

**WSWS Officer and Committee Report**

**Annual Board Meeting – March 11, 2013**

**Office or Committee Name: Necrology**

**Officer or Chairperson Name: Eric Jemmett**

**Date of Preparation (include year): 3/12/2013**

**Committee Activities during the Year:**

**Obituary for Lowell Jordan**

**1930-2013**

Lowell S. Jordan, Professor Emeritus of Horticultural Science in the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences, UC Riverside passed away on March 2, 2013. He was 82 years old. Dr. Jordan’s research interests were in the areas of herbicide efficacy, herbicide physiology, and the mode of action of herbicides. Dr. Jordan was a Fellow of the Western Society of Weed Sciences, and of the Weed Science Society of America, and in 1982 received their Outstanding Teaching Award. Born on April 23, 1930, in Vale, Oregon, Lowell Stephen Jordan received his B.S. in Agriculture from Oregon State University in 1954 and his Ph.D. in Agronomy and Agricultural Biology from the University of Minnesota in 1957. He taught for a year at Southern Illinois University, and in 1959 became Assistant Plant Physiologist in the Department of Horticulture at UC Riverside as. In 1967 he received professorial rank in addition to the Cooperative Extension title. He retired in 1993. Dr. Jordan is survived by his wife, Catalina, 3 daughters, 2 sons.

**Obituary for Mark Boyles**

**1954-2013**

Mark C. Boyles, 58, passed away in January 2013 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mark was born in 1954 in Guam, Mariana Islands. Mark graduated from Oklahoma State University with his Bachelor’s degree in 1977, and again in 1979 with a Master’s in Agronomy. After graduation, he began a career with Sandoz and BASF Agricultural Companies that spanned for 25 years as a research scientist until 2002. He had many patents and awards during this time, and in 2002 he created ProSearch One. In 2004, Mark went back to OSU as a faculty member and worked in Research and Extension for the Plant and Soil Science Department. While there, he co-developed and implemented the Okanola Project. He was a member of The Western, Northern and Southern Weed Science Societies where he served on several committees in 1992 through 1996 and is survived by his wife of 37 years, Maria, son Brandon and daughter Katie.

**Elena Raquel Sánchez Olguín**

**1979-2012**

Elena passed away in July 2012, in Hangzhou, China. She became ill while attending the VI International Weed Science Congress. She was a recipient of a student award from the International Weed Science Society to participate in the congress, which she also had earned for the previous congress in Vancouver. Elena was a Ph.D. candidate in the Weed Science Program at Oregon State University. Her dissertation project involved implementing novel molecular tools for studying the evolution of weedy relatives of wheat. She graduated from Conservatorio de Castella, Costa Rica, a high school specialized in arts, where she developed her artistic abilities particularly in dance. She earned a B.S. degree in Agronomy from Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica and graduated with a M.S. in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (Biotechnology emphasis) with honors from Universidad de Costa Rica. She was active in the Association of Latin Students at OSU. Her mother, Leticia, and brother, Gerardo, survive her. She will be missed by her many friends in Oregon, Costa Rica and around the world.

**Richard J. (Dick) Aldrich**

**1925-2012**

Richard (Dick) Aldrich passed away in November 2012, in Bigfork, Minnesota at the age of 87. After serving in WW II, he undertook studies at Michigan State University, where he received a B.S. in agriculture in 1948. He earned his Ph.D. at Ohio State University in 1950. His doctoral work involved pioneering field research on the then revolutionary plant hormone-mimic herbicide known as 2,4-D. In 1950, Dick began his career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture stationed at Rutgers University where he continued herbicide research until 1957. He then moved on to serve as assistant director of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station from 1957 to 1964. In 1964 he was appointed as associate director of the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station. He became associate dean for research in 1967. In 1976 he moved to Washington, D.C. to become administrator of the U.S.D.A. Cooperative State Research Service. Dick returned to Columbia, Missouri in 1978 as research agronomist in the USDA-ARS Crop Production Research Unit; later supervisory research agronomist and continued in that position until his retirement in 1987.  He served as Editor of *Weed Science* from 1989 through 1993. His valuable contributions to weed science were recognized by his election as Fellow of WSSA in 1992. Dick married his high school sweetheart, June Ellison, in 1943, and she survives.

**Recommendations for Board Action:**

**Budget Needs:**

**Suggestions for the Future:**

**Current Committee Members:**

Eric Jemmett, chair (2014)

John Roncoroni, (2013)  
Greg Dahl (2015)

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