



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report  
March 2024**

**Office or Committee Name:** Program Committee, Tim Prather, Marcelo Moretti, Nevin Lawrence

**Officer or Chairperson Name:** Tim Prather

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**Activities during the year:** General session topics were discussed at the summer board meeting. After the board meeting, presentations related to solving large scale, multifaceted problems using a framework developed at USGS was selected as one topic. The other topic was the background of people who inhabited Mesa Verde and the region those people call home. Speakers for both topics will participate in the general session.

The program committee received training on software required to complete the program. Once titles were submitted, titles for each project were sent to project chairs for their input. While helpful, changes were required to ensure that student presentations were early in the program to allow time for judging. In addition, one of the symposia needed to be on Wednesday and the second symposium was placed on Thursday morning. Finally, in response to membership requests, the discussion sessions were dispersed within the program to allow members to attend more than one discussion. When requested, papers were kept together.

There were 84 submissions for oral sessions and 83 submissions for poster sessions and 4 presentations for the general session for a total of 171 presentations. The Research Chair notified project chairs of their responsibilities and the contact information for each presenter. The Education and Regulatory Chair managed communications among symposia organizers.

As always Eric Gustafson helped guide the development of the program.

**Recommendations for Board Action:**

Ensure that software used to create the program be operable within current security requirements each program committee member must work.

**Budget Needs:**

Cover travel expenses for 1 speaker.

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