

2012 WSSA Committee Report

February, 2013

Committee Code and Name: W13 Weed Alert

Committee Chair: Al Tasker USDA APHIS

Committee Members - 2012:

WSSA W13 Committee Replacements for 2012

Region	Expiring Term	Replacement
Chair		
Alan Tasker-NE	2013	
Anderson, Lars-W	2015	
Mervosh, Todd-NE	2015	
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Randall, John-W	2014	John
Richardson, Rob-S	2015	left voicemail re: Chair?
Webster, Ted-S	2014	
Melissa Bravo-NE	2016	
Ex officio (E4 chair)		
John Byrd-S	2016	

Board Coordinator: Jake Barney VPI

Committee Members Rotating Off:

Tasker

Anderson

Appropriate Replacements:

or merge w/ E4 Noxious Weed if can't find a volunteer for chair. Richardson?

Renew (called) or Tim Murphy UGA or
Tony Koop APHIS Raleigh (called tentative)

Summary of Activities

- What were the committee's goals for 2012?
 - Finalize publication of papers from Parasitic Plants Symposium co-organized by Tasker & Jim Westwood VPI
 - Develop various outreach and educational projects regarding weed programs, including support of educational programs through FICMNEW agencies and non-federal stakeholders.
 - Coordinate plans for National Invasive Species Awareness Week Kid's Day March 3, 2013
 - Work with FICMNEW partners on plans for 2012 half-day brainstorming Prevention session at 2012 National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW).
 - Provide email list for the committee to forward drafts, information, and links of potential interest
 - Provide drafts of FNW and NAPPRA factsheets for committee review
- List the committee's accomplishments (since the last annual meeting):
 - Finalized publication of papers from Parasitic Plants Symposium (Weed Science, Volume 60, Issue 2.). Edited with Jim Westwood
 - Updated with E4 committee consideration for implementation plan for "A National Survey of Selected Federal Noxious Weed Specimens in U.S. Herbaria" to survey herbaria for priority noxious weeds or potential noxious weeds & state weeds of concern. The project was dropped due to lack of funding and Tasker moving to a new APHIS job. A proposal to the WSSA board for a joint APHIS/WSSA national survey was drafted, but put on hold pending finding a funding source. A DC area pilot project was drafted for local use, and was discussed. Discussed possible use of state Extension personnel who are eligible for sabbaticals. Several herbaria were interested even in the absence of funding, but no one in APHIS PPQ is available to champion the project at this time.
 - Factsheets from the Chris Parker project posted on the WSSA website. Drafted Not Allowed Pending Pest Risk Assessment (NAPPRA) factsheets to support regulatory process.
 - Planning with FICMNEW for a session at the 2013 NISAW on ideas for a national publicity campaign for Invasive Species (including weeds). Follow-up to 2012 Prevention brainstorming session.

- APHIS Initiated Round I of a new NAPPRA category of weeds. Notice of the draft list was published in Federal Register (FR), Final notice of the list and response to comments is in process for final notice for the following Round I pest plant species:

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| • <i>Acacia hockii</i> | • <i>Eleocharis kuroguwai</i> | • <i>Oryza barthii</i> |
| • <i>Andropogon gayanus</i> | • <i>Gomphrena celosioides</i> | • <i>Phyllanthus maderaspatensis</i> * |
| • <i>Artemisia austriaca</i> * | • <i>Hakea salicifolia</i> ** | • <i>Picnemon acarna</i> |
| • <i>Berberis glaucocarpa</i> * | • <i>Hakea sericea</i> ? | • <i>Potamogeton distinctus</i> |
| • <i>Berkheya rigida</i> | • <i>Impatiens parviflora</i> ** | • <i>Potamogeton schweinfurthii</i> |
| • <i>Bromus pectinatus</i> | • <i>Launaea cornuta</i> | • <i>Praxelis clematidea</i> * |
| • <i>Cassinia arcuata</i> | • <i>Limnophila heterophylla</i> * | • <i>Rumex sagittatus</i> |
| • <i>Cestrum laevigatum</i> | • <i>Litsea glutinosa</i> | • <i>Senecio angulatus</i> |
| • <i>Cineraria lyratifolia</i> | • <i>Ludwigia hyssopifolia</i> | • <i>Wikstroemia indica</i> |
| • <i>Cordia curassavica</i> | • <i>Ludwigia prostrata</i> | |
| • <i>Echinochloa pyramidalis</i> * | • <i>Nymphoides cristata</i> * | |

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** WRA in draft

<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2011-0072>

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/weeds/newregs.shtml

- Initiated Round II NAPPRA, Factsheets completed, and in clearance process to publish Notice in FR LIST the following pest plant species:

