



WSWS Officer and Committee Report
March 2024

Office or Committee Name: President

Officer or Chairperson Name: Curtis Rainbolt

Date of Preparation (include year): February 19, 2024

Activities during the year:

A Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was held in Boise, ID on March 2, 2023, after the conclusion of the annual meeting. A summer BOD meeting was also held at the Grand Hyatt Denver on July 20-21, 2023. On May 3, 2023, a virtual BOD meeting was held to discuss and vote on renewing the WSWS contract with Interactive Management Inc (Eric Gustafson). During the year E-votes were held for: 1) Renewal of the WSWS Social Media Contract, 2) Approval of the Nomination Committee recommendation for BOD candidates, 3) Symposium approvals, and 4) the Presidential Award of Merit approval.

I signed the contract with the Westin for the 2025 meeting to be held in Seattle, WA. I made appointments to fill multiple open spots on WSWS committees. Thanks to all of those who volunteered to take on roles within WSWS. When possible, I joined WSWS Finance committee meetings and Science Policy committee meetings. Thanks to Lee Van Wychen I was able to travel to Washington DC to advocate for weed science policy along with the WSSA president and other regional society presidents. I contacted the 2024 WSWS Fellows to congratulate them on their awards. I also contacted candidates for WSWS BOD positions and congratulated the winners.

I would like to thank and acknowledge BOD members who have completed their terms at the conclusion of the 2024 meeting. Joel Felix (Immediate Past President), Joe Vassios (Secretary), Marcel Moretti (Research Section Chair), Nevin Lawrence (Education and Regulatory Section Chair), Aaron Becerra-Alvarez (Student Liaison Chair), and Clarke Alder (Member at Large-Private Sector).

A big thank you to Sandra McDonald (Constitution and Operating Procedures Representative) for her ongoing efforts to clarify and update the Western Society of Weed Science Operating Guide.

Recommendations for Board Action: None

Budget Needs: None

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