



WSWS Officer and Committee Report Annual Board Meeting – March 10, 2013

Office or Committee Name: Program
Officer or Chairperson Name: Drew Lyon
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Committee Activities during the Year:

The 2014 annual meeting program was developed with 51 poster papers and 87 oral papers, for a total of 138 papers. Six of these papers will be presented in the general session and five will be presented in the toadflax symposium. A total of 41 papers will be part of the student paper and poster competitions. We are down a total of 21 papers from the 2013 meeting in San Diego. In San Diego there were 60 poster papers and 99 oral papers.

Joel Felix, Education & Regulatory Section Chairperson, organized a session for Wednesday morning on using the R statistical language to analyze agricultural experiments. Additionally, Joel worked with Sarah Ward to organize a symposium on the biology and management of invasive toadflax in the western US, which is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.

The general session will include the Presidential Address by Roger Gast, the WSSA Director of Science Report by Lee Van Wychen, a report on CAST by Phil Stahlman, and then three presentations on various aspects of integrated weed management at the US Air Force Academy presented by Brian Mihlbachler, Renee Rondeau, and Jerry Michels.

The WSSA online submission process seemed to work well for everyone. The most frequent error was not capitalizing the first letter only of all main words. This is clearly described in the guidelines, but a significant number of authors continue to make this error.

Recommendations for Board Action: None

Budget Needs: None

Suggestions for the Future:

We need to try and understand why our paper submissions have been declining for several years and see if we can devise a plan to reverse this trend. I have charged Brian Jenks, Member-At-Large (public sector), to work with Phil Banks to study this issue and report to the Board.

Current Committee Members: Joel Felix (Ed & Reg Section Chair), Andrew Kniss (Research Section Chair), and Drew Lyon (Program Chair)

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