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| • <i>Acroceras zizanioides</i> | • <i>Fuirena ciliaris</i> | • <i>Ottolochloa nodosa</i> |
| • <i>Actinoscirpus grossus</i> | • <i>Gnaphalium affine</i> | • <i>Persicaria thunbergii</i> |
| • <i>Austroeupatorium inulifolium</i> | • <i>Isachne globosa</i> | • <i>Pycnus flavidus</i> |
| • <i>Campuloclinium macrocephalum</i> | • <i>Ischaemum muticum</i> | • <i>Rubus alceifolius</i> |
| • <i>Cyanotis axillaris</i> | • <i>Kyllinga polyphylla</i> | • <i>Sagittaria pygmaea</i> |
| • <i>Cyperus exaltatus</i> | • <i>Kyllinga pulchella</i> | • <i>Tarchonanthus camphoratus</i> |
| • <i>Desmostachya bipinnata</i> | • <i>Mollugo pentaphylla</i> | |
| • <i>Digitaria ternata</i> | • <i>Myoporum tenuifolium</i> | |

- Develop list of List of FNW Candidates

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| • <i>Berberis glaucocarpa</i> * | • <i>Hyptis brevipes</i> |
| • <i>Berkheya rigida</i> | • <i>Launaea cornuta</i> |
| • <i>Cestrum laevigatum</i> | • <i>Limnophila heterophylla</i> * (Present in Calif limited) |
| • <i>Chrysanthemum myconis</i> Round 1 Discard | • <i>Ludwigia prostrata</i> |
| • <i>Cordia curassavica</i> | • <i>Phyllanthus maderaspatensis</i> * |
| • <i>Cyanotis axillaris</i> | • <i>Persicaria thunbergii</i> |
| • <i>Cyperus exaltatus</i> | • <i>Potamogeton distinctus</i> |
| • <i>Coleostephus myconis</i> | • <i>Senecio burcheli</i> |
| • <i>Desmostachya bipinnata</i> | • <i>Tarchonanthus camphoratus</i> |
| • <i>Eleocharis kuroguwai</i> | • <i>Trichodesma zeylanicum</i> |
| • <i>Fuirena ciliaris</i> | • <i>Wikstroemia indica</i> |
| • <i>Gnaphalium affine</i> | |
| • <i>Gomphrena celosioides</i> | Round 1 |
| • <i>Hakea salicifolia</i> ** | Round 2 |
| • <i>Hypericum triquetrifolium</i> | |

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** WRA in draft

- Progress on factsheets for Federal Noxious Weeds (FNW)s to post on APHIS website:
 - (a) Finalizing FNW factsheet drafts for inclusion in a Customs and Border Protection manual
 - (b) Worked on copyright releases for images in the draft factsheets.
 - (c) Developed plan for posting Federal Noxious Weed and BC factsheets to APHIS Hungry Pest website (will provide update to WSSA when posted) website: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/hungrypests/>. Provided a selection of FNW factsheets as a 'Dirty Dozen' of FNWs to APHIS Legislative and Public Affairs for posting on APHIS Hungry Pest site. Because this is still pending, the new FNW National Policy Manager and Tasker are considering posting this on the APHIS PPQ Weeds website http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/weeds/index.shtml. A link to this webpage will be provided to WSSA when they are posted.

- What information was posted on the WSSA website?
 - New factsheets from Parker project. Cooperative project w/ E-4
- What amount of funds were requested? How much was spent?

- None
- What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education?
 - Publication: Weed Sci articles on Parasitic Plants Symposium
 - Education: Kids day NISAW executed in 2012 & 2013 planning completed for March 3, 23013
- What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities?
 - Continuing liaison between the NAPPRA project and Federal Noxious Weed regulation/deregulation.
 - Liaison with the Weed Risk Assessment group in APHIS PPQ CPHST PERAL.

2013 Plan for Committee Activities

- Goals for 2013:
 - Finalize NAPPRA I
 - Publish NAPPRA II
 - Start NAPPRA III
 - Cooperate with APHIS FNW program on listing/delisting process from the NAPPRA process and other sources
- Plan of Action:
 - Seek review input from committee on factsheet or WRA drafts
 - Develop various outreach and educational projects regarding weed programs, including support of educational programs through FICMNEW agencies and non-federal stakeholders.
 - Provide support to the Society on continued follow-up for the Chris Parker project.
- **Recommendations for Board/Society Action:**
 - Funds requested for 2013: None
 - Other requests for the Board: None currently