

2008 WSSA Committee Report to Members Summary for 2008 and Action Plan for 2009

Committee Code and Name: E4 Federal Noxious and Invasive Weeds Committee

Committee Chair: John Madsen

Board Coordinator: John Jachetta

Committee Members Rotating Off:

Kurt Getsinger
Terry Van Horn
Don Stubbs

Appropriate Replacements:

Kurt Getsinger
Melissa Bravo
Dan Kenny

2008 Summary of Activities

What were the committee's goals for 2008?

- Our goal was to develop information on potential new invasive weeds from outside the US to serve as a "watch list". This is part of an agreement with USDA APHIS PPQ's PERAL.

List the committee's accomplishments in 2008:

- A list of species was generated by USDA APHIS PERAL and information collected on the target species.

What information was posted on the WSSA website?

- Fourteen fact sheets and an explanation of the project was posted on the WSSA webpage under the invasive species link.

How much funds were requested? How much was spent?

- No funds were requested or spent.

What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education?

- The fact sheets will add content to the webpage
- The fact sheets are also an educational outreach activity of the society
- These species may be considered for legislative activity

What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities?

- We are in the middle of the PERAL three-year project.

2009 Plan for Committee Activities

Goals for 2009:

- We will continue with the three-year PERAL project
- We will identify new goals during 2009 for subsequent years

Plan of Action:

- We are continuing to review fact sheets for posting to the webpage as part of the PERAL project.
- What is needed to further the goals of the committee/project?
- No new resources are needed.

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

Funds requested for 2009:

- None

Other requests for the Board:

- None