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

Office or Committee Name: President
Officer or Chairperson Name: Monte Anderson
Date of Preparation (include year): March 7, 2018

Committee Activities during the Year:

Conducted post-annual Board of Directors meeting in Coeur d'Alene, ID on Thursday, March 16, 2017. Conducted summer BOD meeting August 3-4 in Garden Grove, CA.

Appointed new committee members and provided a list of new committee representation for posting on the WSWS website.

In May discussed WSWS topics with Andrew Kniss, Charlie Hicks, and Tara Steinke at the Global Herbicide Resistance Challenge in Denver. Also in May, Andrew and I participated in a past and present program chair conference call with the other regionals plus national society to improve David Krueger's software used for the annual meetings.

Sent congratulatory letters via email to Elena Sanchez Memorial student travel award winners.

Contacted WSWS officer candidates involved with December election and congratulations were sent to newly elected officers.

Served on the Science Policy Committee via conference calls throughout 2017. Represented or signed WSWS support on numerous ag research, education, farm bill funding, biotech positioning, and policy recommendations via Lee Van Wychen, science policy director.

Conducted numerous votes for WSWS business on various items including formal establishment of the Rita Beard Endowment, awards for WSWS participants in NCWSS Weed Contest in Nebraska, Memorandum of Understanding for joint meeting with WSSA in 2020.

Conferred with WSSA president Janis McFarland and IMI business managers Eric Gustafson and Tara Steinke in conference calls on the hotel and parameters of a joint WSSA/WSWS meeting.

Contacted and congratulated 2018 WSWS Fellows and Distinguished Weed Scientists winners and confirmed their attendance to Garden Grove meeting.

Worked on finding new Proceedings Editor; appointed Carl Libby as successor to Bill McCloskey starting with 2018 proceedings.

Proposed and gained board approval for my candidate for the Presidential Award of Merit

Recommendations for Board Action:

Budget Needs:

Suggestions for the Future:

Overall, the transition to a new business manager has gone well and Tara has been very responsive as the year has transpired. I was pleased to have had Phil's guidance in the 2017 joint meeting with WAPMS, and both organizations did well financially. The common choice of IMI for both the regional and national societies has been ideal, and sets the stage nicely for a joint meeting with the WSSA in 2020. The WSWS should consider meeting with the WAPMS again, possibly in 2021. I think the WSWS needs to be remain open to these joint meetings.

I am not sure 4 newsletters are needed per year, as it seems once one gets done, there's another one right around the corner.

Current Committee Members:

Name of Person Preparing This Report: Monte Anderson