

## **2007 WSSA Committee Report to Members Summary for 2007 and Action Plan for 2008**

**Committee Code and Name:** P11 - Abstracts

**Committee Chair:** Bob Kremer

**Board Coordinator:** David Jordan

**Committee Members Rotating Off:**  
Bob Kremer

**Appropriate Replacements:**  
Wun Chao

**Committee Goals for 2007** (what did the committee plan to accomplish in 2007):

1. Review operation of OASIS abstract submission system and adjust procedures accordingly.
2. Recruit replacement for Abstracts Editor position for Kremer whose term expires in 2008.

**Summary of Progress for 2007:**

What was accomplished toward the goals set by the committee?

1. Continued adjusting (fine-tuning) procedures for the electronic abstract submission via OASIS; general guidelines for submission by meeting participants were slightly revised to assure a more trouble-free process;
2. Dr. Wun Chao was recruited for and accepted Abstracts Editor position to begin in 2008.

What was the membership/committee involvement in committee activities?

Kremer involved at every phase; Exec. Secretary Joyce Lancaster assisted and provided consultation.

If funds were requested, how much was requested and how much was actually spent? N.a.

What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on any or all of the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education?

Provided a very smooth and capable abstract submission procedure for the membership who participate in the annual meeting; final outcome for 2008 meeting submission (completed in 2007) yielded the fewest problem encounters (2) since the electronic submission process was instituted – suggesting a very high satisfaction by the membership. Publication WSSA Abstracts as an on-line retrieval system is also apparently satisfactory as no criticism has been fielded.

What is the current state of committee/project activity and what is needed to further the goals of the committee/project?

The abstract submission process via OASIS specifically for WSSA is now in place and is running smoothly based on 2008 annual meeting abstract submission. The only concern might be the length of time Allen Press continues to coordinate this activity through OASIS.

**Recommendations for Board/Society Action:**

Pending the outcome of meeting with SWSS investigating the joint publication of abstracts for the 2009 joint WSSA/SWSS meeting, some changes in abstract submission and/or publication may be required to accommodate expectations of both societies, which may need Board or Society consideration.

**Committee Goals for 2008:**

Develop or modify abstract submission that will accommodate members of both WSSA and SWSS for the 2009 annual meeting.

**Plan of Action for 2008:**

Dr. Chao will succeed as Chair after 2008 meeting. Based on his experience with the current abstracting process, Dr. Kremer has agreed to continue as a 'coordinator' in overseeing the joint submission process and publication of the combined WSSA and SWSS abstracts.

**Resources needed for 2008:**

Finances: unknown

Membership involvement (person-hours): unknown