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

Office or Committee Name: Research Section

Officer or Chairperson Name: Edward Davis, Chair (edavis@montana.edu)
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Date of Preparation (include year): March 2, 2015

Committee Activities during the Year:

A total of 132 papers (78 oral presentations and 54 posters) were submitted for the annual meeting this year (not counting general session). The number of total papers submitted for 2015 was equal to the number submitted for the 2014 meeting with the number of oral presentations down by 3 and the number of poster presentations up by 3 compared to 2014.

Section	Number of oral/poster presentations
Basic Biology & Ecology	15/13
Teaching & Technology Transfer	4/0
Weeds of Agronomic Crops	24/22
Weeds of Horticultural Crops	21/9
Weeds of Range & Natural Areas	9/10
General Session	5/0
Lab Test Symposium	5/0

Titles, abstracts, and presentation files were submitted through the wssaabstracts.com website. No problems with slide submissions have been reported as of the date of this report. Project chairs and chair-elects have been reminded of their duties and responsibilities for the upcoming meeting and instructed in the procedure for downloading presentation slide files from the wssaabstracts.com website. Session moderators were encouraged to organize presentation files on their computer desktop in a manner and format comfortable for them to move quickly and efficiently between presentations.

Discussion topics for each session:

Section	Discussion title
Project 1: Weeds of Range and Natural Areas	**Outcome-Based Research and Extension: Building Collaborative Research and Management Efforts between Scientist and Practitioners.**
Project 2: Weeds of Horticultural Crops	**Pollinators, Weed Management, and New Roles for Weed Scientists.**
Project 3: weeds of Agronomic Crops	**Developing a Herbicide Resistance Working Group in the Western US: Potential Research and Funding Needs.**
Project 4: Teaching and Technology Transfer	**Training the Complete Weed Scientist.**
Project 5: Basic Biology and Ecology	**Bridging the Gap Between Basic Biology Research and Weed Management.**

Project Chairs and Chairs-Elect for the 2015 meeting:

Project 1: Weeds of Range and Natural Areas

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Project 3: Weeds of Agronomic Crops

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Project 4: Teaching and Technology Transfer

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Project 5: Basic Biology and Ecology

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Recommendations for Board Action: None

Budget Needs: None

Suggestions for the Future: Granting project chair-elects access to "Chair Tools" menu selection on the wssaabstracts.com website so they can become acquainted with the process prior to the year they are serving as project chair.

Current Committee Members: **Edward Davis, Chair**
Jane Mangold, Chair-Elect

Name of Person Preparing This Report: Edward Davis, Research Section Chair