WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2020 Annual Meeting – MAUI, HI

Office or Committee Name: Ad Hoc Invasive Species
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Date of Preparation (include year): March 2020

Activities during the year:

President Clay extended official invitations to a diverse group of committee members in fall of 2019. Committee members will serve staggered 2-3 year from committee formation to prevent complete committee turnover at the end of the first appointment terms. Almost all invitations were accepted. Committee will submit a list of names to incoming President Ransom as a request to extend additional invitations after the 2020 annual meeting to fill out the remainder of spots on the committee.

Ad Hoc Invasive Species Committee members 'publicized' the initiation of this committee and its intent to enhance coordination and cooperation among invasive weed-related organizations in the Western U.S. at several venues including: Society for Range Management, Western Governor's Association Working Lands Roundtable, Western Weed Coordinating Committee, and others.

The committee met via videoconference in February 2020 and began to discuss strategy and goals. An initial brainstorming session began to generate concepts for events that the committee will pursue in the future. Plans were made to meet in-person at the WSWS/WSSA joint annual meeting in Maui in March 2020.

Recommendations for Board Action: none
Budget Needs: none
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