

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

Committee Code and Name: Sustainable Agriculture W20

Committee Chair: Adam Davis

Board Coordinator: Michael Barrett

Committee Members Rotating Off: Mike Chandler
Replacements: Peter Dotray-S 2012

Appropriate

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

Fund and organize a symposium on the invasive potential of biofuel feedstocks for the 2008 WSSA annual meeting

Summary of Progress for 2007:

What was accomplished toward the goals set by the committee? *We submitted an NRI conference grant, which was funded at \$10,000, and also requested WSSA symposium funds (\$5000).*

What was the membership/committee involvement in committee activities? *Adam Davis, Eric Gallandt and Dan Brainerd were co-PIs on the NRI proposal and helped plan the symposium together.*

If funds were requested, how much was requested and how much was actually spent? *We'll know after the symposium how much of the \$15,000 raised was actually spent.*

What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on any or all of the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education? *We'll know after the symposium. The topic is timely, as the CAST white paper on this topic indicates.*

What is the current state of committee/project activity and what is needed to further the goals of the committee/project? *We've completed the planning stage of the symposium and are now waiting to actually make it happen in February.*

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

Attend the symposium "Invasive Plant Species and the New Bioeconomy" at the WSSA meeting:

Committee Goals for 2008:

- 1) Edit and publish symposium papers**
- 2) Publish symposium talks online**

Plan of Action for 2008:

Complete above goals.

Resources needed for 2008:

Finances:

Page charges for WSSA symposium papers

Membership involvement (person-hours):

Time necessary to edit symposium papers.