WSWS Officer and Committee Report

Office or Committee Name: President Elect – Program Chair
Officer or Chairperson Name: Carl Coburn
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Activities during the year:

- The program committee worked through the challenges of utilizing a new software for building the program. The Confex software and support team were challenging, and the program was built manually. Special thanks to Dirk Baker, Albert Adjesiwor, Tim Prather, Eric Gustafson, Rui Liu, and Hilary Sandler for the team effort. There will be a debrief across regional and national weed science societies on the path forward for utilizing Confex.
- Solicited speakers for the general session. Sarah Collier from University of Washington will be the guest speaker.
- Worked closely with Rui Liu (local arrangements) and Eric Gustafson on meeting logistics
- There were 67 poster submissions, 87 paper submissions including the symposium, and 3 presentations for the general session, for a total of 157 presentations. This is a reduction of 14 submissions compared to 2024 annual meeting.

Budget Needs:
None

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