WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2019 Annual Meeting – Denver, CO

Office or Committee Name: Ad Hoc Invasive Species Committee
Officer or Chairperson Name: D. Chad Cummings and Brian Mealor
Date of Preparation (include year): 4March2019

Activities during the year:

The Ad Hoc Committee was established at summer BOD meeting in Denver, CO. Mealor and Cummings were named co-chairs. President Andrew Kniss requested for Cummings/Mealor to develop a committee charge and to comprise a committee initial membership. Mealor and Cummings developed an initial committee mission, scope, and charter similar to the WSSA E4 (Federal Noxious and Invasive Weed) Committee.

Ad Hoc Invasive Species Committee within the WSWS
Co-Chairs: D. Chad Cummings, Brian Mealor

Mission: To enhance communication and collaboration among invasive species groups/committees outside of the WSWS in order to foster a shared science knowledge base, work together for success in invasive species research/economic analysis programs, develop timely invasive species symposia, and other opportunities in invasive species awareness.

Scope: The ad hoc committee will comprise WSWS and outside WSWS membership with an academic/private/government reach to many organizations involved in invasive species ecology management across the western and entire US. By expanding our reach, the WSWS will have intentional collaboration and shared learning experiences with outside organizations on invasive species ecology and management.

Our areas of interest will include but not be limited to invasive or noxious species ecology and management in rangelands and pastures, natural areas, forests, wetlands, marshes, rivers, and lakes, non-crop areas, right-of-ways, riparian areas, and wildlife habitat. While we know that invasive species occur in agronomic areas as well, the ecology and management therein is tied to the agronomic practices and disparate to those occurring in non-agronomic ecosystems.

Charter:

- Consist of Co-Chairs appointed to a four-year term and 11 other members each appointed for four-year terms (including one student representative elected to a 2-year term)
- Review regional and state legislation as it relates to weed science activities and make recommendations regarding changes in the state and regional weed laws.
- Review drafts of laws for enactment by Congress and make recommendations for strengthening preventative weed technology for the western US.
- Serve in an advisory capacity in the development of state noxious weed programs and regulations for the western US.
- Propose joint or individual society symposia on current invasive species hot topics which will benefit the WSWS and outside organizations
- Submit their findings annually to the WSWS BOD for review and concurrence.

Example Activities:

1. Propose collaborative symposia between WSWS, Rangeland Invasive Species Committee-Society for Range Management (RISC-SRM), WAPMS, NAISMA, and others to held at WSWS Annual Meetings or sister organizations' annual meetings
    a. Injecting sound, and up-to-date weed science into societies/groups that may not have weed science as a primary focus (i.e. SRM, Invasive Plant Councils)
2. Members will serve as an extension of the WSWS to cooperate/inform other outside organizations on developments of invasive weed science and management (have Invasive Species Committee members or liaison at these meetings if possible)
    a. RISC-SRM
    b. NAISMA
    c. Western Governors' Association
    d. State Invasive Plant/Species Councils
    e. Invasive Species Advisory Council
    f. Western Weed Coordinating Committee
3. Members will bring invasive species information and updates back to WSWS from interactions with the outside-weed-science community
4. Aide in the understanding of invasive weed species for individual states and what management the state is doing for those invasive species (for state weed coordinators)

Proposed Committee Members

Name	Affiliation	Society/Group Involvement	End of Term
Cummings, D. Chad (Co-chair)	Corteva Agriscience, TX	WSWS, SRM, NCBA, TSCRA	2023
Mealor, Brian (Co-chair)	Univ. of Wyoming, Sheridan	WSWS, SRM, WGA	2023
Van Wychen, Lee	WSSA Legislative Liaison	All WSSA, and US Gov't	2023
Tekiela, Dan	Univ. of Wyoming, Laramie	WSWS	2023
Clark, Shannon	Colo State Univ	WSWS	2023
Hatler, Will	Corteva Agriscience, ID	WSWS, WGA	2023
Sebastian, Derek	Bayer Crop Protection	WSWS, WGA	2023
Kyser, Guy	Univ California - Davis	WSWS, WAPMS, CWSS	2023
Lenhoff, Erik	New Mexico State Univ	WSWS	2023
Neel, Todd	US Forest Service – Missoula	WSWS, SRM, USFS, NPS	2023
Finley, Bob	Wyoming Weed Manager	WSWS, WGA	2023
Smeda, Reid	Univ. of Missouri	WSSA, Roadside ROW Mgrs	2023
Student Liaison	Need to be Elected or Appted		2023
Richardson, Rob (WSSA E4 Chair)	North Carolina State Univ	SWSS, WSSA-FNIWC	2023

Recommendations for Board Action: Discuss Invasive Species Committee Mission and Charter and modify/approve

Budget Needs: none at this time

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