WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2017 Anaheim, CA

Office or Committee Name: President-elect
Officer or Chairperson Name: Andrew Kniss
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Committee Activities during the Year:

Since the March meeting, I have worked on developing the committee charge for the *ad-hoc* committee on diversity and inclusion that I proposed at the March post-meeting board meeting. I have informally solicited input from several members of the society who have actively advocated for diversity in the past. I hope to appoint a chair for this committee in the coming weeks, and plan to work with that person to fully develop the goals of the committee and help populate the committee with active members.

Lynn Sosnoskie has agreed to serve on the board of directors as public sector member at large. Lynn's experience and background will be a great asset to the leadership of the society. She will also serve as a member on the diversity and inclusion committee, and act as a direct contact between the board of directors and the committee.

Scott Senseman (with WSSA) asked current and former program chairs of WSSA and the regional weed science societies for input to make improvements on the title & abstract submission website. Monte Anderson & I participated in that process, and several of our suggestions should be implemented by the time we put out the call for papers for WSWS.

At least one symposium proposal was received. We will follow up on this in the coming weeks as we plan the annual meeting in Anaheim. I have begun the search for general session speakers for the annual meeting.

Recommendations for Board Action: none at this time, though input on General Session speakers is appreciated.

Budget Needs: None at this time, but may request room costs for general session speakers at a future time.

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