and make it available publicly. **Question:** Would you take time to do this survey? Would you ask additional questions (i.e. acreage? or county?); Should there be separate categories for resistant weed biotypes? Would you have concerns about the accuracy or quality of the data?

3. Herbicide Resistance Summit II. Sept. 10, 2014 in Washington DC. Webcasts of the entire summit are at: <http://wssa.net/weed/resistance-summit-ii/>. A special open access issue of *Weed Science* in the works. Both USDA and EPA have pointed to WSSA as their go to source of science based information for herbicide resistance management. **Discussion of feasibility of Area-Wide Management (AWM) programs.** A successful example would be the TEAM Leafy Spurge AWM program in the Dakota's, Montana, and Wyoming. The Sugarbeet Growers Assoc is looking for assistance with a community-based pilot program for proactively managing herbicide resistance. A second pilot effort is being developed, targeting elimination of Palmer amaranth in Iowa. There have been many successful Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMA's) in the western U.S. for managing invasive weeds. Can this concept be successfully deployed for counties? States? Regions?

4. EPA's Herbicide Stewardship Program. EPA's registration requirements for Enlist Duo represents precedent setting requirements for a Herbicide Resistance Management Plan. In the future, the agency intends to apply this approach to weed resistance management for all existing and new herbicides used on herbicide-tolerant crops. **Are there concerns you have heard?** The pesticide Stewardship Program (SP) requirements include extensive surveying and reporting to EPA, grower education, and remediation plans. EPA asked WSSA to comment on the proposed stewardship program for Enlist Duo. Those comments are at: http://wssa.net/wp-content/uploads/WSSA-EPA-Enlist-Duo-Comments_FINAL.pdf We identified a number of significant concerns in the SP proposal for Enlist Duo and EPA addressed all of them. WSSA will continue to work with EPA and discuss its goals for a herbicide resistance management SP and how to determine its effectiveness. Other requirements on the Enlist Duo label included restrictions to avoid pesticide drift. These requirements include a 30-foot in-field “no-spray”

buffer zone around the application area, no pesticide application when the wind speed is more than 15 mph and only ground applications are permitted. The Enlist Duo registration will expire in six years, allowing EPA to revisit the issue of resistance.

EPA's proposed registration requirements for dicamba tolerant soybeans and cotton are expected to be released shortly. WSSA will likely submit comments on those registration requirements as well.

Updates

1. Election Changes
2. FY 2015 Appropriations
3. WOTUS
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1. Election Changes. With the November 4 elections in the rear view mirror, there is a new campaign on Capitol Hill for committee leadership assignments. Due to a 20 year old self imposed House GOP rule that limits its committee chairs to three terms, nearly half of the current chairs in the House will have to step aside, including Ag Committee Chair Frank Lucas of Oklahoma. Michael Conaway of Texas will take over as House Ag Committee chairman. He grew up in Odessa, TX and was a member of Odessa Permian High School football team that won a state championship in 1966 (which eventually led to the movie “Friday Night Lights”). He has a B.A. in accounting from Texas A&M. He worked at Price Waterhouse after serving in the army, and then was the chief financial officer for Bush Exploration. Rep. Colin Peterson of Minnesota will remain as the Ranking Member of the House Ag Committee.

In the Senate, Thad Cochran of Mississippi, the current Ranking Member of the Senate Ag Committee, will be named as the new incoming Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, a position he occupied from 2005-2007. It is likely that Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas will be named as the new Chair of the Senate Ag. Committee. As House Ag Committee Chair in the 1990's, Roberts was a driving force behind the “freedom to farm” commodity policy in the 1996 Farm Bill. He is a fourth generation Kansan from Topeka, KS, has a journalism degree from Kansas State, and served four years in the Marine Corps. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1980 and then to the Senate in 1996 where he has served since. Senator Roberts has been a proponent of research and technology and had led efforts in promoting food safety and biosecurity. Sen. Deb Stabenow of Michigan, the current Sen. Ag Committee Chair will likely be the Ranking Member.

