

**North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS) - Report to the WSSA Board of Directors
2012 Annual Meeting, The Big Island, Hawaii – February 6-9**

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2011 NCWSS Annual Meeting:

The 66th NCWSS annual meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on December 12-15, 2011. 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. Total attendance was 358 members of which 57 were students. This was another joint meeting with the Midwest Invasive Plant Network.

This annual meeting hosted three main symposia: “Giant Ragweed Biology and Management,” “Invasive Plants,” and “What’s New in Industry?” The program for this annual meeting included 268 volunteer and invited papers, 75 of which were posters. There were at least 65 student presentations, with 33 students in the graduate oral paper contest, 21 in the graduate poster contest, and 1 in the undergraduate poster contest.

Distinguished Service Awards presented at the NCWSS Annual Meeting banquet were: Education – Anita Dille and Walter Fick, Industry – Terry Wright and Greg Dahl, Professional Staff –Nader Soltani, and Fellow – Bill Johnson, Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, and Gordon Roskamp.

NCWSS Annual Meeting Attendance 2003 - 2010

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
	Milwaukee	Lexington	Kansas City	Indianapolis	St. Louis	Milwaukee ^a	Kansas City	Columbus	Louisville
Members		295	243	295	299	320	279	263	278
Students		65	60	54	58	53	53	55	62
Pre-registered		315	280	322	332	340	285	318	340
Final Attendance	355	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.

Future Meetings:

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

Columbus, OH on December 9-12, 2013

Minneapolis, MN on December 1-4, 2014

Outcomes from 2011 NCWSS Summer Board and Annual Meetings.

- A new NCWSS website went live in March. David Krueger with Ag Renaissance was the developer.
- The Strategic Planning Committee is considering how best to record presentations from the NCWSS. It has been determined that we will be using the Giant Ragweed symposium, which was recorded, as a pilot program that will be placed on the NCWSS website early in 2012.
- The 2012 NCWSS Student Summer Contest is scheduled for August 9 in Larned, KS with Doug Nord and his company Diamond Ag as the host.