WSWS Officer and Committee Report
July 2023

Office or Committee Name: Gregory Dahl
Officer or Chairperson Name: CAST Representative
Date of Preparation (include year): July 17, 2023

Activities during the year:
Represented the WSWS on the CAST Plant Working Group. Participated in most of the monthly CAST Plant Working Group ZOOM meetings. Discussed and prioritized projects and publications that are in development and identified new topics to be evaluated as projects.

Met regularly with Jill Schroeder, CAST Representative for WSSA, John Hinz, CAST Representative for NCWSS, Anthony Witcher, CAST Representative for NEWSS, Lyn Gettys CAST Representative for APMS, and Sharon Clay, CAST Representative for ASA.
This has been helpful to us to coordinate and complete our CAST Representative Efforts.

Worked with Dr. Jill Schroeder towards creating a CAST publication about Invasive Species. I worked with Jill and scientists representing WSSA and the North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA). A project for publication titled "Preventing the next invasive plant: Opportunities and Challenges" is being worked on. Jill is the CAST Plant Working Group Liaison for the project.

Working as CAST Liaison towards a CAST Issue Paper on "Integrated Management of Fire-Adapted Invasive Plants Responsible for Changing Wildfire Regimes". This was developed based on the WSWS workshop on fire and invasives at the 2022 annual meeting organized by Matt Baur, WIPM Center Director). CAST approved the proposal to be developed into a publication. Matt Baur is the project leader. Several members of the WSWS Invasive Species Committee have volunteered to help write sections for the publication. I am serving as CAST Liaison on this project. Authors are writing and sending in their sections for the publication.

Presented CAST Representative Report at the 2023 WSWS Annual Meeting. Distributed CAST Hand out publications at the WSWS Annual Meeting.

CAST Ballot for the CAST President Elect Office on July 13, 2023.

Plan to participate in the CAST Annual Meeting and Associated Meetings at Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center, College Station, TX on November 6 – 9, 2023.

CAST Announces Dr. Chris Boomsma as Next EVP/CEO. There will be a Welcome reception for him at the CAST Office in Ames, IA on August 3, 2023. He will be starting in August 2023. Keith Schescke will be retiring in August 2023. I welcome Dr. Boomsma to the CAST organization. I thank Keith Schescke for all his leadership, achievements, and efforts. https://www.cast-science.org/cast-announces-dr-chris-boomsma-as-next-evp-ceo/

Alison Bentley Announced as 2023 Borlaug CAST Communication Award Recipient https://www.cast-science.org/alison-bentley-announced-as-2023-borlaug-cast-communication-award-recipient/

The CAST 2022 Annual Report can be found at: https://www.cast-science.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/anrpt22links.pdf

Recommendations for Board Action:

Continue to support CAST and CAST Activities.

Budget Needs:

No specific needs at this time.

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