



Office or Committee Name: Past President

Officer or Chairperson Name: Tim Prather

Date of Preparation (include year): 7/29/2025

Activities during the year:

I worked with Western Weed Coordinating Committee on partnering for a joint meeting in Irvine, Dan Tekiela, is the WWCC liaison for ongoing collaboration. Erik Lehnhoff's efforts should be commended and while limited input, the results of his survey should be sent to the invasive species taskforce and to the education and regulatory chair as those results can inform their committee's work. He will remain in touch with Elise Gornish at U of A and Cristina Francois of BLM with the possibility of a workshop or symposium in Tucson. While we likely will not return to our former level of representation for natural resources, we can perhaps be impactful in this arena by addressing needs and being good partners.

We soon will meet as the nominating committee for WSSA. If the board has suggestions for me, the committee will meet after the WSWS business meeting. Send me any names you may consider for office at WSSA. I think it is important to maintain strong representation at WSSA.

Nominations will have a full slate of candidates, Breanne and the committee are doing a great job. I delayed making contact with our Fellows and Honorary committee members and have not heard back yet but that is because of my lack of timeliness. Carl is addressing committee membership on our Sustaining members committee. Selecting a site for 2028 is needed and I suggested to our site selection committee to be ready to work with Tina once the board selects a region. Some to consider are Inland Northwest (Spokane or Couer D'Alene), Montana (Bozeman or Billings), the Dakota's are not as accessible by air, but Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Fargo might be possible, in Nebraska perhaps Omaha or Lincoln, for Kansas consider Kansas City or Omaha.

Recommendations for Board Action: Approve a region for Tina to start working on the 2028 meeting. Consider adding liaison to WWCC to duties of our invasive species taskforce chair, should that taskforce become a standing committee.

Budget Needs: None

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