WSWS Officer and Committee Report
January 6, 2023

Office or Committee Name: Fellows and Honorary Members
Officer or Chairperson Name: Ed Peachey
Date of Preparation (include year): January 6, 2023

Activities during the year:
Two nominations were submitted to the committee for consideration of the Fellow Award. Carol Mallory Smith nominated Brad Hanson, and Tim Prather nominated Corey Ransom.

One nomination for Honorary Member was submitted: Dan Kunkel, currently with AMVAC but formerly representing weed control interests at Interregional Project No. 4 of the USDA, was nominated by Brad Hanson.

These nominations were approved by the BoD by late December and nominees were notified by email by the chair of the Fellows and Honorary members committee and a phone call from WSWS president Joel Felix in early January.

Drew Lyon will present the awards at the annual meeting. Richard Zollinger with give the committee report at the WSWS annual business meeting in Boise.

Current Recommendation for the Board to Consider (an update on POINT 2 in former recommendations; below)

The Fellows and Honorary Members Committee suggests that the operating procedure be amended on page 39 as follows.

7 (currently). Inform:

- The awardees at least 2 months prior to the annual meeting of their award with an email from the committee and a congratulatory phone call from the WSWS president.
- The Business Manager of the successful recipients in advance of the annual meeting so that plaques can be obtained to be presented at the awards luncheon, and.
- The nominators of the status of their nomination(s) and, if their nominee was not selected, encourage the nominator to update the packet for the next year.

Former Recommendations for Board Action (in case this has not been considered)**:**

1. **The following recommendation was made 2 years ago, but the requested changes to the Operating Guide have not yet been made:**

Revise the operating guide, items 2 and following (numbering needs to be changed accordingly), as follows to discourage submissions by current committee members (the proposed change is underlined): 2. Current members of the Fellows and Honorary Member Committee are discouraged from directly nominating candidates for these awards. The members may assist with recruiting nominations and with preparing the nomination packets but, if at all possible, should recruit another member to submit the nomination. If no one is willing to assist, the member may submit the nomination but should work with the committee chair and board representative to recruit a current Fellow to assist with the selection process in order to avoid a conflict of interest in the work of the committee. 3. "Accept submission of nominees for Fellows and Honorary Member. Packets of the nominees' biographical data and write-ups will remain in the active file for three (3) years even if the packets are not updated annually by the nominator. The committee must encourage nominators to update nominees' packets annually. Packets should be submitted by December 1."

2. Clearly designate in the operating guide who will notify award recipients

There was confusion in 2022 regarding who should notify award winners and who should send out congratulatory letters. The WSWS president? Chair of the committee? This is not clearly spelled out in the Operating Guide. Recipients should be given enough notice so that family or friends have the opportunity to attend the award ceremony.

Budget Needs: None
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