2. FY 2015 USDA Appropriations. Congress passed a continuing resolution (CR) funding the government at FY 2014 levels through Dec. 11, 2014. Of the 12 appropriations bills for FY 2015, the House passed eight, but the Senate passed none. Another CR may be needed to fund the government into the new year until after the new members of the 114th U.S. Congress are sworn into office. USDA-APHIS, NRCS, Economic Research Service (ERS), and National Ag Statistics Service (NASS) are all slated for higher budgets compared to FY 2014. The Administration's budget for USDA-ARS is down 1.6% percent to \$1.104 billion compared to FY 2014 while the Senate proposed a \$17 million increase. The Administration proposed a 4.4% increase for USDA-NIFA to \$1.335 billion compared to FY 2014 while the House proposed a NIFA budget for FY 2015 that's a smidge lower than its \$1.277 billion it received this year. Within NIFA, the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) grants program is proposed to increase 2.8% from \$316 million to \$325 million. Meanwhile, FY 2015 funding for the Hatch Act (\$244 million), Smith Lever 3b and 3c (\$300 million), and the IR-4 program

(\$11.9 million) will remain the same as last year. The new Farm Bill that was passed in February also revived 2 programs that would have expired. The Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) will get \$80 million per year in mandatory funding. The Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI) will get \$20 million per year.

3. Administration Rule “Clarifying” Waters Of The United States (WOTUS). On April 21, the EPA and Army Corp of Engineers jointly published a rule meant to clarify what are “Waters Of The United States” (WOTUS). The proposed rule would expand Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction to almost all waters in the United States subjecting thousands of streams, ditches, and other “small” waters to federal permitting and citizen lawsuits, impacting how communities and landowners manage their public and private property. The expanded jurisdiction and the imprecision of the terms used by the agencies may result in significant added legal and regulatory costs. Permits may be required for removing debris and vegetation from a ditch, applying a pesticide, or building a fence or pond. In addition, landowners will be subject to citizen lawsuits under CWA provisions, challenging their ability to manage their own property. Opponents of the rule say that clarification is not necessary because EPA and the Corps already have authority under the CWA to prosecute illegal dumping. Under section 402 of the CWA, unpermitted discharges of pollutants that reach jurisdictional waters either directly or indirectly are unlawful. Comments closed on Nov. 14. The Certified Crop Advisors wanted WSSA to submit comments. The Science Policy Committee has been following the developments, but we are going to stay clear (for now). EPA Administrator McCarthy has said that the CWA exemptions for ag stormwater runoff and irrigation return flow will be upheld. We'll see. The bottom line is that EPA (and ACOE) are going to adopt this rule, whether we like it or not. The issue is going to be settled between the president and the new 114th congress and that's where the National and Regional Weed Science Societies are likely going to expend our efforts.

4. NPDES Fix Bill There will be renewed effort to get legislation passed that would “fix” the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements that resulted from a 2009 Circuit Court ruling. There is bipartisan support in both houses of Congress that would clarify Congress's intent for the regulation of pesticides applied to or near water. The NPDES permits impose additional resource and liability burdens on small businesses, farms, municipalities, state agencies, and federal agencies. The National and Regional Weed Science Societies have supported a legislative fix for this issue since the Circuit Court ruling and will continue to support efforts to resolve this issue going forward.

5. USDA-ARS NPL for Invasive Pests of Crops. Dr. Rosalind James started at end of March in Beltsville, MD. She worked previously at the USDA-ARS Bee Biology and Systematics Lab in Logan, UT as a bee pathologist. Joe DiTomaso, Mike Barrett, Donn Shilling and I met with her to discuss the National and Regional Weed Science Society's recommendations for the NP304 Crop Protection research program. She will be attending and speaking at the WSSA annual meeting in Lexington.

6. WSSA – USDA NIFA Liaison – Dr. Donn Shilling, University of Georgia, was selected as the first ever WSSA – USDA NIFA Liaison. He is still finalizing details of his liaison visits to USDA, which will begin in 2015. Since Donn is the Science Policy Committee Chair, I recused myself from the selection committee.

7. “Noxious Weed Compliance” in Farm Bill. A reminder that farmers shall agree --- “to effectively control noxious weeds and otherwise maintain the land in accordance with sound agricultural practices, as determined by the Secretary” in order to be eligible for commodity support payments/crop insurance subsidies.

