



NCWSS 2017 Election for 2018 Officers

Vice President

Stott Howard



Stott is presently the R&D Head of Syngenta's Heartland Region where he is a member of a team focused on the development and characterization of pest control technology. During his 27-year tenure with Syngenta Stott has filled many roles ranging from a bench scientist working with chemists on the discovery of new herbicides to a global technical manager responsible for developing strategies for corn, cotton and soybean herbicides. Prior to joining Syngenta Stott was an extension weed scientist for Washington State University. Stott's alma maters include Utah State University (B.S., M.S.) and Washington State University (Ph.D.). Stott has been an active member of the NCWSS: paper/poster judge, committee chair/member, paper author/coauthor and session chair. As the Chair of Industry, Stott was able to bring in a well-respected speaker to address climate change and its impact on American agriculture, a very important and much debated topic. Stott also supports the NCWSS in other ways such as securing funding for and/or coordinating society socials and other NCWSS functions. Presentations at professional societies are greatly encouraged by Stott, as he coordinates with the Syngenta technical community to identify, develop and edit presentations for the NCWSS, WSSA and WSWS. Syngenta scientists under Stott's leadership have presented 45 posters and papers at the NCWSS in the last 10 years. Having successfully nominated 4 NCWSS Distinguished Awards recipients, Stott is also keen to identify and advocate for other member's achievements.



Vice President

Fritz Koppatschek



Fritz Koppatschek is the president and managing partner of ABG Ag Services an Indiana and South Dakota based contract research, ag consulting and training firm. ABG Ag Services conducts all phases of ag research including: efficacy, GLP and regulated trials. Along with contract research, they do consulting on a variety of ag related activities including precision ag, product performance and training. The primary training course that they deliver is, Ag Basics- an introduction to US agriculture. The farm simulation based course has been taught hundreds of times to audiences in the US and throughout the world. Fritz Koppatschek is a first generation American. He grew up in Ohio and worked on farms throughout high school and grew his first corn crop in 9th grade. He received his BS in agronomy from Ohio State University and MS and PhD from the University of Illinois in weed science. His MS work was with major professor Fred Slife and focused on herbicide movement from crop residues and his PhD was with major professor Rex Liebl and focused on developing enzyme linked immunosorbent assays for herbicide detection. His industry experience included working at Monsanto and Rhone Poulenc. After completing his PhD, he accepted a Congressional Science Fellowship that was sponsored by the American Society of Agronomy and the Weed Science Society of America. During the fellowship, he worked in the office of US Senator Tom Daschle of South Dakota doing ag research and conservation related topics. After his fellowship he worked for Agri Business Group in Indiana doing contract research and training. In 2005, he started ABG Ag Services. Fritz attended his first NCWSS meeting in 1983. Since that time, he has been involved in many activities of the NCWSS including: paper and poster judge, local arrangements, finance committee, long range planning and resident education. He has participated in weed contests as a judge, volunteer, participant, coach and host. ABG Ag Services hosted the 2009 combined NCWSS and NEWSS contest. His involvement in the society has shown him the value of building professional relationships. He sees the purpose of the NCWSS as an organization that trains, foster the exchange of scientific information and builds relationships between groups of people who are dealing with the complex issues of weed science. Fritz and his wife Cindy have three children, Clayton Sage and Brooke. In his free time, he enjoys the outdoors, spending time with kids and raising Labrador retrievers. He is a member of the American Society of Agronomy, National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants and is a Certified Crop Advisor.



NCWSS Representative to WSSA

Greg Elmore



Dr. Greg Elmore is the North America Technology Development Crop Protection Pipeline Lead with Monsanto in St. Louis, Missouri. In this role, he is responsible for delivering herbicide chemistry solutions to growers. He is also focused on communicating best management practices for weed resistance management.

Dr. Elmore has a Bachelor's degree in Plant Science from UC Davis, a Master's degree in Agronomy from UC Davis and a Ph.D. in Crop Science (Weed Science focus) from North Carolina State University. He has been with Monsanto since graduating from NCSU in 1993 and has been located primarily in the Midwest. As part of his role, Dr. Elmore is the Monsanto liaison to Weed Science Societies.

Dr. Elmore has been an active member of the North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS) for 20 years. He has delivered numerous presentations, served as a judge for the graduate student poster/paper contest, served as Chair of the LAC in 2007 and is currently Chair of the LAC for the upcoming annual meeting in St. Louis. He is also preparing to host undergraduate and graduate students attending the 2017 NCWSS annual meeting for a tour of Monsanto's Chesterfield facility.

Dr. Elmore has also been an active member of the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) for 15 years. He has contributed to the WSSA Herbicide Resistant Plants and Herbicide Resistance Education committees. For example, he has provided comments on herbicide resistance labeling language and Herbicide Resistance Management Plans proposed by EPA. He has ensured that Monsanto maintained support for the Public Service Award sponsored by Monsanto. Dr. Elmore organized a graduate student learning program titled "Who You ARE is HOW You Lead" presented at the WSSA annual meeting in 2016. Approximately 60 graduate students participated in the workshop to learn their "DiSC" style and how to effectively interact with others.



NCWSS Representative to WSSA

Andy Kendig



Andy Kendig is currently the Herbicide Development Leader for ADAMA US. He was an Extension Weed Specialist for the University of Missouri Delta Center from 1992 to 2007 where he ran research and extension programs for Cotton, Rice, Soybean, Corn and Wheat. While there, he supervised two graduate students, and developed a new education program for professional crop advisors at the facility and served on the Missouri CCA and Missouri Ag Industries board. Andy worked at Monsanto from 2007 to 2014 on dicamba cotton and herbicide formulation projects. More recently he has worked with Cheminova and UPI before joining ADAMA. He has been an active member of the Southern Weed Science and North Central Weed Science societies, serving on resistance committees, student contest committees, paper and poster judging, weed contests, an SWSS at-large-academic board member, and the NCWSS long-range planning committee and local arrangements committee.