

2011 WSSA Committee Progress Report February, 2012

Committee Code and Name: W4 Weed Biology & Ecology Committee

Committee Chair: Jacob Barney

Committee Members, 2011: Paul Cavers, Mark Czarnota, Anita Dille, Darrin Dodds, Jason Ferrel, Erik Lehnhoff, John Masuinas, Rich Smith, Nishanth Thayaril, Lori Wiles

Board Coordinator: Jacob Barney

Committee Members Rotating Off: The following folks are scheduled to rotate off.

Jacob Barney - NE

Paul Cavers - C

Anita Dille - NC

Erik Lehnhoff - W

Rich Smith - NE

Lori Wiles - W

Suggested Replacements: No replacements have been identified. We would like to first judge whether we will remain an active committee, and secondly we would like to use the new system to identify new members.

2011 Summary of Activities (through January 2012)

- What are the committee's goals for 2012? Before we set 2012 goals we will be discussing the need to continue to function as an independent committee.
- List the committee's accomplishments (through January 2012): The committee submitted a symposium proposal "*From microbes to mammals: Understanding multitrophic interactions to improve noxious weed management*" for the 2012 WSSA annual meeting, but we were encouraged to resubmit for 2013.
- What information was posted on the WSSA website? N/A, though we have suggestions for making additions to the new website that include a "clickable" map of noxious weed lists by state, and overlay this with state and regional invasive plant lists.
- Were funds requested for 2011? N/A How much was spent? N/A
- What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education? N/A
- What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities? We will be discussing major changes to the committee that may result in dissolution or new projects.

2012 Plan for Committee Activities

- Other Goals for 2012:
- Plan of Action:

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

- Funds requested for 2012: N/A
- Other requests for the Board: We will inform the board of our meeting outcome of whether we will continue to function as a committee.