

2009 WSSA Committee Report to Members Update for 2009 Summer BOD Meeting

Committee Code and Name: [P1-Publications Board](#)

Committee Chair: [James V. Anderson](#)

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2009 Summary of Activities

List the committee's activities in 2009:

- Members of the Publications Board assisted with the review of chapters for Dr. Zimdahl's proposed book on "The History of Weed Science". A summary of the reviews and suggestions for improving the overall content of the book chapters were sent to Dr. Zimdahl for his reference. In June of 2009, Dr. Zimdahl informed me that Academic Press had agreed to publish his book. As such, the Publications Board will take no further action on the proposal submitted by Dr. Zimdahl.
- Little progress has been made since the last report on the "Adjuvant Book" but Rich Zollinger indicated that some authors have started the literature review process and he continues to encourage the authors from time-to-time.
- A proposal to amend the current Publications Contract with Allen Press has been submitted by Karen Ridgway. The contract includes options for Weed Science to be published with a four color cover and changing to a quarterly publication schedule.
- New Journal Citation Reports show that the 2008 Impact Factor for Weed Science increased from 1.299 in 2007 to 1.631 in 2008. Impact Factor for Weed Technology remained consistent at 0.854 (see attached file: Impact Factors and Immediacy Index). Unfortunately, BioOne recently indicated that they have decided not to post preprints on their website. Allen Press will continue to post the ahead-of-print articles on the WSSA journal site and Karen Ridgway has asked the online publishing staff to let her know what options are available to optimize usage of these files.
- Editors continue to receive requests to have page charges waived for symposium papers. As DOP, I am proposing that WSSA consider developing an SOP for covering page charges related to symposiums. One option would be to provide a line item request in the symposium proposal for funding symposium papers. For example, the member organizing the symposium could request \$1000 to cover page charges. The organizer would then be empowered to assist authors as needed.