WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2017 Coeur d'Alene, ID
March 13, 8am to 5pm

Office or Committee Name: President
Officer or Chairperson Name: Kirk Howatt
Date of Preparation (include year): March 2017

Committee Activities during the Year:
On Board action, contract was approved and signed with Interactive Management Incorporated of Westminster, CO. Tara Steinke will be our account representative. The contract will begin February 1 so there will be overlap with Phil Banks during preparation and duration of the Annual Meetings in Coeur d'Alene.

Contacted student travel award winners to give congratulations and initiate correspondence between students and Phil Banks for payment and service arrangements at the annual meeting.

Contacted Roger Gast regarding the inclusion of language to give brief description of Elena Sanchez in the Student Travel Award application and possibly the operating guide. He and I found the same obituary script. The Awards Committee was going to draft a statement. I also conveyed the students desire to have preference in award selections for 2 graduate students and 1 undergraduate student and asked the committee to suggest language for the operating procedures guide.

Participated in Scheduled Science Policy Committee conference calls. Provided comment on solicited issues, not nearly as many as early in the summer (dicamba drift from soybean fields). Extended support of favorable Ag Research Budget. Withheld support for specific endorsement or concern for Presidential Nominees as this seemed too political among some regional society Presidents and turn around time was too short to solicit input from Board.

Contacted confirmed Fellows and Distinguished Weed Scientist for congratulations and confirm intent to attend the meeting. Confirmed that a brief biography would be needed for the Proceedings.

Checked in on committees coordinating the Weed Resistance Listening Sessions in conjunction with the WSSA Resistant Plants Committee. The members involved were expected to complete increasing tasks in preparation. They performed in excellent professional manner. Reports of the sessions have been taken in very positive light.

The family of Rita Beard has donated generously to establish an Endowment in her name. Phil Banks received the gift at the end of Feb during the invasive species meetings in Washington, D.C. This Endowment will be open to contributions from individuals or organizations and will be tax deductible. An Ad Hoc committee has been established to set the Endowment articles of

incorporation and operating procedures: Phil Banks Chair, Todd Neel, Celestine Duncan, Mark Daluge, Joe DiTomaso, and Kirk Howatt.

Suggested Phil Stahlman for Board confirmation to receive the Presidential Award of Merit.

Recommendations for Board Action:

Budget Needs:

Suggestions for the Future:

Current Committee Members:

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