# WSWS Officer and Committee Report
# February 2024

**Office or Committee Name:** Legislative Committee
**Officer or Chairperson Name:** Ryan Edwards (chair)
**Other Committee Members:** Slade Franklin (past chair), Lisa Rew (chair elect); Alan Helm (Board Contact)
**Date of Preparation (include year):** 02/09/2024

**Activities during the year:**
The Legislative Committee met on July 20th via Zoom.

**Agenda and Action items**

1. Review the operating guide and the points of the committee
    a. Slade reviewed the survey that was conducted in 2022
    b. *Committee asking for Board recommendation;* does the board feel that this survey should become a regular action item that is updated at a 2-3 year interval?
2. Update the list of the contacts
    a. Ryan reached out to Aaron Eager, chair of the western weed coordinator
        i. No response was received
        ii. *Committee asking for Board recommendation;* does it make sense to designate land grant university contacts to inform the Legislative committee if they are aware of changes to the contacts within states?
3. Go through the list and update the names, contacts
    a. **Committee action**; 2024 – Update the list of contacts (below)
4. *Committee asking for Board recommendation* : How does the committee interact with Lee Van Wyken more on legislative actions that either he can advocate for the society on OR, inform the WSWS board on legislative actions that will effect member states?
    a. Does the committee give feedback to act through Lee or vice versa?
    b. Outline in the Operating guide

**Budget Needs:** The committee has no anticipated budget needs at this time.
**Name of Person Preparing This Report:** Ryan Edwards
**Date of Report:** 02/09/24

**State Weed Coordinators (Invasive and Noxious Weeds) – 2020-2021**

| STATE | WEED COORDINATORS | PHONE # | EMAIL | COMMENTS |
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| **Alaska** | Dan Coleman *Invasive Plant Coordinator Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture, Alaska Plant Material Center* | (907)745-8721 | daniel.coleman@alaska.gov | updated 2.17.22 |
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| **Hawaii** | Becky Azama *Agricultural Pest Control Manager Hawaii Department of Agriculture, Plant Pest Control Branch* | (808) 973-9522 | becky.n.azama@hawaii.gov | |
| **Idaho** | Jeremy Varley | Office: (208) | jeremy.varley@isda.idaho.gov | Response 2/2/2021 |

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| **Kansas** | Scott Marsh *Noxious and Invasive Weeds Specialist Kansas Department of Agriculture* | Office: (785) 564-6697 Cell: (785) 207-2118 | scott.marsh@ks.gov | |
| **Montana** | Jasmine Chaffee *State Noxious Weed Coordinator, Noxious Weed Program Manager Montana Department of Agriculture* | Office: (406) 444-3140 Cell: (406) 461-9207 | jchaffee@mt.gov | Response 1/29/2021 |
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| **New Mexico** | Jim Wanstall *State Noxious Weed Coordinator New Mexico Department of Agriculture*<br><br>Dr. Leslie Beck *NMSU Extension Weed Specialist* | (505) 269-7761<br><br>(575) 646-2888 | <br><br>lebeck@nmsu.edu | |
| **North Dakota** | Richard Weisz *Noxious Weeds Specialist North Dakota Department of Agriculture* | (701) 328-2250 | raweisz@nd.gov | |
| **Oklahoma** | Misha Manuchehri *Assistant Professor Weed* | (405) 744-9588 | misha.manuchehri@okstate.edu | |

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| **Oregon** | Tim Butler *ODA Noxious Weed Control Program Manager Oregon Department of Agriculture* | Office: (503) 986-4625 Cell: 971-209-0423 | tbutler@oda.state.or.us timothy.butler@oda.oregon.gov | |
| **South Dakota** | Jeremiah Phelps *State Weed and Pest Supervisor South Dakota Department of Agriculture* | (605) 773-3623 | jeremiah.phelps@state.sd.us | |
| **Texas** | Unknown (Paul Bauman?) *Professor/Extension Weed Specialist Texas A&M* | | | |
| **Utah** *(Rachel)* | Aaron Eagar *State Weed Coordinator Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, Noxious Weed Program* | (801) 602-1961 | aeagar@utah.gov | |
| **Washington** | Greg Haubrich *Pest Program Manager Washington State Department of Agriculture* | Office: (360) 902-2071 Cell: (509) 952-3955 | ghaubrich@agr.wa.gov | Update 8/22 |
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| PROVINCE | WEED COORDINATORS | PHONE # | EMAIL | COMMENTS |
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| | *Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development* | | | |
| **British Columbia** | David Ralph (retired)<br>*Senior Provincial Weed Technician British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Lands* | ? | ? | Retired, have not found replacements contact info. As on March 2020, David Ralph was still listed as contact https://bcinvasives.ca/contact/evan-rafuse |
| **Manitoba** | Andrew Lewis<br>*Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association* | (204) 858-2590 | | |
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