WSWS Officer and Committee Report

2021 Annual Meeting – Virtual

Office or Committee Name: CAST Representative
Officer or Chairperson Name: Gregory Dahl
Date of Preparation (include year): July 6, 2021

Activities during the year:

Provided a CAST Representative Report and Presentation to the WSWS Society at the WSWS Business meeting on March 4, 2021.

Participated in each of the CAST Monthly Plant Working Group remote meetings for the year except I missed the June 2021 meeting, due to conflicts.

CAST Publications released in 2021 include:

The Role of Agricultural Science and Technology in Climate 21 Project Implementation
June 2021.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, live meetings were not held yet in 2021. The public releases of CAST publications were over the internet. I was able to attend the CAST release presentation for the 2021 CAST publication listed above.

Participated in the Webinar on May 11, 2021 where CAST Awarded the 2021 Borlaug CAST Communications Award to Dr. Sarah Evanga. Research Professor, Department of Global Development with a joint appointment in the School of Integrative Plant Sciences, Director, Cornell Alliance for Science, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Cornell University.

Also watched a presentation by Dr. Alexa Lamm 2020 Borlaug CAST Communications Award winner. Dr. Lamm is Associate Professor of Science Communication, University of Georgia.

I am currently the mentor for Dr. John Hinz, the NCWSS CAST Representative.

Dr. Jill Schroeder and I are exploring what issues and opportunities relating to invasive species issues should be documented and presented as CAST publications. We have had some discussions with Lee Van Wychen and others. Invasive species influence on wildfires in the west is one topic of interest. Jill and I are exploring opportunities for a paper in this area. We welcome any suggestions and help.

Sent several items on Social Media, emails and other communications to the WSWS membership about CAST and CAST Activities that may be of interest to WSWS members.

CAST is planning to hold its Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio on October 26 – 28, 2021. CAST is planning to hold the meeting in person.

Received receipt of payment from CAST for the WSWS Sustaining membership of CAST for 2021. Forwarded receipt to Corey Ransom and Eric Gustafson on February 8, 2021. Thank you to the WSWS for supporting CAST.

Recommendations for Board Action:

No recommendations to the Board at this time.
Thank you for this opportunity.

Budget Needs:

Thank you to the WSWS and the WSWS Board of Directors for supporting CAST. I have no additional budget requests at this time.

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