

2008 WSSA Committee Report to Members Summary for 2008 and Action Plan for 2009

Committee Code and Name: W3a, Fellows and Honorary Member Subcommittee

Committee Chair: Jim Barrentine Board Coordinator: Ralph Whitesides

Committee Members Rotating Off: Jodie Holt, Jim Griffin, Clarence Swanton

Appropriate Replacements: Jodie Holt, Jim Griffin, Peter Sikkema

2008 Summary of Activities

Seven (7) and zero (0) packets were submitted for WSSA Fellows and Honorary Member Awards, respectively, in 2008. Electronic submissions were timely and complete.

Committee did their normal great job.

2009 Plan for Committee Activities

WSSA members should continue to be encouraged to nominate persons for these Awards, especially for the Honorary Member award. This will be done through the newsletter and personal contact by the regional representatives serving on this committee. WSSA members need to be reminded that candidates must be renominated after 3 years. Several were not renominated this year.

Goals for 2009:

To increase the number of quality of applications.

To focus on the nomination of Honorary Member candidates

Continue to assess the ranking system for selection

Plan of Action: Communicate via the committee regional reps to their societies for encouraging the submission of qualified candidates for the Fellow and/or Honorary Member. Use the Regional Societies Newsletter to prompt the membership and the Board Members.

Work directly with the International Weed Science to ask for nominations of qualified individuals for Honorary Member.

Does not appear that funds are needed for this committee in 2009.

Continue to review with the committee if the system we currently used could be improved. There was considerable discussion this year, but in the end generally concluded that what we did was effective in determining the ranking.

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

Funds requested for 2009:

Other requests for the Board: