



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report  
2018 Garden Grove, CA  
March 12, 8am to 5pm**

**Office or Committee Name:** Necrology  
**Officer or Chairperson Name:** John Frihauf (2019)  
**Date of Preparation (include year):** 03/5/2018

**Committee Activities during the Year:**

The necrology committee was informed of the following WSWS members passing away since the last WSWS meeting.

**Ron Crockett**

Ron Crockett passed away April 26, 2017. Ron was a long-time member of WSWS and served on numerous committees (Awards, Herbicide Resistant Plants, Publications, Program, among others) and served as WSWS President in 2008. Ron was employed by Monsanto before his retirement in 2010.

**Art Lange**

Art Lange passed away June 27, 2017. Art retired from UC in 1986 after a productive career as a weed science specialist and began a second career as a stone fruit farmer. He spent the majority of his UCCE career in the Central Valley where he collaborated with and influenced many of his weed science colleagues around the state. Art was named an Honorary Member of the California Weed Science Society in 1986 and Fellow of the Western Society of Weed Science in 1977. Art is remembered for a deep enthusiasm for weed management research that he shared with his colleagues and encouraged them to expand upon in their own research and extension programs. Art Lange was impactful both as a scientist and as a mentor to his colleagues and had a large impact on weed science in California during his UCCE career.

**Gustavo Sbatella**

Gustavo Sbatella passed away August 2, 2017. He received his bachelor's degree in agronomy from the Universidad de Nacional de Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1990. He came to the University of Wyoming in 2002 where he earned his master's degree in 2004, and his doctorate degree in 2006.

Following his education, he worked as a Post-Doctoral Research Associate for the University of Nebraska and an Assistant Professor at Oregon State University. He returned to Wyoming in 2014 to become an Assistant Professor for the College of Agriculture where he specialized in irrigated crop and weed management. In this position, he taught courses and mentored graduate students, as well as conducted research and managed a valued extension program. He is

survived by his two children, Ángel Alex Sbatella and Mailen Sbatella, their mother, Maria Rosa Bravo, his two grandchildren, Adrian and Azariel, and his brother Ricardo.

**Steve Orloff**

Steve Orloff passed away October 3, 2017. Steve spent his 33-year career as a UC Cooperative Extension Farm Advisor, initially in the high desert of southern California and for the past 20+ years in northern California in Siskiyou County. Steve was an important contributor to UC's weed science program and was engaged with researchers, farmers, and the agricultural industry as a forage and cereals agronomist.

Steve was beloved by growers and industry representatives in California, the West, and nationwide due to his robust research program, excellent crop management knowledge, and his great ability to extend information in a fun and easy to understand style. Steve had a real impact on many of his UCCE colleagues through his scientific and interpersonal interactions. He made his mark through strong science, hard work, and commitment to agriculture but also through his sense of humor and his genuine care for friends, colleagues, and family.

**Recommendations for Board Action: none**

**Budget Needs: none**

**Suggestions for the Future: none**

**Current Committee Members:** Judit Barroso, past chair (2018), Harlene Hatterman (2020)

**Name of Person Preparing This Report:** John Frihauf