



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report  
August 2022**

**Office or Committee Name:** Immediate Past President

**Officer or Chairperson Name:** Sandra McDonald

**Date of Preparation (include year):** 8/4/2022

**Activities during the year:** I have provided organizational memory for Joel Felix, WSWS President and Curtis Rainbolt, WSWS President Elect. I have also fielded questions from several committee chairs, giving advice, clarification and direction as needed.

I worked with Vanelle Peterson, WSWS History Ad-hoc Committee Chair to close out the ad hoc committee. The project was an incredible success and WSWS owes a debt of gratitude to Vanelle and the entire committee for their efforts to record the WSWS history for the past 25 years!

Lynn Ingegneri and I worked with Eric Gustafson and David Kruger, WSWS Webmaster on the revamping of the WSWS website. We will continue to update content -- specifically working with the individual committees.

I selected John Coyle to be the Member-at-Large Private Sector during my term. He chose to focus WSWS' relevance for land managers. In continuance of that goal, John and I submitted a bid to the Pesticide Education Resource Collaborative (PERC) for WSWS to develop EPA mandated training materials specifically for invasive weed managers in rangeland, rights-of-way and other natural areas. The goal of this project is to create a variety of training materials (including videos, training scripts, PowerPoints, training review questions, discussion topics, etc.) to provide the western weed management community with relevant educational materials. The project will create training materials to provide employers with a variety of training tools to meet annual training requirements. The visual elements will feature weed management in various rights-of-way, rangeland and other non-crop non-agricultural settings. The proposed training material will be a resource for trainers throughout the Western United States. If funded, the finalized training materials will be unveiled at the WSWS annual meeting in Denver March 4-7, 2024 in the Education & Regulatory Section. The materials will be posted on the WSWS Website and promoted to state Departments of Agriculture, federal, county and state weed managers.

I am also happy to report two impacts from the 2022 Workshop on Weeds & Wildfires in the West.

1. A proposal for a CAST issue paper focused on integrated management of fire-adapted invasive plants responsible for changing wildfire regimes in the U.S. has been submitted. Thanks to Greg Dahl for shepherding this effort.
2. Matt Baur has drafted a manuscript about the WSWS workshop for the journal *Outlooks on Pest Management*. The article is entitled “Managing fire-adapted invasive plants in the West.” The authors are M. Baur, B. Meador, J. Burger, D. Fry, D. Erickson, L. Larios, J. James, C. Randall, K. Al-Khatib, J. Davy, L. Forero, M. Rinella, N. Teller, and J. Mangold.

**Recommendations for Board Action:** None.

**Budget Needs:** \$0

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