WSWS Officer and Committee Report
March 2024

Office or Committee Name: Student Liaison
Officer or Chairperson Name: Aaron Becerra-Alvarez and Kenzie Barth
Date of Preparation (include year): February 28, 2024

Activities during the year:

- Both student liaisons attended the summer board meeting contributing to the discussions
- Contributed to board of directors' actions, voted promptly when asked
- Continuously contributed to the WSWS newsletter summarizing previous activities and announcing new activities or opportunities.
- Assisted in filling the two student position openings in WSWS committees
    - Herbicide Resistant Plants Committee – Sachin Dhanda, Kansas State University
    - Student Judging Committee – Tong Zhen, University of California, Davis
- Promoted the scholarship opportunities through social media, newsletters and emails
- Aaron attended WSSA annual meeting and represented WSWS at the President's breakfast
    - SWSS had a great success in their silent auction and auctioning the plaque
    - A need to update the software that makes the itinerary of the meeting to improve user interface
    - Other regional societies seem to be declining in attendance at annual meetings
    - Overall, everyone seems to have enjoyed the WSSA meeting in San Antonio
- Actively pursued new items for this year's silent auction by contacting various people. Somewhat successful, we'll find out later this week.
- Prepared for activities at this year's WSWS annual meeting
    - Electing new Student Liaison, chair-elect, will take nominations at lunch meeting (did not receive any prior nominations yet)
    - Student night-out
        - Need more mentors

Recommendations for Board Action:
Can advanced students or students that have previously won a competition serve as judges?

Not necessarily recommendation for the board but maybe a recommendation to future Student Liaisons. Improve communication between the Student Liaisons and committees that deal with student issues in the society. Scholarship extensions, student judging updates, etc. New Student Liaison reach out continuously to learn of any updates.

Budget Needs: NA

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