

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

**Committee Code and Name:** **P1-Publications Board**

**Committee Chair:** **James V. Anderson**

**Board Coordinator:** **James V. Anderson**

**Committee Members Rotating Off:** **None**

**Appropriate Replacements:** **NA**

### 2009 Summary of Activities

What were the committee's goals for 2009?

- Assist with developing a contract for the translation of Weed Technology abstracts into Spanish.
- Determine if a contract extension/amendment for publishing with Allen Press would be in the best interest of WSSA.
- Determine if Ahead-of-Print papers could be made available through the BioOne website.

List the committee's accomplishments in 2009:

- A contract has been established for the translation of Weed Technology abstracts into Spanish. Starting with the first issue of 2010, Weed Technology will include abstracts in both English and Spanish.
- An amendment to the current Publications Contract with Allen Press from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2013 has been approved by the BOD, and signed by Allen Press and WSSA. The amended contract includes options for Weed Science to be published with a four color cover and changing to a quarterly publication schedule.
- BioOne decided not to post preprints on their website. Allen Press will continue to post the ahead-of-print articles on the WSSA journal site and Karen Ridgway has asked the online publishing staff to let her know what options are available to optimize usage of these files.

What information was posted on the WSSA website?

- P1 Publication Committee reports from 2009 Annual and Summer Board Meeting.
- WSSA Newsletter article related Weed Science changes (A New Look and Publication Schedule for Weed Science, Vol 37(4), 2009).
- An article related to inclusion of Spanish Abstracts in Weed Technology has been forwarded for print in the next IWSS Newsletter.

How much funds were requested? \$2,000;

How much was spent? \$631.17

2009 Annual Meeting: \$260.77

2009 Summer Board Meeting: \$370.40

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

- Membership-unknown.
- Publication-change is publication schedule and cover of Weed Science, and inclusion of Spanish abstracts in Weed Technology. The change in publication schedule and amendment to the publishing contract will now allow members to receive one journal issue every month of the year; Weed Science (Jan., April, July, Oct.), Weed Technology (Feb., May, Aug., Nov.) and Invasive Plant Science and Management (March, June, Sept., Dec.).
- Policy-refined guidelines for submission and review process.
- Legislation-unknown.
- Education-unknown.

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

- Little progress has been made on WSSA Project Proposal for a book on Adjuvants.

## **2010 Plan for Committee Activities**

Goals for 2010:

- Continue to track Benchmarks for IPSM.
- Continue to support and assist Dr. Zollinger with WSSA Project Proposal for a book on Adjuvants.
- Monitor the impact of Spanish abstracts in Weed Technology to determine if Spanish abstracts should also be included in other WSSA journals.
- Develop an SOP for covering page charges related to symposiums.

Plan of Action:

- Monitor the impact of Spanish abstracts on journal and membership subscriptions and/or changes to Impact Factor of Weed Technology.
- One option for developing an SOP would be to provide a line item request in the symposium proposal for funding symposium papers. For example, the member organizing the symposium could request up to \$1000 to cover page charges. The organizer would then be empowered to assist authors as needed.

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

- The broad support of the Society.

## **Recommendations for Board/Society Action:**

Funds requested for 2010: \$2,000

Other requests for the Board: None