WSWS Officer and Committee Report
July 2023

Office or Committee Name: Legislative Committee
Officer or Chairperson Name: Ryan Edwards
Other Committee Members: Slade Franklin, Lisa Rew, Alan Helm (Board Contact)
Date of Preparation (include year): 07/07/23

Activities during the year:

- The Legislative committee added Ryan Edwards (January 2023) and Lisa Rew (June 2023) to committee.
- Team will meet on July 13th via Zoom to discuss activities for the year and review the following;
    - Contact list for state coordinators
    - Survey that was sent out in 2022 and any follow up action items
    - Review Action items for the board and WSWS

Recommendations for Board Action:

- At this time, no recommendations aside from the previous actions items that were raised in last report (attached below);
- Several topics of interest for the WSWS to track and follow are below:
    - The need for help in addressing interstate commerce for sale of plants that are banned in one state but not in a neighboring state. (Minnesota)
    - Work with EPA on science based labeling and coordinated risk assessments between federal agencies. (Wyoming)
    - Shortages of herbicides such as glyphosate, glufosinate and MCPA have forced producers to seed out other options for weed control in 2022. Additionally, prices on herbicides has skyrocketed. (Saskatchewan, Wyoming)
- Additionally, problematic weed management issues that were identified were:
    - The need for a "buyback" program for nursery industry plants that are identified as weeds or potential weeds. (Minnesota)
    - Lack of state (Utah) response for aquatic weed species. (Utah)
    - Lack of management by railroads and absentee landowners. (Kansas, Montana)
    - Public perception of aerial applications of pesticides. (Wyoming)
    - Herbicide resistant kochia. (Saskatchewan)
    - Glyphosate resistant kochia and downy brome (cheatgrass). (Alberta)

Budget Needs: The committee has no anticipated budget needs at this time.
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