8. Foundation for Food Agricultural Research (FFAR) Authorized as part of the 2014 Farm Bill. FFAR is non-profit, nonfederal entity that will leverage public and private resources to increase the scientific and technological research, innovation, and partnerships critical to boosting America's ag economy. Congress authorized up to \$200 million which must be matched by non-federal funds as the Foundation identifies and approves projects. FFAR's 15 member board was selected this summer. It will be chaired by Dan Glickman, former U.S. Secretary of Ag. Two FFAR board members we are hoping for support of weed science issues are Dr. Doug Buhler, Director of AgBioResearch and Senior Associate Dean for Research for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Michigan State University and Dr. Mark E. Keenum - President, Mississippi State University. The full FFAR Board of Directors is at: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/FFARBios2014.pdf>

9. National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW) – Feb. 22-28, 2015 In September, we learned that Lori Williams would be retiring as the Executive Director of the National Invasive Species Council (NISC). Chris Dionigi of NISC is serving in that role in the interim. As for NISAW, I am working with Phil Andreozzi, NISC's Assistant Director for International and Regional Affairs. We are coordinating some state focused events for the week as well as an Awards event and Kid's Day at the U.S. Botanic Garden.

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Strategic Planning

Officer or Chairperson Name: Brian Jenks

Date of Preparation: November 25, 2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) will be acting on the following items.

- Sub-committee to oversee recording of presentations: Oral presentations were recorded at the 2012 and 2013 Conferences and will be recorded at the 2014 Conference in MN. The committee will review the use of the presentations.
- Student videos: The SPC will work with the Resident Education/Extension Committees and Grad Student liaisons to further develop and implement the concept of student videos. The Grad Student liaison polled the students and about half said they would make a video. We need to help iron out the details.
- Student scholarships: The SPC will review the goal and process for the student scholarship concept, which is to attract new students to Weed Science by providing financial assistance to attend the NCWSS annual meeting. Where should the focus be? Undergrads? Grads?
- Elections: Brian Jenks (Chair) and Bruce Ackley (Vice-Chair) conclude their terms on the committee after this meeting. A new Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected.

First Last State Term expires

Central Region

Mark	Vogt	IA	2014
Aaron	Hager	IL	2014
Eric	Spandl	MN	2014
Dawn	Refsell*	MO	2015
Tim	Trower	WI	2016

Eastern Region

Eric	Ott*	IN	2015
Rod	Stevenson	MI	2016
John	Smith	OH	2016
Darren	Robinson	ON	2014
Mark	Waddington	KY	2015

Western Region

Vacant		CO	2012
Mithila	Jugulam	KS	2016
Harlene	Hatterman-Valenti	ND	2014

Lowell	Sandell*	NE	2013
Mike	Moechnig	SD	2015
Kniss	Andrew	WY	2014

Brian	Jenks	ND	2014
Bruce	Ackley**	OH	2014

* Regional Director

** Chair

***Vice Chair

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Extension

Officer or Chairperson Name: Devin Wirth

Date of Preparation: 11/24/14

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

Organized/found speakers for Cover Crops symposium.

Speakers include:

Erin Hill-	Cover crop trends in the United States.
	Cover crop and herbicide interactions: A Michigan perspective.
William Curran-	Cover crop adoption and utilization in the mid-Atlantic; a combination of staunch enthusiasm and anxious uncertainty.
Elizabeth Bosak-	Cover Crop Research and Extension Needs in Northern Midwest Farming Operations.
Darren Robinson-	Potential for Herbicide Residues to Impact Cover Crop Establishment and Function.
Thomas Peters-	Soil-Applied Herbicides over Spring Seeded Cover Crops.

Budget needs: No budget requirements

Suggestions for future: It is hard knowing what to do for the first time being chair of a committee. For future, would it be wise to make officer's term longer?

