

**North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS) - Report to the WSSA Board of Directors  
2008 Annual Meeting – February 3-4, 2008 – Chicago, IL  
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**2008 Annual Meeting**

The 62<sup>nd</sup> NCWSS annual meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis, in St. Louis, MO on December 10-13, 2007. Pre-registration for members was \$220 and \$110 for students, while fees for members and students registering at the conference were \$245 and \$135, respectively. Hotel rooms were \$97/night. Total attendance was 299 members and 58 students for a total of 357 individuals.

This annual meeting hosted three main symposia: “Gene Flow among Transgenic Plants and Their Wild Relatives: Implications for Risk Assessment” (with 46 preregistrations), “The Science and Art of Wildlife Habitat Restoration”, (with 5 unique preregistrations), and “Communication Development: Message Delivery to Weed Science Colleagues and Clientele”.

The program for this annual meeting included 223 volunteer and invited papers, 81 of which were posters. There were 50 student presentations, with 21 students in graduate oral paper contest, 24 in graduate poster contest, and 5 in undergraduate poster contest.

Distinguished Service Awards presented at the NCWSS Annual Meeting banquet were: Education – Douglas Doohan and Young Weed Scientist – Martin Williams and Kevin Gibson. Christopher Boerboom and Michael Horak were named as Fellows of the NCWSS.

*NCWSS Annual Meeting Attendance 2002 - 2007*

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
	St. Louis	Milwaukee	Kansas City	Columbus	Louisville	St. Louis
Members	299	320	279	263	278	279
Students	58	53	53	55	62	81
Pre-registered	332	340	285	318	340	370
Final Attendance	357	373	332	336	381	452

*NCWSS Membership as of September 30, 2007*

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Members	486	444	423	488	545	596
Students	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>100</u>
Total	539	497	484	558	640	696

**2007 Weed Contest.** The 2007 NCWSS Summer Contest was hosted by Bennett Agricultural Research Co., c/o David Bennett, contract research provider at Richland, IA on July 19. A total of 48 students participated in the summer contest with 28 graduate and 20 undergraduate students from nine different schools across the North Central region (Parkland College, University of Illinois, Iowa State University, Michigan State University, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, Kansas State University, Purdue University, and Ohio State University).

**Future Weed Contests.** The 2008 NCWSS Weed Contest will be hosted by Alvey Agricultural Research, c/o Bill Tarter, a contract research provider at their location in Carlyle, IL (19300 Marydale Rd., Carlyle, IL 62231). The dates will be August 13, and 14, 2008.

Proposed locations and hosts for the next several years have been lined up: 2009, co-host with NEWSS at a central location (Maybe Kentucky with Joe Masabnie); 2010, Doug Nord, Larned, KS; and 2011, Lenny Lueke, Fargo, ND.

Based on results from a survey of coaches, the Resident Education committee continues to plan for Collegiate Weed Science contests as a valuable learning experience for our graduate and undergraduate students.

**WSSA outcomes from NCWSS Summer Board and Annual Meetings.**

- The NCWSS would like to participate with the Public Relations committee (chaired by Janis McFarland). The NCWSS also has a Publicity and Public Relations Committee that the Vice-President (Chris Boerboom) chairs. We would ask that Chris Boerboom be the link to the WSSA PR committee and participate as much as possible.
- The NCWSS would like to participate with Lee Van Wychen on the WSSA terminology discussion.

**Future Meetings:**

Indianapolis, IN on December 8-11, 2008  
Kansas City, MO on December 7-10, 2009  
Lexington, KY on December 14-17, 2010