

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

**Committee Code and Name:** W9 Necrology Committee

**Committee Chair:** Wesley Everman

**Board Coordinator:** Vanelle Peterson

**Committee Members Rotating Off:**

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**Appropriate Replacements:**

Dawn Refsell - NC

### **2008 Summary of Activities**

What were the committee's goals for 2008?

No particular goals.

List the committee's accomplishments in 2008:

Collected obituary reports for each member society.

Larry Burrill - attached

George Kapusta - attached

Paul Ogg - attached

What information was posted on the WSSA website?

None.

How much 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?

None?

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

Ongoing

### **2009 Plan for Committee Activities**

Goals for 2009: None

Plan of Action: None

What is needed to further the goals of the committee/project?

Nothing at this time

### **Recommendations for Board/Society Action:**

Funds requested for 2009: None

Other requests for the Board: None

## **Larry C. Burrill**



**Larry C. Burrill died at his home in Coos Bay, Oregon, on August 2, 2008, following a long struggle with multiple systems atrophy and chronic leukemia. He was 72. He was born in Los Olives, CA on January 10, 1936, and was raised in western Oregon. He received the BS degree from Oregon State in 1959 and the MS in 1973.**

**Larry joined Oregon State University in 1963 and soon became a Faculty Research Assistant on the weed project. In 1969, the weed project divided into the international and domestic divisions and**

**Larry chose to be involved with the International Plant Protection Institute with Dr. Bill Furtick. Over the years, he became widely known and respected as an international weed scientist. He was an early founder of the International Weed Science Society, served for several years as Secretary-Treasurer, and taught short-courses in many countries. In 1992, he was awarded IWSS's highest honor, the Outstanding International Achievement Award.**

**In about 1975, he joined Arnold Appleby in teaching the large weed control course. He was a demanding instructor, but the students enjoyed his dry wit and respected his knowledge gained from his travels around the world. They voted him Teacher of the Year in the Crop Science Department.**

**In the early 1970s, he became interested in photography, was only average in the beginning, but persisted until he became expert. He won several photo awards at WSSA meetings and was once named Photographer of the Year. His wall-mounted photographs and his beautiful greeting cards became widely admired.**

**He served as President of WSWS in 1980 and was elected Fellow in 1984. He was named Fellow of WSSA in 1986. In 1994, he received the Outstanding Weed Scientist Award from WSWS.**

**In the mid-1980s, he became the Weed Control Extension Specialist in Crop Science, and he immediately became popular with the extension agents and growers. In 1993, he was named the Outstanding Extension Weed Scientist by WSSA. He retired as Full Professor at the end of 1994.**

**Larry Burrill strove toward and achieved excellence in everything he did—international work, teaching, photography, extension work, etc. He was well-liked and admired by colleagues, students, and friends. A great many people from around the globe can attest to the fact that the world is a better place for him having been among us. He will be sorely missed.**

*Dr. George Kapusta*

*CARBONDALE - Dr. George Kapusta, 75, passed away March 31, 2008, in Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.*

*Dr. Kapusta was born Nov. 20, 1932, in Max, N.D., to Philip and Tena Kapusta, both of whom were immigrants from Ukraine. He married Karen Susan Green of Minneapolis on Sept. 13, 1958. She survives, as well as their four children, Daniel Kapusta and wife, Rubia, of New Orleans, Deborah Kapusta of Carbondale, Lynnette (Kapusta) Wright and husband, Jeff, of Tucson, Ariz., and Brenda (Kapusta) Csatló and husband, Rich, of Houston; and six grandchildren. His parents, two sisters and two brothers preceded his death.*

*Dr. Kapusta spent six years as a crops researcher with North Dakota State University and later spent 34 years with Southern Illinois University Carbondale as a professor of plant and soil sciences. During his tenure at SIUC, he initiated the Belleville Research Center, trained numerous undergraduate and 53 graduate (M.S. and Ph.D.) students and conducted crop production and weed control research. He was honored by numerous state, national and international societies for his esteemed accomplishments in plant and soil science and weed control research.*

*Dr. Kapusta served in the U.S. Army artillery in the U.S. and Japan from 1954 to 1956.*

*Memorials may be sent to the George Kapusta Endowed Graduate Assistantship, in care of the SIU Foundation, 1235 Douglas Drive, mail code 6805, Carbondale, IL 62901.*

**Paul Joe OGG** died on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at Longmont United Hospital following an extended illness.

He was born on August 9, 1945, to George Harper Ogg and Lena (Salzman) Ogg in Worland, Wyoming. Paul and his four brothers grew up working on the family farm, outside of Worland. He graduated from high school, where he was active in the Future Farmers of America, participating in judging contests for both steers and hogs. He was also on the wrestling team, going to the state meet all four years and winning individual titles, both his junior and senior years.

Paul attended the University of Wyoming, graduating with a BS in 1968 in Agronomy and a Master's in 1970, in Weed Science.

Paul went to work for American Cyanamid immediately following college and worked in the research area for the company for 33 years, continuing as a consultant at the time of his death. He received numerous awards and recognition in his field, serving on numerous boards for various organization including, Western Society of Weed Science, serving as President and being named outstanding Weed Scientist for the same organization. He was a Fellow for Western Society and North Central Weed Science Society and served on the Board of National Society of Weed Science.

Paul loved to travel and see the country. Paul and Yvonne recently drove to the east coast to see the fall colors, completing a dream of visiting all 50 states by traveling the last six on that trip. In addition, he also traveled to over a dozen countries overseas.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Lea Ogg of Longmont, Colorado; a son, Gerald Harper Ogg, Gerald's wife, Cari Ogg, and their daughter, Cailin Ann Ogg of Castle Rock, Colorado; a step-daughter, Debra Schoen, Debra's husband Kim Schoen, and their daughters, Alyssa and Chelsea Schoen, and son, Taylor Schoen of Brighton, Colorado; a step-son, Bob McLaughlin and Bob's wife Kristi McLaughlin of Monterey, California; brothers, Kenneth Ogg and his wife Shirley of Worland, Wyoming, Reverend Thomas Ogg and Max Ogg and his wife Mary of Sheridan, Wyoming, and Bill Ogg and his wife Patti of Great Falls, Montana. Preceding him in death was his first wife, Cynthia Ann Ogg, in 1989.