

**North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS) - Report to the WSSA Board of Directors
2009 Annual Meeting – February 7-8, 2008 – Orlando, FL
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2008 Annual Meeting

The 63rd NCWSS annual meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, Indiana on December 8-11, 2008. Pre-registration for members was \$230 and \$115 for students, while one day registration for symposia or the Midwest Invasive Plant Network (MIPN) meeting was \$75. Registration costs for members and students registering at the conference were \$280 and \$165, respectively. Hotel rooms were \$105/night. Total attendance was 349 members, approximately 54 are students. In addition there were 159 participants from MIPN.

This annual meeting hosted the following three symposia: “Herbicide Resistant Crops Symposium”, “Midwest Invasive Plant Network Symposium”, and the “Integrated Weed Management: Tools of the Trade Symposium.”

The program for this annual meeting included 226 volunteer and invited papers, 80 of which were posters. There were 55 student presentations, with 27 students in graduate oral paper contest, 28 in graduate poster contest, and 1 in undergraduate poster contest.

Distinguished Service Awards presented at the NCWSS Annual Meeting banquet were: Research – Frank Forcella, Young Weed Scientist – Anita Dille, and Professional Staff – Damian Franzenburg and Joseph Matthews. Thomas Peters, Jeffrey Gunsolus, and Kassim Al-Khatib were named as Fellows of the NCWSS.

NCWSS Annual Meeting Attendance 2002 - 2007

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
	Indianapolis	St. Louis	Milwaukee	Kansas City	Columbus	Louisville	St. Louis
Members	295	299	320	279	263	278	279
Students	<u>54</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>81</u>
Pre-registered	322	332	340	285	318	340	370
Final Attendance ^a	349	357	373	332	336	381	452

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

NCWSS Membership as of September 30, 2008

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Members	464	486	444	423	488	545	596
Students	<u>58</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>100</u>
Total	502	539	497	484	558	640	696

2008 Weed Contest. The 2008 NCWSS Summer Contest was hosted by SGS Alvey Ag Research c/o Bill Tarter and Greg Steckel in Carlyle, IL on August 14. A total of 46 students participated in the summer contest with 34 graduate and 12 undergraduate students from 7 different schools across the North Central region (University of Illinois, Michigan State University, University of Nebraska, Kansas State University, Purdue University, and Ohio State University).

Future Weed Contests. The 2009 NCWSS Weed Contest will be hosted by AgriBusiness Group (ABG) Ag Research near Indianapolis, Indiana. The date will be Thursday July 23, 2008. This contest will be held as a joint contest with the NEWSS.

Proposed locations and hosts for the next several years include: 2010, Doug Nord, Larned, KS; and 2011, Lenny Lueke, Fargo, ND.

Based on results from a survey of coaches, the Resident Education committee continues to plan for Collegiate Weed Science contests as a valuable learning experience for our graduate and undergraduate students.

WSSA outcomes from NCWSS Summer Board and Annual Meetings.

- Proposed changes: the President will appoint a NCWSS representative to the WSSA Science Policy Committee for a term of 2 or more years.
- The Vice President will serve as the NCWSS representative to the WSSA Public Awareness Committee. This year's Vice President is Mark Wrucke with Bayer Crop Sciences.

Future Meetings:

Kansas City, MO on December 7-10, 2009

Lexington, KY on December 14-17, 2010

Milwaukee, MN on Dec. 12-15, 2011

NCWSS 2009 Summer Board meeting

- Scheduled for July 22, 2009, Indianapolis, Indiana.