WSWS Officer and Committee Report
Summer Board Meeting – Boise, ID August 4&5, 2022

Office or Committee Name: President
Officer or Chairperson Name: Joel Felix
Date of Preparation (include year): August 2022

Activities during the year:

Thanks for entrusting me with the responsibility to represent the society on your behalf as the WSWS President in 2022/2023. Two Board of Directors meetings have been conducted so far in 2022; the Post Annual Meeting in Newport Beach, CA (March 10, 2022) and the Summer Board Meeting in Boise, ID (August 4-5, 2022). Additionally, an electronic vote was conducted to approve WSWS as a cosigner on a letter by the Pesticide Policy Coalition to the President of the United States as a rebuttal to the Solicitor General advise to the Supreme Court that in some instance federal registration and labeling requirements for pesticides does not preclude states from imposing additional requirements even when they run counter what federal regulators have concluded. At issue was the case from California related to glyphosate and cancer.

Pursuant to the WSWS Constitution and Operating Guide, I made appointments to several committees in consultation with Committee Chairs or Student Liaison when necessary in order to identify suitable and capable members willing to serve our society. I am happy to report that most of those approached gladly volunteered to serve and almost all positions including student representatives on various committees have been filled.

Participated in all Science Policy committee meetings organized by our Science Policy Director, Lee Van Wychen. The meetings were entirely conducted on Zoom and included Presidents of regional sister societies and WSSA. March, April, May and June were particularly busy months for meetings with congressional staffers to urge various Congressional Representatives to advocate for allocation increases for the IR-4 program to $25 million for FY2023, support NIFA Crop Protection and Pest Management (CPPM) program at $25 million in FY 2023, and advocate for the update of the definition of "Plant Pest" in the next Farm Bill to "noxious weed" instead of "parasitic plant".

Participated in all Finance committee meetings organized by the WSWS Treasurer, Phil Banks. Details could be found in the Treasurer's report.

Plans are underway for the WSWS 2023 annual meeting in Boise, ID as a joint meeting with Western Aquatic Plant Management Society (WAPMS). Contracts with the Grove Hotel and Boise Center, Boise, ID are in place for the 2023 meeting. The Board of Directors attending the summer meeting in person toured the facilities organized by the Boise Center, the details of which can be found in the President-Elect/Program Chair, Curtis Rainbolt's report. I look forward to join the Program Committee in their regular meetings during the preparations for the 2023 meeting in Boise, ID, February 27 to March 2, 2023.

I would like to thank and acknowledge close working collaborations with the Immediate-Past-President, Sandra McDonald; the President-Elect/Program Chair, Curtis Rainbolt; WSWS Business Manager, Eric Gustafson; and all other members of WSWS Officers and Executive Committee.

Recommendations for Board Action:

Virtual meeting(s) will be conducted via Zoom to discuss topics requiring studying of the documents submitted at the two board meetings. All topics requiring a member vote will be discussed virtually by the board and presented to the members during the business meeting at the 2023 annual meeting in Boise.

Budget Needs:

None at this time

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