Current Committee members:

Devin Wirth- Chair

Kelly Nelson- Vice Chair

Vince Davis- Past Chair

Suggestions for future committee members: N/A

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Industry Committee

Officer or Chairperson Name: Mike Meyer

Date of Preparation: 11-19-14

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

- The primary responsibilities of the Industry Chairman includes: soliciting sustaining membership dues from member companies, as well as coordinating the “What’s New in Industry” session and the Industry Breakfast at the NCWSS Annual Meeting. Approximately \$18,500 in dues has been collected from sustaining industry members as of November 19th. This year sustaining membership dues were restructured into three, defined tiers of contributions: Gold, Silver, and Bronze (see below for more info). NCWSS Sustaining Members who have made financial contributions or have committed to make a financial contribution for 2015 are listed below.

Gold Sponsors:

BASF Corporation
 Bayer CropScience
 Syngenta Crop Protection
 Valent USA Corp

Silver Sponsors:

FMC Corporation
 Wilbur-Ellis
 Winfield Solutions LLC

Bronze Sponsors:

AMVAC Chemical Corp
 Gylling Data Management Inc
 Huntsman
 Kumiai America

Committed Sponsorship:

Monsanto
 Dow Agrosiences
 DuPont Crop Protection

- The speaker for this year’s Industry Breakfast is Dr. Kent Olson, Professor; Department of Applied Economics; College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences; University of Minnesota; St. Paul, MN. The title of Dr. Olson’s talk is "Current economic issues and their impact of farmers' decisions."
- At the Summer BOD meeting an amendment was proposed to structure Sustaining Membership into three or four tiers. Creating defined levels of sponsorship by will: simplify the collection of Sustaining Member dues, make annual contributions from Sustaining Members more predictable, and improve the recognition of Sustaining Members for their continued financial assistance. Previously, contributions made by Sustaining Members were primarily based on their prior year contribution, and suggested contribution amounts were ill-defined. Furthermore, there was little or no incentive for companies to sustain or increase their contribution within a given year.

Sponsorship Level	Annual Contribution	Sponsorship Benefits
Gold	\$3,000 +	-Complimentary registration for the official representative for the annual NCWSS meeting - Recognition of the company and its support of NCWSS

		displayed throughout the annual meeting, "What's New in Industry" session, and acknowledgement of support in most publications
Silver	\$1,500	- Complimentary registration for the official representative for the annual NCWSS meeting - Recognition of the company and its support of NCWSS displayed throughout the annual meeting, "What's New in Industry" session, and acknowledgement of support in most publications
Bronze	\$500	- One complimentary ticket to the Industry Breakfast at the NCWSS Annual Meeting - Recognition of the company and its support of NCWSS displayed throughout the annual meeting, "What's New in Industry" session, and acknowledgement of support in most publications

Current Committee members: (Needs updating)

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Suggestions for future committee members: Update committee members list

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Resident Education Committee

Officer or Chairperson Name: Tate Castillo, Chair

Date of Preparation: 11/24/2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

-Participated in the summer board meeting via phone conference.

-The 2014 Summer Weed Contest was hosted by Dave Johnson at the Dupont Pioneer facility in Johnston, Iowa. A total of 90 students participated from 10 schools.

-Student participation in the poster/paper contests is high this year. For the 2014 NCWSS Annual Meeting there are 46 Graduate Papers, 40 Graduate Posters and 16 Undergraduate Posters enrolled. This is up from 33, 35 and 7 students in the respective contests last year.

-The 2015 Summer Weed Contest will be hosted by Ohio State University at the Western Agriculture Research Station near South Charleston, OH. The date will be July 20-22, 2015. Bruce Ackley is the main contact person. The plan is to invite the NEWSS for a joint contest. Details are being worked out.

Budget needs:

The usual items:

- 1) 2014 Paper/Poster contest awards.
- 2) 2015 Weed Contest

Suggestions for future:

Current Committee members:

Resident Education

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Suggestions for future committee members:

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Graduate student committee

Officer or Chairperson Name: Rodrigo Werle

Date of Preparation: November 19, 2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

- Assisting Greg Dahl, Jackie Mark and Rodney Tocco with the organization of the Pre-NCWSS Conference Student Tour of WinField Solutions LCC that will take place on December 01, 2014.
- Working with Joe Armstrong on the organization of the 2014 NCWSS Graduate Student Luncheon that will take place on December 02, 2014.
- Conducted a survey to evaluate student interest to participate on the "Extension Video Contest". I obtained a total of 37 responses; 19 students said they would submit an extension-type video to the annual meeting and 18 said they would not.

