



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
Alaska	Dan Coleman <i>Invasive Plant Coordinator Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture, Alaska Plant Material Center</i>	(907)745-8721	daniel.coleman@alaska.gov	updated 2.17.22
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Idaho	Jeremy Varley	Office: (208)	jeremy.varley@isda.idaho.gov	Response 2/2/2021

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Montana	<i>Jasmine Chaffee State Noxious Weed Coordinator, Noxious Weed Program Manager Montana Department of Agriculture</i>	Office: (406) 444- 3140 Cell: (406) 461- 9207	jchaffee@mt.gov	Response 1/29/2021
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Nevada	<i>Jake Dick Noxious Weed Coordinator, Plant Industry Division Nevada Department of Agriculture</i>	Office: (775) 353- 3640 Cell: (775) 560- 3683	jdick@agri.nv.gov	
New Mexico	<i>Jim Wanstall State Noxious Weed Coordinator New Mexico Department of Agriculture</i> <i>Dr. Leslie Beck NMSU Extension Weed Specialist</i>	(505) 269- 7761 (575) 646- 2888	lebeck@nmsu.edu	
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Oklahoma	<i>Misha Manuchehri Assistant Professor Weed</i>	(405) 744- 9588	misha.manuchehri@okstate.edu	

	<i>Science Extension Specialist Oklahoma State University</i>			
Oregon	Tim Butler <i>ODA Noxious Weed Control Program Manager Oregon Department of Agriculture</i>	Office: (503) 986-4625 Cell: 971-209-0423	tbutler@oda.state.or.us timothy.butler@oda.oregon.gov	
South Dakota	Jeremiah Phelps <i>State Weed and Pest Supervisor South Dakota Department of Agriculture</i>	(605) 773-3623	jeremiah.phelps@state.sd.us	
Texas	Unknown (Paul Bauman?) <i>Professor/Extension Weed Specialist Texas A&M</i>			
Utah (Rachel)	Aaron Eagar <i>State Weed Coordinator Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, Noxious Weed Program</i>	(801) 602-1961	aeagar@utah.gov	
Washington	Greg Haubrich <i>Pest Program Manager Washington State Department of Agriculture</i>	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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	<i>Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development</i>			
British Columbia	David Ralph (retired) <i>Senior Provincial Weed Technician British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Lands</i>	?	?	Retired, have not found replacements contact info. As on March 2020, David Ralph was still listed as contact https://bcinvasives.ca/ a/ contact/evan-rafuse
Manitoba	Andrew Lewis <i>Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association</i>	(204) 858- 2590		
Saskatchewa n	Clark Brenzil <i>Provincial Weed Control Specialist Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture</i>	(306)787 -4673		