

Office or Committee Name: Research Section Chair Officer or Chairperson Name: Marcelo L Moretti

Other Committee Members: Dirk Baker

Date of Preparation (include year): February 22, 2024

Activities during the year:

Attended summer board meeting virtually. Assisted Tim Prather (program chairperson) by attending Zoom meetings and coordinating with the project chairperson. Contacted five Project Chairpersons (Project 1-Weeds of Range, Forestry, and Natural Areas; Project 2-Weeds of Horticultural Crops; Project 3-Weeds of Agronomic Crops; Project 4-Teaching and Technology; Project 5-Basic Biology and Ecology.) routinely and reminded each of their duties. Developed contingency plans in case of absences. Emailed project chairpersons the best practices for moderators.

Recommendations for Board Action:

Ensure that the research section and education and regulatory section chairs and chairs-elect are involved in the program development and trained in the software required to complete the program. That will increase the chances of a successful meeting and prepare the board members for future WSWS roles.

Budget Needs:

None requested.

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