

Date: January 5, 2010
To: WSSA Board
From: Peter H. Sikkema, Vice President, Canadian Weed Science Society
Re: Canadian Weed Science Society

The Board members of the Canadian Weed Science Society continued to meet via conference call on a regular basis throughout this past year. This has been a very effective way to ensure good governance of the society.

Anita Drabek, our new executive assistant has done an admirable job in her first 14 months on the job. Anita started with the CWSS a couple of months prior to the annual meeting in Banff in 2008. Needless to say, her learning curve was very steep, but she very successfully fulfilled her duties to our Society and in 2009 was instrumental in coordinating a very smooth annual meeting. Anita has spent a lot of time launching our new CWSS website.

Our Society held its annual conference in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island from November 23th to 26th, 2009 with attendance of 130. The Board met prior to the conference for a day to review our strategic plan and set goals for 2010.

Our new web page was launched in 2009.

The following were the CWSS award recipients in 2009:

CWSS Fellow Award: Dr. John O'Donovan

Dow AgroSciences Excellence in Weed Science Award: Dr. Linda Hall

Viterra Excellence in Weed Extension Award: Mike Cowbrough

The new executive and Board members have already started planning for this coming year. The new President is Dr. Susan Boyetchko from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Our annual conference in 2010 is scheduled to be held in Regina, Saskatchewan from November 16th to 18th.