

## **2008 summer WSSA Board of Directors meeting Western Society of Weed Science (WSWS) report**

The summer WSWS Board meeting will be July 18-19, 2006 in Albuquerque, NM

### **Future meetings dates and locations:**

March 9-12, 2009, Embassy Suites Hotel, Albuquerque, NM  
2010, TBD Hawaii

### **Current WSWS officers:**

President	Dan Ball
President-Elect/Program chair	Jesse Richardson
Immediate Past-President	Ron Crockett
Secretary	Ian Burke
Member-at-Large, Public sector	Carol Mallory-Smith
Member-at-Large, Private sector	Phil Munger
Chair, Research Section	Kirk Howatt
Chair, Education Regulatory Section	Bill Cobb
WSSA Representative	Vanelle Peterson
CAST Representative	Phil Stahlman
Constitution and Operating Procedures	Kai Umeda
Student liaisons	Melissa Bridges, President Ryan Edwards, President-Elect
Treasurer-Business Manager	Philip A. Banks
Webmaster	Tony White

### **2008 Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA:**

380 registered attendees

The program contained 126 papers, 56 posters, and a symposium on Adjuvant Technology. Included in the program was the annual student paper competition that consisted of 10 student posters and 16 student oral presentations.

Phil Banks, Treasurer-Business Manager, continued to provide orientation sessions at the annual meeting for new members to WSWS and for newly elected Board members. The Board wants to increase volunteers to serve functions within the society by increasing the transparency of the organization. Both sessions were well attended and appreciated.

A successful symposium on Arundo and Phragmites was held for 1.5 days as a part of the annual meeting and extending for a day after. This symposium topic was chosen due to the interest in these weeds in southern California. There were over 100 registrations for the symposium. The WSWS Board approved an ad hoc committee to continue developing topics for future symposia to occur as a part of the last day of the annual meeting and into the following day. The 2008 symposium will cover biocontrol of weeds due to the interest in this topic in the desert southwest.

Honorary Member: Robert Zemetra

Fellows: George Beck and Rick Boydston

Outstanding Achievements:

Outstanding Weed Scientist: Public sector, Robert Wilson

Outstanding Weed Scientist Private sector: Leo Charvet

Outstanding Early Career Weed Scientist: Pat Clay

Weed Manager: Lars Baker

Professional Staff: Lori Howlett

The WSWS Board recently decided to reprint the Weeds of the West after updating the weed names in the book.

Submitted by Vanelle Peterson, WSWS Representative to WSSA

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