

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

**Committee Code and Name:** National Invasive Weed Awareness Week9

**Committee Chair:** Nelroy Jackson

**Board Coordinator:** Jill Schroeder & Jeff Derr

**Committee Members Rotating Off:**

**Appropriate Replacements:**

**Committee Goals for 2007** (what did the committee plan to accomplish in 2007):  
**Hold a successful NIWAW8 and plan for a more successful NIWAW9**

### **Summary of Progress for 2007:**

What was accomplished toward the goals set by the committee?

*NIWAW8 was successful, despite a huge snowstorm and massive flight and luggage delays. Details were reported at the summer 2007 WSSA Board meeting. Planning began immediately for NIWAW9 and continues apace. We are adapting to changing landscapes and personnel, trying to surmount the challenges.*

What was the membership/committee involvement in committee activities? No

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

*We are working with the Executive Director and the Finance Committee to establish good financial tracking guidelines and sound fiscal management with transparency. A fund-raising/finance committee was formed. It prepared a budget and raised funds. Registration fees were raised and cost reductions achieved in travel, hotel food and beverage charges and catering for the reception.*

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

*Research and Education activities and projects on invasive plants have increased in recent years, judging by the number of papers and symposia at the national and regional society meetings. The publication of the Journal of Invasive Plant Management is another gauge of success.*

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

*Increased participation of the membership in NIWAW and NIWAW-sponsored activity during the year would continue the growth and importance of NIWAW.*

**Recommendations for Board/Society Action:**

*The BOD should adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee based on the proposals from this committee (submitted by Jackson and Van Wychen)*

**Committee Goals for 2008:**

*Hold a successful NIWAW9 and plan for NIWAW10*

**Plan of Action for 2008:**

*Keep on 'Keeping on'*

**Resources needed for 2008:**

Finances: ???

Membership involvement (person-hours):

Innovations for NIWAW9:

- States were encouraged to make proclamations on Management of Invasive Species
- Efforts were made to cooperate more closely with Fish and Wildlife Agencies
- Efforts were made to cooperate more closely with Garden Clubs
- There is a change in format for the Departmental Briefings – Roundtables instead of 'Talking Heads' presentations
- There will be a 'Mixer' on Sunday evening instead of the Orientation Session
- A Contractors' Roundtable is new
- A Congressional Briefing on the 4 poster weeds is planned
- An EPA briefing is also planned.