



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report
February 2023**

Office or Committee Name: Immediate Past-President

Officer or Chairperson Name: Sandra K. McDonald

Other Committee Members:

Date of Preparation (include year): 2/27/2023

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 "Western Society of Weed Science History of Student Participation" section by Dirk Baker and Vanelle Peterson has been added to the History of the Western Society of Weed Science 1938-to-2021. 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 on 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 proposal was not funded.

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 approved. Thanks to Greg Dahl for shepherding this effort.
2. Matt Baur has published a manuscript about the WSWS workshop in 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.

I have been alerted that the following WSWS members are retiring. They will be honored during the WSWS/WAPMS Opening Reception on February 27, 2023 in Boise, ID.

- Greg Dahl, Land O’Lakes/Winfield United
- Stott Howard, Syngenta
- Marie Jasieniuk, University of California - Davis
- Paul O. Johnson, South Dakota State University
- Kelly Luff, Bayer
- Kai Umeda, Arizona University
- Harvey Yoshida, Corteva

My sincere thanks to the membership of WSWS for the opportunity to serve as society for the past three years. It has been my pleasure. Thanks to everyone for the confidence you placed in me and support you provided.

Recommendations for Board Action: None

Budget Needs: None

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