Budget needs:

Suggestions for future:

I believe students and professionals would be benefited from a symposium focusing on "**Molecular Techniques in Weed Science**".

Recently, students and faculty at University of Nebraska-Lincoln had the opportunity to have their professional pictures taken by a professional photographer. I think this would be a good idea for the 2015 meeting.

Current Committee members:

Suggestions for future committee members:

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Distinguished Achievement Awards

Officer or Chairperson Name: Dave Johnson

Date of Preparation: November 5, 2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

The Distinguished Achievements Awards committee solicited nominations through the newsletter and direct emails to the membership. The committee reviewed four new and three carryover nominations for 2014 DAAs, plus one nomination for Outstanding Graduate Student. The committee ranked the nominees and voted to award five DAAs and one Outstanding Graduate Student award. (The requirement of an interview of the student nominees was removed from the rules by vote of the BOD at the December 2013 meeting). The recipients were approved by the Executive Committee and awards will be presented at the awards luncheon at the annual meeting. The two nominees not selected remain eligible in 2015, and these nomination packages were forwarded to 2015 chair JD Green.

Budget needs: money for plaques for award winners

Suggestions for future: Active solicitation of nominations by the chair is essential.

Current Committee members:

Dave Johnson (chair)
JD Green (vice chair)
Bryan Young (past chair)
Jan Michael
Bill Witt
Kelly Barnett
Mithila Jugulam
Doug Doohan
Steve Bowe

Suggestions for future committee members:

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Fellow Committee

Officer or Chairperson Name: Duane Rathmann

Date of Preparation: 11/18/14

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

With current membership, the NCWSS MOP allows for up to two members to be selected as Fellows:

- **Made Fellow nomination request through the Fall NCWSS newsletter.**
- **Solicited Fellow committee to encourage nomination submissions in September**
- **Reviewed and voted on two successful nominations in October.**
- **Worked with successful Fellow nominees David Stoltenberg and Adrian Moses to complete bios and submit photo to Phil Banks.**

Budget needs: None

Suggestions for future:

Need more solicitation during the year; perhaps take nominee suggestions for next year at this years annual meeting with a suggestion box at the registration table.

Current Committee members:

Assembled our committee following last years annual meeting in Columbus. Fellow Committee is Duane Rathmann Chair, Richard Zollinger Vice Chair, Mike Owen, James Martin, and Mark Peterson.

Suggestions for future committee members:

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Future Site Selection

Officer or Chairperson Name: Charles H. Slack

Date of Preparation: 11/17/14

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

The committee chair made a site visit to St Louis to look at two properties. I looked at the Renaissance St Louis Grand and the Hyatt Regency at the Arch. Both hotels offered almost identical proposals. The Renaissance is a nice hotel but the meeting space is scattered throughout the hotel. The committee felt that this would not work for us. The Hyatt meeting space is located all on one level. The committee recommends the Hyatt Regency for 2017. Room rates will be \$129 per night, Rebate 5%, Food and Beverage Minimum \$10,000 and Scholarship. The meeting dates will be 12/4 Monday–12/7 Thursday.

Budget needs: None

Suggestions for future: None

Current Committee members: Dave Johnson, Dave Simpson, Sara Lawson, Kirk Howatt, Mark Loux, Charles Slack

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Local Arrangements

Officer or Chairperson Name: Eric Spandl

Date of Preparation: 11-25-2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

Numerous visits to the hotel. The first one was ahead of the 2013 meeting so we could compare 2014 site and operations to the one in 2013. 2013 chair provided written notes and relevant documents to help 2014 committee. Summer site visit allowed us to re-arrange the proposed room layout. Final visit a few weeks before the meeting allowed us to fine tune a few details. Hotel staff were very timely and open to helping or making changes. Many, many emails among LAC chair, Banks, Hinz, and hotel contact. This was expected.

2015 LAC chair was also copied in on many communications and part of the 2014 committee to help him become familiar with the process.

Budget needs:

Suggestions for future:

2014 hotel setup and details will be forwarded to the site manager for the hotel in Indianapolis.

Only concern we had was getting poster easels on site and set up in time. They were stored remotely and could not be brought in a few days ahead due to the holiday.

Make sure to consider the flow of people so that all meeting rooms are close together as many people move frequently among the presentations. Verify the program when provided as a draft with all the known information from hotel. Verify what hotel provides as a plan/details vs the program. They do make a few mistakes. Make sure hotel deadlines are know well in advance (e.g. menu, number of people, etc).

Current Committee members:

Eric Spandl, Brett Miller, Ryan Lins, Duane Rathmann, Dave Nicolai, Liz Stahl, Dave Ruen, Greg Dahl, Brent Petersen, Ray Pigati, Rodney Tocco, Dave Palecek, Laura Hennemann, Ryan Lee

Suggestions for future committee members:

Connect with hotel early and do a site visit ASAP. Key to effective process is good organization, and good communications with Phil Banks, program chair, and local hotel contact.

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Invasive Plants

Officer or Chairperson Name: Roger Becker

Date of Preparation: 11/27/14

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

1) Joint symposium in Columbus with NCWSS 2013 was a success (jointly with MIPN and the Ohio Invasive Plant Council). I need to check with Phil on the numbers.

2) UMISC (Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference) just held end of October in Duluth (677 attended); may have contributed to the low numbers of invasive papers at 2014 NCWSS. NCWSS and WSSA were sponsors (Jerry Doll took leadership, Joyce Lancaster also present). Quite a bit of interest generated.

3) MIPN would like to partner with NCWSS in Indianapolis in 2015 (similar symposium as in 2010, 1.5 - 2 days). Is NCWSS still interested? It would be good to iron out details this winter but MIPN is assuming a similar arrangement as in the past. We would expect between 150-250 attendees.

Budget needs:

Would ask for the standard financial support to pay for travel for guest speakers at 2014 NCWSS. A cost-sharing partnership has been established for this symposium based on previous efforts.

Suggestions for future:

Continue to partner with local and regional groups to hold these invasive symposiums. (For instance MIPN and OIPC for Columbus, MIPN and IPAW for Milwaukee, etc.)

Current Committee members:

I am following Mark who stepped up to facilitate the 2013 invasive plant symposium, when Steve Young stepped down. Current committee:

Roger Becker, Chair

Mark Renz Vice

Reid Smeda

Steve Young

Bob Masters

Jim Harbour

Walt Fick

Kevin Gibson

Joe Omielan

Suggestions for future committee members:

Scott Flynn, (Jerry Doll still active via IPAW). Will recruit at meeting.

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Nominating Committee

Officer or Chairperson Name: Stott Howard

Date of Preparation: 20 November 2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year: Recruit eight candidates for four openings on the NCWSS Executive Committee: President-elect, WSSA Representative, Newsletter Editor and Proceedings Editor.

Budget needs: None.

Suggestions for future: It would be helpful to have a list of members that have been approached to serve the society in previous years that were not able to make the commitment now, but would be interested in the future. This would be really helpful to future recruiting efforts, especially when eight candidates are needed.

Current Committee members: Stott Howard (Chair), Peter Sikkema (Vice Chair), Bernie Zandstra (Past Chair), Karen Renner, Gary Finn, Rick Schmenk, Bert Schou

Suggestions for future committee members: Recommend a committee service sign-up sheet at the registration desk.

NCWSS Committee and Officer Report

Office or Committee Name: Resolutions and Necrology

Officer or Chairperson Name: Joe Armstrong

Date of Preparation: November 17, 2014

Officer/committee Activities during the Year:

Names of deceased society members were solicited via newsletter and e-mail requests. During the general session, the Resolutions and Necrology Committee will remember five individuals who passed away in the last year (in alphabetical order): Mr. Srdjan Cirovic, Dr. Stephen E. Hart (obituary included in Spring 2014 newsletter), Mr. Robert E. Mack, Dr. John Nalewaja (Fellow and former President of NCWSS), and Dr. Earl C. Spurrier. Obituaries for these individuals will also be included in the Spring 2015 newsletter.

Budget needs: None

Suggestions for future:

Current Committee members:

Aaron Hager, Kirk Howatt, Donald Penner, Pat Tranel

Suggestions for future committee members: