



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report  
Summer Board meeting - Reno  
August 2011**

**Office or Committee Name:** Program Committee

**Officer or Chairperson Name and Committee Members:** Kai Umeda  
Tim Prather, Joe Yenish

**Date of Preparation (include year):** July 15, 2011

**Activities during the Year:** Solicited submission of symposia in April newsletter  
Received 4 proposals:

- Ecology and Management of Downy Brome in the West: What can the past tell us about the future? (Burke, Brown, Mangold)
- Medium and Long Distance Transport of Pesticides in Complex Terrain (Turner, Lanini, Thistle, Giles)
- Tree and Vine Weed Control: New Issues and Opportunities in the U.S. (Sorribas and Mann)
- Winning the war, losing ground or treading water on the control of invasive plant species? (Young)

Considerations for general session topics and speakers:

- Ethics and professionalism in weed science - Bob Zimdahl, emeritus CSU
- Weeds sniffing canines – Kim Goodwin, MSU
- Future innovations and societal contributions from weed science - ? suggestions (Westra suggestion)
- Lake Tahoe topics – aquatic invasives – Lars Anderson, UCD; climate/drought effects on lake - ? (DiTomaso)

**Project chairs and chair-elects for the 2011 meeting:**

**Recommendations for Board Action:** discuss and provide feedback for symposium and general session

**Budget Needs:** honorarium and travel costs for 1-2 general session speakers

**Suggestions for the Future:** none

**Suggested Changes in Operating Guide:** luncheon speaker not needed for current awards luncheon format

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