

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

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

Committee Chair: Jim Barrentine

Board Coordinator: Ralph Whitesides

Committee Members Rotating Off: Brad Majek

Appropriate Replacements: Mark Van Gessel

2009 Summary of Activities

What were the committee's goals for 2009?

Primary goal was to increase the number of Fellow and Honorary Member nominees.

List the committee's accomplishments in 2009:

We were not as successful as planned. We had 5 nominees for Fellow and 1 nominee for Honorary Member

We did agree that the ranking system worked as well other alternative systems

What information was posted on the WSSA website?

Normal info about Fellow & Honorary Member requirements & dates of submission

How much funds were requested? How much was spent?

None were requested

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

Don't think we can measure any impact from the selection of Fellows and Honorary Member, but it should be of more interest to our membership than it apparently is.

What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities?

We have tentative agreed to submit 3 nominees with nominators for Fellows from each Regional Society for 2010 selections. If we can pull that off, we would be at a position of having more qualified nominees to select from and the pool for selection for future years.

2010 Plan for Committee Activities

Goals for 2010:

To increase the number Fellow applications.

To focus on the nomination of Honorary Member candidates

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.

Provide 3 nominees from each Regional Society for Fellow selection

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 2010.

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

Improved contact with the Regional Societies on submission of nominees-more timely coincide with nominee submission date

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

Funds requested for 2010:

None

Other requests for the Board:

Encourage Regional Societies to submit Fellow nominees