

**North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS) - Report to the WSSA Board of Directors
2010 Annual Meeting – February 13-16
Kevin W. Bradley**

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2010 Annual Meeting

The 65th NCWSS annual meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington, Kentucky on December 13-16, 2010. 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 \$120/night. Total attendance was 295 members and 65 students for a total of 360 individuals. Attendance was up by 57 people from the previous meeting in 2009.

This annual meeting hosted four main symposia: “More NCWSS Learning Store – Application and Adjuvant Symposium,” “Cover Crops and Weed Management,” “What’s New in Industry?,” “2, 4-D – Past, Present and Future. Status of One of the World’s Most Widely Used Herbicides.”

The program for this annual meeting included 91 volunteer and invited papers, 72 of which were posters. There were at least 65 student presentations, with 32 students in the graduate oral paper contest, 28 in the graduate poster contest, and 5 in the undergraduate poster contest.

Distinguished Service Awards presented at the NCWSS Annual Meeting banquet were: Education – Aaron Hager, Research – Peter Sikkema, Young Weed Scientist –Darren Robinson, and Professional Staff – Jon Scott.

NCWSS Annual Meeting Attendance 2003 - 2010

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
	Lexington	Kansas City	Indianapolis	St. Louis	Milwaukee ^a	Kansas City	Columbus	Louisville
Members	295	243	295	299	320	279	263	278
Students	<u>65</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>62</u>
Pre-registered	315	280	322	332	340	285	318	340
Final Attendance	360	303	349 ^a	357	373	332	336	381

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

NCWSS Membership as of December 1, 2010

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Members	456	450	464	486	444	423	488	545	596
Students	<u>68</u>	<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	524	506	502	539	497	484	558	640	696

Future Weed Contests.

In 2011, the NCWSS will participate in the 2011 summer weed Olympics event hosted by the University of Tennessee and therefore will not host a separate contest in that year. The summer weed Olympics will take place on July 26 and 27th at the East TN Research and Education Center. Rooms are \$95/night. Transportation is provided to and from all events. The website for this event is www.weedolympics2011.org. Planning is in place for the 2012 Weed Science Contest which may take place in Western Kansas with Doug Nord from Diamond Ag Company.

Outcomes from 2010 NCWSS Summer Board and Annual Meetings.

- A significant change was made and approved to the NCWSS MOP during the 2009-2010 year. These new changes were made due to the new strategic planning committee and “state director” organizational set-up now in place within NCWSS.
- This was the first year the NCWSS used the abstract submission software developed by David Krueger and Ag Renaissance. This was viewed as successful first run and very good for the society. No major changes were deemed necessary; the program chair was very pleased with the software.
- A motion was made and approved for the re-design of our NCWSS website during the 2011 calendar year. David Krueger and Ag Renaissance have been contracted for this service.
- The NCWSS board voted in favor of website delivery of paper and poster presentations from the annual meetings for members only. The paper and poster presentations would be in an Adobe Acrobat pdf (or a more secure) file format without any audio recording and authors would be given the opportunity to decline this service upon submitting their title and/or abstracts. All presentations and posters would be deleted from the web by March 1st. This is an attempt to allow those members who can’t attend the meeting or who miss a specific presentation to view a presentation at a later time. We also hope that members view this as a service that adds value to their membership.
- The NCWSS board and strategic planning committee is looking for ways to help WSSA, the EPA Liaison, the Director of Science Policy, and others in their efforts at education of EPA dignitaries, politicians, decision-makers, etc.
- NCWSS voted to put a check box for CAST membership on the NCWSS registration website in an effort to increase membership in CAST.

Future Meetings:

Milwaukee, WI on December 12-15, 2011 (in conjunction with MIPN)

St. Louis, MO on December 10-13, 2012

Columbus, OH on December 9-12, 2013

NCWSS 2011 Summer Board meeting

- Still in the planning mode. We are not sure whether we will meet at the site of the summer weed Olympics or at the hotel where the NCWSS meeting will be held in Milwaukee.