

## **2009 WSSA Committee Report to Members Summary for 2009 and Action Plan for 2010**

**Committee Code and Name: W4 Biology of Weed Committee**

**Committee Chair: Jacob Barney**

**Board Coordinator: Sean Askew**

**Committee Members Rotating Off:** Lori Wiles and Michael Marshall will rotate off.

**Appropriate Replacements:** Darrin Dodds, Paul Cavers, John Masuinas, and Nishanth Thayaril will return for another 3-yr term. I have been unable to contact Michael Marshall, so will assume he is rotating off. I have been unable to find replacements despite my calls for recommendations.

### **2009 Summary of Activities**

What were the committee's goals for 2009?

List the committee's accomplishments in 2009: We collaborated on a symposium application for the 2010 Denver meeting titled "**Investigating impacts of invasive plants and invasive plant management on rangeland ecosystem services: a multi-trophic perspective**". This application was denied due to the similarity in other suggested symposia.

What information was posted on the WSSA website? N/A

How much funds were requested? **\$0** How much was spent? **\$0**

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

What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities? We are in the planning process of possibly renaming the committee to include "Ecology", as many of us feel that weed science is becoming more ecologically minded. We are also working on a potential symposium for the 2011 WSSA meeting (see below).

### **2010 Plan for Committee Activities**

Goals for 2010: Organize a symposium proposal for 2011 meeting

Plan of Action: We are working together to organize a symposium that encompasses the purview of the committee with a topic of general interest (global change, biofuels, restoration, etc).

What is needed to further the goals of the committee/project? N/A

**Recommendations for Board/Society Action:**

Funds requested for 2010: N/A

Other requests for the Board: N/A