



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report
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Activities during the year:

The 2023 joint WSWS-WAPMS Annual Meeting program will include a total of 150 papers. This includes 2 oral papers in the general session, 7 oral papers in the Water in West symposium, 73 WSWS oral papers, and 20 WAPMS oral papers. Additionally, there are 48 WSWS posters and 1 WAPMS Poster. There are no undergraduates in the student contest. 26 students (3 WAPMS) are entered in the graduate student oral paper contest. 16 students are in the graduate student poster contest.

These numbers are similar to 2018, but down from other recent years for WSWS. The 2018 program included 133 papers: 73 oral papers and 60 poster presentations. The student competition included 10 graduate student posters, 2 undergraduate posters, and 15 graduate student papers.

Compared to the 2017 joint WSWS-WAPMS meeting, total papers are down from 175. In 2017, there were 87 WSWS papers and 47 WSWS posters. WAPMS had 38 papers and 3 posters at this meeting.

Participation from SW Idaho governmental agencies may be reduced due to the Society for Rangeland Management Meeting in Boise Feb 12-16, 2023

Recommendations for Board Action:

1. Continue to monitor poster and paper submission trends.
2. For future joint meetings with other societies, consider a structured agreement on title submissions, abstracts, deadlines, handling of sponsored events, etc
3. Consider having IMI Group handle most of the program and meeting planning responsibilities in the next contract.

Budget Needs:

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