



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

Office or Committee Name: Research Section

Officer or Chairperson Name: Andrew Kniss

Date of Preparation (include year): March 6, 2014

Activities during the Year:

A total of 132 papers (81 oral presentations and 51 posters) were submitted for the annual meeting this year (not counting general session). Oral presentations are approximately 20% less compared to San Diego in 2013 (97 papers) or Reno in 2012 (102 papers). Poster presentations are also down significantly compared to 2013 (60 posters) and 2012 (80 posters).

Section	Number of oral/poster presentations
Basic Biology & Ecology	12/10
Teaching & Technology Transfer	3/3
Weeds of Agronomic Crops	25/20
Weeds of Horticultural Crops	10/5
Weeds of Range & Natural Areas	25/13
Toadflax Symposium	5/0
General Session	6/0

Titles, abstracts, and presentation files were submitted through the wssaabstracts.com website again this year. On balance, the system seemed to work rather well. There were several complaints about slide uploads. In most cases the issues were related to slow upload times, especially for presenters at sites with slow internet speeds or with large presentation files.

Discussion topics for each session:

Section	Discussion title
Project 1: Weeds of Range & Natural Areas	The public perception or nostalgia in “Natural ecosystems (public and private lands)
Project 2: Weeds of Horticultural Crops	Mechanization in horticultural crops: on the ground and in the sky; can we make the machines work for us?
Project 3: Weeds of Agronomic Crops	Industry and academia perspectives on managing herbicide resistance: current status and future strategies

Project 4: Teaching & Technology Transfer	Potential new dimensions in your weed science career
Project 5: Basic Biology & Ecology	Identifying potential projects and funding sources for a weed biology working group in the Western US

Project Chairs and Chairs-elect for the 2014 meeting:

Project 1: Weeds of Range and Natural Areas

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Recommendations for Board Action: None

Budget Needs: None

Suggestions for the Future: None

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