

2013 WSSA Committee Report

Committee Code and Name: E3 - CAST

Committee Chair: Jeffrey Derr, NEWSS

Committee Members - 2012: Randy Prostack – NEWSS, John Madsen - APMS, Ryan Wersal - APMS, Curtis Thompson – NCWSS, Phil Westra – WSSS, Drew Lyon - WSSS

Board Coordinator: Sarah Ward

Committee Members Rotating Off: NA **Appropriate Replacements:** NA

Summary of Activities

- What were the committee's goals for 2012? Participate in conference calls for the CAST Plant working group and participate in the CAST annual meeting

List the committee's accomplishments (since the last annual meeting): CAST released in 2012 the issue paper: Paper 49—*Herbicide-resistant Weeds Threaten Soil Conservation Gains: Finding a Balance for Soil and Farm Sustainability*. The plant work group is developing several proposals for new CAST publications, including Controlling aquatic nuisance pests, Grad Student Funding – Commentary paper, The Role of the Federal Government in Crop Protection Research, and Ag Innovation to Sustainably Feed the World in 2050.

- What information was posted on the WSSA website? Nothing was posted by the committee.
- What amount of funds were requested? How much was spent? No money was requested.
- What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education? CAST publications impact public policy as well as educating the general public.
- What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities? Ongoing improvement of the proposals listed above.

2013 Plan for Committee Activities

- Goals for 2013: to have as many of the proposals listed above as possible become CAST publications
- Plan of Action: Continued editing of the proposals to meet requests from the CAST board

Recommendations for Board/Society Action: none

- Funds requested for 2013: none
- Other requests for the Board: none