



2020 WSSA Standing Committee Report

Committee Name and Code: Extension W11

Committee Chair: Dan Tekiela (submitted by Lynn Sosnoskie)

Committee Members (includes sub-committee members): Lynn Sosnoskie, Travis Leigleiter, Whitney Brim-Deforest, Greg Kruger, Michael Marshall, Michael Flessner, Eric Prostko

Board of Directors Liaison: Greg Elmore

Committee members rotating off and recommended replacements: Michael Flessner and Eric Prostko. The committee will work with Stanley Culpepper to find replacements.

Summary of past year's activities: According to the WSSA MOP, the Extension Committee shall:

1. Consist of a Chair and a minimum of four other members, each appointed to a renewable three-year term. The Chair shall be appointed from current committee members. The Board Liaison is NCWSS representative.
2. Maintain a current list of extension specialists working in weed science.
3. Discuss current weed science issues and provide suggestions for symposia, public awareness, press releases, working groups, and other collaborations.

The Chair of the committee will also serve on the Herbicide Resistance Education Committee (E12b).

The committee did not meet formally in advance of the 2021 meeting due to a change in committee leadership. Members did collaborate on a Google document to identify 1) extension personnel who were no longer serving in those roles (e.g. retirements) and 2) recently hired faculty members with extension assignments. This information was relayed via Eric Gustafson to Muthu Bagavathiannan in order to update the WSSA website ([Extension Weed Scientist Contacts | Weed Science Society of America \(wssa.net\)](#)). Action was not taken with respect to item 3 (i.e. provide suggestions for symposia, public awareness, press releases, working groups,

and other collaborations). Lynn Sosnoskie has agreed to assume the role of chairperson barring any objection from current members.

Summary of plans for next year (changes in goals, key initiatives, plan of action, etc.): The committee will collaborate via e-mail and zoom in 2021 to discuss potential symposia and discuss outreach opportunities in line with the committee's formal charge.

Recommendations for Board or Membership action (funds or other requests): No funds requested. No Board actions needed. A call will be placed out to the membership in 2021 to review the website and suggest personnel updates at the university level.