

## **Vice President Candidates**

### **Christy L. Sprague**



Christy L. Sprague is a Professor and Extension Specialist at Michigan State University. She completed her M.S. degree at the University of Illinois and her B.S. and Ph.D. degrees at Michigan State University. In 1999, she began her professional career at the University of Illinois. In 2003, Christy accepted her current position at MSU with extension and research weed management responsibilities. During her career, Christy has demonstrated exceptional qualifications based on 1) the high quality and

productive research programs that she designed to address applied weed management issues of Midwest agricultural systems, 2) the significant contributions that she has made in creating and disseminating weed management information in her extension role, and 3) the efficient and effective leadership that she has provided to several organizations. She has developed an excellent and highly productive research program while balancing it against the time demands of extension. Christy has published 55 research articles and over 183 abstracts and proceedings. Both within her state and within the region, Christy has established herself as an excellent and highly credible source of extension information in the North Central region. She has authored several extension bulletins and the requests that she receives to speak at state, regional and national conferences may provide the greatest evidence of the respect that she has earned during her career. She has delivered 85 presentations as an invited speaker and in total reaches ~3,500 extension clientele annually. Christy has always stepped forward and taken an active leadership role in most of the organizations in which she has contributed. Within the NCWSS she served as secretary-treasurer for six years and has also chaired several committees. Nationally, she has served as an Associate Editor for Weed Technology for two terms, currently serves as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Sugar Beet Research, and has served on the Board of Directors for the American Society of Sugar Beet Technologists. Christy has also been an active member of several WSSA committees. Christy was the recipient of the NCWSS Young Scientist Award in 2005, the WSSA Early Career Weed Scientist Award in 2009, and the NCWSS Service Award in 2013.

## Aaron Hager



Aaron Hager is an associate professor of extension weed science in the Department of Crop Sciences at the University of Illinois. He attended Southern Illinois University, Carbondale and received a B.S. in Plant and Soil Science in 1991. He then went to Michigan State University and received his M.S. in weed science in May, 1993. Later that month, he joined the University of Illinois as a weed science extension specialist. In 2001, he completed his Ph.D. in weed science and joined the Department of Crop Sciences faculty ranks in 2002. As an associate professor of weed science at the University of Illinois, Dr. Hager is responsible for weed biology and management research in corn and soybean production systems. His research focuses on examining the biology and management of weed species that are becoming increasingly common and problematic in Illinois.

## **CAST Representative**

### **Doug Doohan**



Dr. Doug Doohan is a Professor and State Specialist in the Department of Horticulture & Crop Science, The Ohio State University. He is located at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster and holds a 75% appointment with OSU Extension. Dr. Doohan grew up in the eastern Canadian provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He received his training at The Nova Scotia Agricultural College, University of Guelph, and North Carolina State University. Prior to joining Ohio State, he was Provincial Weed Specialist in New Brunswick and IPM Team Leader in Nova Scotia.

Since joining OSU Dr. Doohan has taught weed management and good food safety practices to more than 9000 fruit and vegetable farmers throughout the central and eastern United States and Canada. He has authored 18 OSU Extension Bulletins, 52 newsletter articles, and 14 farm magazine articles. He has been recognized for his work in weed research and extension by the North Central Weed Science Society, and the North Central Region IR-4 Project.

Dr. Doohan is the author (or co-author) of 60 peer-reviewed articles and 2 book chapters. He and his colleagues have received more than \$7 million in competitive funding in the past eight years for their research. His interest in decision making by farmers led to development of the OSU Agricultural Risk Analysis Program. Risk analysis has provided a robust platform from which to address diverse topics ranging from row crop weed management to food safety education.

## Lowell Sandell



Lowell Sandell works for Valent USA in a Field Market Development Specialist role, covering Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming. Prior to joining Valent, he worked at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as a Weed Science Extension Educator from 2007 through 2014. Mr. Sandell grew up on corn, soybean and livestock farm in north central Iowa and completed his Bachelors and Masters degrees at Iowa State University in agronomy and weed science.

Mr. Sandell has been involved with the NCWSS as a graduate student and professionally since 2007. He has served the NCWSS in the capacities of Nebraska state representative on the long range planning committee, the western region representative to the NCWSS board and chair of the Extension section. He has also been a poster and paper judge and involved as a volunteer and coach at the NCWSS student weeds contest and Weed Olympics.