

**North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS) - Report to the WSSA Board of Directors  
2009 Annual Meeting – February 7-11th – Denver, CO  
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**2009 Annual Meeting**

The 64th NCWSS annual meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency, in Kansas City, Missouri on December 7-10, 2009. Pre-registration for members was \$240 and \$120 for students, while fees for members and students registering at the conference were \$290 and \$170, respectively. Hotel rooms were \$129/night. Total attendance was 243 members and 60 students for a total of 303 individuals. There were also six individuals who registered for the one day invasive weed symposium

This annual meeting hosted four main symposia: “Opportunities and Obstacles for the Future of Applied Weed Management (Extension Discussion)”, “Making Sense of the Numbers: Statistics for Weed Science”, “The NCWSS Learning Store, Technology Training for Successful Chemical Weed Control”, and “Invasive Weed Management in the Mid-Plains”.

The program for this annual meeting included 187 volunteer and invited papers, 68 of which were posters. There were 62 student presentations, with 40 students in graduate oral paper contest, 21 in graduate poster contest, and 1 in undergraduate poster contest.

Distinguished Service Awards presented at the NCWSS Annual Meeting banquet were: Education – Reid Smeda, Industry – Adrian Moses, Young Weed Scientist – Kevin Bradley and Adam Davis, and Professional Staff – James L. Moody. Jonathan (J.D.) Green, Thomas Threwitt, and Robert Klein were named as Fellows of the NCWSS.

*NCWSS Annual Meeting Attendance 2003 - 2009*

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
	K.C.	Indianap.	St. Louis	Milwauk.	K.C.	Columb.	Louisville
Members	243	295	299	320	279	263	278
Students	<u>60</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>62</u>
Pre-registered	280	322	332	340	285	318	340
Final Attendance	303	349 <sup>a</sup>	357	373	332	336	381

<sup>a</sup> These numbers do not include attendance from the Midwest Invasive Plant Network (MIPN), approximately 159 were in attendance.

*NCWSS Membership as of September 30, 2009*

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Members	450	464	486	444	423	488	545	596
Students	<u>56</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>100</u>
Total	506	502	539	497	484	558	640	696

**2009 Weed Contest.** The 2009 joint NCWSS and NEWSS Summer Contest was hosted by AgriBusiness Group (ABG) Ag Research near Indianapolis, Indiana on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. This was the first time that the NCWSS and NEWSS held a joint contest and members of both societies largely viewed it as a success. There was a sub-committee of Anita Dille and John Hinz from the NCWSS, Dwight Lingefelter and Carren Judge from NEWSS and Fritz Koppatschek, weed science contest host to decide the rules for the joint NCWSS and NEWSS weeds contest. There were 83 students, 50 graduate and 33 undergraduate, who participated in the weeds contest. There were 14 graduate and 9 undergraduate teams from across the Northeastern and North Central regions.

**Future Weed Contests.** There will not be a 2010 NCWSS Weed Contest. However, this event will be replaced with a NCWSS Summer School. This event will be held in Madison, Wisconsin and will be titled, *NCWSS Summer School: Exploring Wisconsin's Weeds, Aqa and Environment*. On the first day of the school, participating students will have the opportunity to tour Del Monte processing fields and plants, Jack's Pride muck farms, potato farms, and a variety of other fresh market vegetable fields. On the second day of the school, students will be able to take a tour of cranberry bogs, glacial lakes, interact with Ocean Spray consultants, tour Cedar Grove cheese farms, and a variety of pastures and grazing systems in the area. On the final day, students will participate in a half-day crop diagnostics troubleshooting workshop. The event will take place from July 26<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup> and is being coordinated by Chris Boerboom. The possibility of graduate student class credit is also being explored.

In 2011, the NCWSS will likely participate in the 2011 summer weed Olympics event hosted by the University of Tennessee and therefore will not host a separate contest at that time.

**Outcomes from NCWSS Summer Board and Annual Meetings.**

- The NCWSS board voted in favor of website delivery of paper and poster presentations from the annual meetings. The paper and poster presentations would be in an Adobe Acrobat pdf file format without any audio recording and authors would be given the opportunity to decline this service upon submitting their title or abstracts. This activity will also address concerns regarding the proprietary nature of some presentations and sharing of files with section chairs or moderators.

**Future Meetings:**

Lexington, KY on December 14-17, 2010  
 Milwaukee, WI on December 12-15, 2011  
 St. Louis, MO on December 10-13, 2012

**NCWSS 2009 Summer Board meeting**

- Scheduled for July 29, 2010, Milwaukee, WI.