**WSWS Officer and Committee Report**

**Summer Board Meeting – August 22-23, 2012**

**Office or Committee Name:** Program

**Officer or Chairperson Name:** Roger Gast

 Tony White, Brad Hanson

**Date of Preparation (include year):** August 13, 2012

**Committee Activities during the Year:**

Solicited proposals for symposia in the spring 2012 newsletter.

Received one proposal:

* Biology and Management of Invasive Toadflax in the Western U.S. (Sarah Ward (Colorado State University) and Sharlene Sing (U.S. Forest Service)

Considerations for general session topics and speakers:

* Rob Hedburg - USDA as National Director of the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program
* Other potential topics/speakers being considered:
	+ Weed Science contributions to basic plant physiology (Dr. Franck Dayan - USDA)
	+ Weed Science in California IPM Programs (Dr. Kassim Al-Khatib – UC-Davis)
	+ Advances in Seeds and Biotechnology (Dr. Kent Bradford – UC-Davis)
	+ Agricultural Research and the Next Green Revolution (Dr. Gale Buchanan – USDA Under Secretary)
	+ The New Biology for the 21st Century - Societal Grand Challenges and the Role of Plant Science in Achieving Them (Dr. Keith Yamamoto – UCSF)

**Recommendations for Board Action:** Discuss and provide feedback for symposium and general session. Discuss how we can incorporate 75th anniversary of WSWS founding into San Diego meeting.

**Budget Needs:** Honorarium and travel costs for 1-2 general session speakers

**Suggestions for the Future:** none

**Current Committee Members:** Roger Gast, Chair

Tony White, Res Section Chair

Brad Hanson, Ed & Reg Section Chair

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