



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

Office or Committee Name: Awards Committee

Officer or Chairperson Name: Roger Gast

Date of Preparation (include year): March 7, 2018

Committee Activities during the Year:

Call for nominations for distinguished service awards were submitted to the summer newsletter, and a reminder in the fall issue, and to the webmaster for posting on the website. A follow up reminder email was issued in early November.

There were three distinguished achievement award nominations submitted this year, two for Outstanding Weed Scientist – Early Career, and one for WSWS Outstanding Weed Scientist - Public.

The “**Outstanding Weed Scientist - Early Career**” was awarded to Brian Schutte (NMSU)
The “**Outstanding Weed Scientist – Public**” was awarded to Rick Boydston (USDA-ARS, Prosser, WA

There were 12 entries for the student travel awards, 9 graduate and 3 undergraduate students. The committee in consultation with the student liaison Caio Brunharo decided this would allow for a separate undergrad selection process for one of the awards. The following students were selected recipients of the “**WSWS Elena Sanchez Outstanding Student Scholarship Program**”:

Clint Beiermann (graduate student, UN-Lincoln)
Charlemagne Lim (graduate student, MSU-Bozeman)
Grace Ogden (undergraduate student, OSU-Stillwater)

Recommendations for Board Action:

Two new committee members should be named to replace Gustavo Sbatella, and Roger Gast who will be rotating off.

Budget Needs: \$3000 funding for student scholarships. Plaques for winners.

Suggestions for the Future: None

Current Committee Members: Prashant Jha, Roger Gast (chair)

Name of Person Preparing This Report: Roger Gast