

Committee Name and Code: President-Elect and Program Committee

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Committee Members, 2023

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Peter Dotray WSSA Representative from the SWSS

My grateful thanks to the members of this Program Committee for all their help and service.

**Board of Directors Liaison: Gregory Dahl** 

Committee members rotating off and recommended replacements:

Most of them.

The SWSS representatives will be replaced by CWSS representatives.

Need to read committee reports and attend as many Section meetings as we can to get new representatives.

Committee Goals: Plan and produce the 2024 WSSA and SWSS Joint Annual Meeting. Line up WSSA Webinars for release to membership in 2024. Represent WSSA and the 2024 WSSA/SWSS Joint Annual Meeting.

Summary of past year's, 2023, activities including:

Worked with the WSSA/SWSS planning meeting. Met at least once a month since April 2023.

I appreciated all the great suggestions and efforts of the Program Committee members.

I think this will be a great meeting.

Worked with Todd Baughman to send out Call for Symposia. Collected proposals and selected four proposals, which were approved by both the WSSA and SWSS Board of Directors.

Worked with Todd Baughman to Issue the Call for Papers, put together the written program and doing the follow up work to put on a successful meeting.

We have some great tours, a great program with over 500 presentations including over 225 posters, great student participation in three contests, The WSSA/SWSS Student Poster Contest, the SWSS 15-minute oral presentation contest, and the Single Slide Oral Presentation Contest. Students can only compete in one of the three contests.

We have four symposia:

- 1. Herbicide Registration, Current Standards and Regulations for the Assessment pf Environmental Impacts of Pesticide Use in the United States, organized by Zahoor Ganie and the WSSA E-8 Environmental Aspects Committee.
- 2. New Approaches to Herbicide and Bioherbicide Discovery organized by Stephen Duke and Franck Dayan.
- 3. Adjuvants Matter: How New Technology and a Changing Marketplace are Creating New Opportunities for Inquiry and Advancement, organized by Matt Faletti and the WSSA W-15 Formulations, Adjuvants and Application Technology Committee.

4. Herbicide Resistant Weeds: Identification, Documentation, and Regulation, organized by Craig Alford and the U. S. HRAC Herbicide Resistance Management Committee.

Marty Schram and Pratap Devkota have worked hard to provide a great student contest experience.

I thank them for their efforts, leadership, and service.

The student mixer on Sunday night at Top Golf should be a great experience.

We have a great General Session planned with a Welcome to Texas greeting from David Baltensperger, followed by our Keynote Speaker, Wyman Meinzer, presenting "Evolution of a Photographer and Author. We will have Presentations from WSSA President Carroll Mosely and SWSS President Eric Castner. Lee Van Wychen will provide us with a Washington D. C. update. Then we will hold the WSSA and SWSS Awards Announcements and Reception.

Met with the Canadian Weed Science Society Board of Directors at the CWSS 2023 Annual Meeting in November 2023. Visited about what the WSSA could do to benefit the CWSS and its members. I discussed how pleased and eager the WSSA was to work with the CWSS on the 2025 WSSA/CWSS Joint Annual meeting. I also told how wonderful the 2024 WSSA/SWSS meeting would be and invited them to come down to visit with us there.

Meeting in November 2023. Visited about what the WSSA could do to benefit the NCWSS and its members. I discussed that the WSSA was eager to have a joint meeting with the NCWSS when it would work for them. They have their meetings scheduled out through 2026. I also told how wonderful the 2024 WSSA/SWSS meeting would be and invited them to come down to visit with us there. I had received and handed out some of the WSSA/SWSS Weed Ranger Badges to the NCWSS Board of Directors as I invited them to the 2024 meeting. They were a big hit!

Summary of plans for next year Transition to working on the 2025 Joint meeting with the Canadian Weed Science Society.

Develop and solicit some webinars for broadcast in 2024.

Increase participation, outreach, and interest in WSSA and all the Weed Science Society.

**Recommendations for Board or Membership Action (funds or other requests):** 

Maintain funding.

Funds requested for 2024.

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## **Other request for the Board:**

Suggestions are most welcome.

Let me know how to serve WSSA and you better!

Thanks for this opportunity.