WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2019 Annual Meeting – Denver, CO

Office or Committee Name: Constitution and Operating Procedures Representative
Officer or Chairperson Name: Tim Miller
Date of Preparation (include year): March 1, 2019

Activities during the year:

The current version of the Constitution and By-Laws is August, 2018 and is posted on the WSWS Website. Changes from the March, 2018 version included two entries:

Constitution: The Local Arrangement Committee membership:
Article VII, Section 5. The Local Arrangements Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and others as needed.

By-Laws: The terms of appointment of Proceedings and Research Progress Report editors:
Article XII, Section 1. These editors will each serve three-year terms, but may renew with consent of the Board of Directors.

The makeup of the Publications Committee was updated:
Article XII, Section 4. The Publications Committee shall consist of the President-Elect (Chairperson), Proceedings Editor, Research Reports Editor, Newsletter Editor, and Website Editor.

The current version of the **Operating Guide** is October, 2018 and is posted on the WSWS Website. Changes from the March, 2018 version included:

The Board of Directors (BOD) voting and non-voting members were listed and times for the BOD meetings were entered. In addition, reimbursement for BOD members attending the summer meeting was stipulated:
In-person Board of Director meetings are typically held at the site of the annual meeting, from 8:00 to 5:00 on the Monday immediately before the beginning of the annual meeting, and from noon to 1:30 on the Thursday immediately following the closing of the annual meeting. In addition, the Board of Directors convenes a summer meeting over two days in late July to early August, typically from noon to 5:00 on the first day and again from 8:00

to noon on the second day. The summer meeting normally occurs at the site where the next annual meeting is to be held. Board of Directors are eligible to be reimbursed for their travel expenses to attend the summer meeting.

Section for the duties (and timeline) for the President-Elect was updated.

Section for the duties of the Public Relations Committee relating to photos at the Annual Meeting was updated.

Section for the duties of the Student Paper Judging Committee relating to who is eligible for awards was updated:

Students attending institutions in states that are not WSWS members may participate in contests and are eligible for awards.

Additional procedures for student contests was provided in a "Best Practices" section that was added to the Operating Guide.

The Herbicide Resistant Plants Committee provided updates on its duties.

Sections on terms of appointment for Proceedings, Research Progress Reports, Newsletter, and Website Editors was updated:

Editors serve a three-year term, renewable through action by the Board of Directors.

The ad hoc Invasive Plants Committee is to provide Operating Guide information as they began their duties in 2018 (none received as of the time this report was compiled).

Recommendations for Board Action: list any proposed actions here.

For the 2019 WSWS Business Meeting. The Herbicide Resistant Plants Committee is requesting a change to the WSWS Constitution regarding committee makeup.

From:

Article VII, Section 16. The Herbicide Resistant Plants Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and five additional members. Terms of office of this committee shall be: Chairperson appointed to a three-year term and five other members appointed to three-year terms, established to expire alternately so that at least four members continue over each year.

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Article VII, Section 16. The Herbicide Resistant Plants Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and two additional members. A Society student may also be named member of this committee. Terms of office of this committee shall be as in Section 3 above. (Section 3 reads: Terms of office of this committee shall be three years, established to expire alternately so that at least two members continue over each year. The member serving his/her second year of the term shall serve as Chairperson.)

Budget Needs: None.

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