



WSWS Officer and Committee Report Annual Board Meeting – March 9, 2015

Office or Committee Name: President

Officer or Chairperson Name: Drew Lyon

Date of Preparation (include year): March 1, 2015

Officer Activities during the Year:

I conducted post-meeting BOD meeting in Colorado Springs on Thursday, March 13, 2014; and conducted the summer BOD meeting in Portland on July 30-31, 2014.

I appointed new committee members, which included six new members of the Public Relations Committee and four new members of the Education Committee. These two committees had been struggling find a purpose in the past and the BOD set new goals for both committees.

With Board approval, I appointed Marty Schraer to serve as the WSSA Representative, replacing Pat Clay following the WSSA annual meeting in Lexington.

I signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the WSWS and the Western Aquatic Plant Management Society to conduct a joint annual meeting in 2017. I signed a Group Sales Agreement with The Coeur d'Alene Hotel in Coeur d'Alene, ID to hold the joint annual meeting March 13-16, 2017.

I served on the WSSA Science Policy Committee and attended the WSSA president's breakfast in Lexington, KY.

I sent congratulatory letters to three student scholarship winners: Breanne Tidemann, University of Alberta; Vipin Kumar, Montana State University; and Kelli Belmont, University of Idaho.

I sent email messages congratulating the newly elected WSWS officers: Kirk Howatt, President-Elect; Prashant Jha, Research Section Chair-Elect; and Brian Jenks, Education and Regulatory Chair-Elect.

I called and congratulated the 2015 WSWS Fellows: Pete Forster and Gil Cook.

I sent email messages congratulating the WSWS Award winners: Brent Beutler, Professional Staff; and Brian Meador, Outstanding Weed Scientist – Early Career.

Recommendations for Board Action:

See March 2015 board meeting agenda and minutes of the July 30-31, 2014 summer meeting for current business activities and projects.

Budget Needs: None

Suggestions for the Future:

Consider who the WSWS should serve. Is it primarily for Ph.D.'s in academia and business or should it serve a wider purpose? If the former, the business model may need to change as a result of declining membership. If the later, how do we attract the wider audience to join?

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