

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

Committee Code and Name: W3c Research Award Subcommittee

Committee Chair: Joe DiTomaso

Board Coordinator: Lori Wiles

Committee Members Rotating Off:

The Chair (Joe DiTomaso (W)), as well as David Gealy (S), Scott Nissen (W) and Scott Glenn (NE) all rotate off the committee in 2010. This leaves only Pat Tranel (NC) and John O'Donovan (C). I would suggest that Pat Tranel be the new Chair and also suggest adding some past winners to the committee including Jodie Holt (W) and Charu Charudattan (S), as well as other award winners, including Toni DiTommaso (NE) and Rod Lym (W and NC).

Appropriate Replacements:

2009 Summary of Activities

What were the committee's goals for 2009?

- Advertise for nominations and select the best possible candidate for the Research Award.

List the committee's accomplishments in 2009:

- We had five outstanding nominations this year. The committee recommends Dr. Jodie Holt for the 2010 WSSA Research award. Dr. Holt is Professor and Chair of the Botany and Plant Sciences Department at the University of California, Riverside. She has long been a member of WSSA and while being very well published and respected in the weed science field, she is widely known for her Weed Ecology textbook.

What information was posted on the WSSA website?

- Criteria for nomination was posted on the website.

How much funds were requested? How much was spent?

- None

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

- None

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

- The committee has six members, all participated in the voting for the award this year.

2010 Plan for Committee Activities

Goals for 2010: Continue to encourage nominations of good qualified WSSA members for the award.

Plan of Action: Contact individuals to encourage nomination of good candidates. This was done to some degree last year and led to the nomination of the eventual recipient.

What is needed to further the goals of the committee/project? The committee seems to be functioning well. Members still need to consider nominating worthy individuals for the award. During my tenure as chair I have noted the many weed scientists who are very accomplished and worthy of this award, but who have never been nominated. We need to continue to encourage the membership to recognize their high quality peers.

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

Funds requested for 2010: None requested

Other requests for the Board: None