WSWS Officer and Committee Report

2021 Annual Meeting – Hybrid

Office or Committee Name: CAST Representative
Officer or Chairperson Name: Gregory Dahl
Date of Preparation (include year): October 15, 2021

Activities during the year:

Provided a CAST Representative Reports and Presentations to the WSWS Society at the WSWS Business meeting on March 4, 2021 and July 12. 2021.

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

CAST Publications released in 2021 include:

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

Attached is a CAST Summary of Activities from June – September 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 have completed mentor training for Dr. John Hinz, the NCWSS CAST Representative.

Dr. Jill Schroeder will be presenting an application from a team of Weed Scientists and others to put together a CAST Issue Paper on Invasive Species. WSSA is supporting this effort. This proposed issue paper will be discussed at the October meeting of the CAST Plant Working Group.

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. Most recently I forwarded a document that came to me as a CAST Representative from the Association of Equipment Manufacturers. Other Creators included Crop Life America, American Soybean Association and the National Corn Growers Association on the Environmental Benefits of Precision Agriculture in the United States, Executive Summary and Details. This was provided to WSWS Leadership and forwarded to the WSWS Board of Directors by President Sandra MacDonald.

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. I am scheduled to attend the in-person meeting.

Received invoice from CAST for the WSWS Sustaining membership of CAST for 2022. Thank you to the WSWS for supporting CAST.

Recommendations for Board Action:

Request payment for the WSWS Sustaining Membership of CAST in 2022. This could be paid in 2021 or 2022. Thank you for this opportunity.

Budget Needs:

Request payment for the WSWS Sustaining Membership of CAST in 2022. The amount is $1500 per year. This could be paid in 2021 or 2022. Thank you for this opportunity.

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