



WSWS Officer and Committee Report Annual Board Meeting – March 10, 2014

Office or Committee Name: Education and Regulatory Section

Officer or Chairperson Name: Joel Felix

Date of Preparation (include year): February 24, 2014

Committee Activities during the Year:

Had discussion with Andrew Kniss about leading a presentation on using the R statistical analysis package including comparison to other software. We worked with the Program Chair and decided it was best suited to be presented as a session on Wednesday morning followed by a short discussion.

We worked with Sarah Ward to organize a symposium on the *Biology and Management of Invasive Toadflax in the Western US*. The symposium will have 5 presentations featuring speakers with vast toadflax experience from Colorado State University, Montana State University, and the US Forest Service. The symposium will conclude with a panel discussion and a question and answer session.

The suggested future symposium (or short course) topic is *diagnosing herbicide related problems* in various settings. Drew and Joel have been in touch with Bill Cobb who is contemplating retirement and would like to organize and lead a panel of exemplary individuals with vast experiences in crop loss consulting to give insights on how best to resolve a complex issue and hopefully arrive at a correct diagnosis. Bill envisions that this topic would be very attractive to many crop consultants and company fieldmen in the Pacific Northwest and the west in general and fit well to the Portland venue next year.

Recommendations for Board Action:

There is a need to develop and maintain a list of individual contacts in each state for securing continuing education units (CEUs) at WSWS meetings. It is increasingly becoming a problem to get approval for CEUs from some states. However, there are some states that are responsive to applications and are willing to issue CEUs in a timely fashion.

Budget Needs:

Travel support for outside speakers at the annual symposiums (when needed).

Suggestions for the Future:

None for this period.

Current Committee Members:

Joel Felix, Chair 2014

Kirk Howatt, Chair-elect (Chair 2015)

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