

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

Committee Code and Name: **P1-Publications Board**

Committee Chair: **James V. Anderson**

Board Coordinator: **James V. Anderson**

Committee Members Rotating Off:

Nilda Burgos, 2009-S
Corey Ransom, ex-off, 2009-(P22)
Tim Miller, ex-off, 2009-(P22b)
Ed Luschei, ex-off, 2009-(P23)
Bob Blackshaw, ex-off, 2009-(P2)

Appropriate Replacements:

Jason Norsworthy, (S)
Corey Ransom, second term

William Vencill, ex-off (P2)

2008 Summary of Activities

What were the committee's goals for 2008?

- Recruit/retain Editor for Weed Science.
- Recruit/retain Editor for Herbicide Handbook.
- Establish and track Benchmarks for IPSM.
- Assist Dr. Zollinger with WSSA project proposal for book on Adjuvants.
- Consider History of Weed Science book project by Dr. Zimdahl.
- Consider options for increasing impact factor of WSSA journals.

List the committee's accomplishments in 2008:

- Dr. William Vencill, Professor-Crops and Soil Science, University of Georgia, was recommended by the committee to replace Dr. Bob Blackshaw as Editor of Weed Science effective February, 2009. BOD approved recommendation of committee.
- François Tardif, University of Guelph, was appointed as Editor of Herbicide Handbook.
- Proposed IPSM benchmarks: year 1, 60 published papers total, 2 reviews and 2 case studies per issue; year 2, expand to >60 papers a year and include additional section on new locations of invasiveness; year 3 to 4, listed on ISI Web of Science with impact factor; year 4 to 5, profitable to society. The profitability benchmark is somewhat more aggressive than set forth by projected losses over a 5 year period. Based on the IPSM Marketing Plan of 2008, losses of \$102,455, \$81,732, \$54,968, \$26,645 and \$4,329 were projected for years 1 through 5, respectively.
- Dr. Zollinger has identified authors for proposed chapters which are inline with milestones set for 2008 in the Project Proposal.
- Dr. Zimdahl has drafted 8 chapters and is working on a 9th. Dr. Zimdahl agreed to send an annotated outline of the book to the Publications Board for further consideration.
- In a continuing effort to increase journals impact factors, the Publications Board recommended and the BOD approved posting all accepted Weed Science, Weed Technology, and Invasive Plant Science and Management manuscripts online as

“Ahead of Print”. Ahead of Print articles receive DOI numbers and are available to all WSSA members. In an attempt to increase turn around time from submission to acceptance, all journal Editors have revised instructions to authors and AEs.

What information was posted on the WSSA website?

- All “Ahead of Print” articles are posted under the appropriate journal in the Publications directory.
- Updated instructions for contributions, review, and helpful hints for technical writing are posted in the Publications directory.

How much funds were requested? How much was spent?

- Requested = \$1,500
- BioOne Conference, Washington DC = \$1,273.67.
- Annual meeting-Chicago = \$210.03
- Total spent = \$1,483.70

What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on the following:

- Membership-unknown.
- Publication-increased turn around time in submission to online publication.
- Policy-refined guidelines for submission and review process.
- Legislation-unknown.
- Education-unknown.

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

- Project proposal for inclusion of Spanish Abstracts in Weed Science has been drafted by the Spanish Abstracts Sub-Committee and forwarded to the Publications Board and Jeff Derr for further discussion and consideration.

2009 Plan for Committee Activities

Goals for 2009:

- Ensure that Ahead-of-Print papers posted on the WSSA web site are also available through the BioOne website.
- Work on developing a contract for the translation of Weed Science abstracts into Spanish.

Plan of Action:

- Work with BioOne on implementation of system for inclusion of Ahead-of-Print articles.
- Obtain estimates from Spanish translation firms.

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

- The broad support of the Society.

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

Funds requested for 2009:

\$2,000

Other requests for the Board: