WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2017 Anaheim, CA

Office or Committee Name: President
Officer or Chairperson Name: Monte Anderson
Date of Preparation (include year): July 30, 2017

Committee Activities during the Year:
Worked on followup details of the joint meeting with WAPMS. Filled out and sent out lists of new committee members. Conducted board vote on covering the costs of the Articles of Incorporation for the Rita Beard Endowment. Coordinated and communicated with new business manager on numerous details moving forward, including an opportune meeting with Tara Steinke at the GRWC conference in Denver with Andrew Kniss and Charlie Hicks. Requested status of Proceedings, Research Progress Report, and Website editors serving beyond normal three year cycle ending in 2018. Initiated contact with WSSA on possible 2020 joint meeting and provided names of our Site Selection committee upon request.

Lee Van Wychen requested WSWS support on a letter to Congress on behalf of the American Advancement of Science (AAAS). A Science Policy committee conference call on May 10 covered various topics, including the herbicide resistance listening sessions. A new USDA/APHIS document entitled "Importation, Interstate Movement, and Environmental Release of Certain Genetically Engineered Organisms" was being developed and debate/input followed by a vote requested. The vote centered on whether WSSA should comment on the timings of regulatory status of herbicide resistant plants by APHIS and the associated herbicide registration by EPA. The WSWS board voted to accept the APHIS biotech revisions and I signed the document representing the weed science societies along with the APMS.

Participated in a conference call with other regional weed science societies (past and present program chairs) and WSSA president elect Scott Senseman on improving the WebEx software of David Krueger's. Improvements to the database will be paid for by the WSSA ($3000), but they are asking for regional support for improving the functions that we all could benefit from: Increase upload size of the powerpoint slides, adding major professor to student contest submissions, and adding a better report function for the graduate student contests. Our share would be $400.

Recommendations for Board Action:

Budget Needs: None
Suggestions for the Future:
Current Committee Members:
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