



## **2022-2023 WSSA Standing Committee Report**

**Committee Name and Code:** E4 Noxious and Invasive Weeds and Biocontrol  
Committee

**Committee Chair:** Jacob Barney

**Committee Members (includes sub-committee members):** Jane Mangold, Ryan Wersal, Toni DiTommaso, Stephen Enloe, Mark Renz, Mohsen Mesgaran, Gray Turnage, Erik Lenhoff, (Jim Kells, Lee Van Wychen, Paul Tseng – Ex-Off)

**Board of Directors Liaison:** Michael Flessner

**Committee members rotating off:** N/A

**Recommended members to replace those rotating off:** N/A

**Summary of past year's activities including:**

- Committee goals - Our major goal for 2022 has been to begin reviewing our charge and identify which of these tasks as outlined are 1) possible, 2) relevant, 3) should be removed/updated, and 4) if new tasks should be updated. We have gathered opinions from several members, which we will be discussing at our meeting just prior to the 2023 joint WSSA/NEWSS meeting. Our goal for 2023 will be to revise our tasks and identify priorities for 2023 and 2024.

- Committee accomplishments (impact of activities on membership, publications, policy, education, other, etc.)
- WSSA funds requested if any? None
- Current state of the committee's projects or activities? We are actively reviewing this committee's stated charge as outlined in the WSSA MOPs. We hope to modernize this to help focus the committee with an eye towards achieving actionable goals annually.
- Any new information posted on the WSSA website? No

**Summary of plans for next year (changes in goals, key initiatives, plan of action, etc.):**

The E4 committee met a few times in 2022 virtually. We spent the latter half of the year reviewing our charge as outlined in the MOPs, which I have included below.

The Noxious and Invasive Weeds and Biocontrol Committee shall:

1. Consist of a Chair and a minimum of four other members, each appointed to a renewable three-year term. The Executive Director of Science Policy, the WSSA-NIFA Fellow, and the WSSA-APHIS TAG representative serve as ex officio members of the committee. The Board liaison is Member-at-large 1.
2. Assimilate information on:
  - a. The introduction, establishment and spread of foreign weeds in North America
  - b. Established weeds that have taken on new significance
3. Review Federal legislation as it relates to weed science activities and make recommendations regarding changes in Federal weed laws.
4. Review drafts of laws for enactment by Congress and make recommendations for strengthening preventative weed technology.
5. Serve in an advisory capacity in the development of state noxious weed programs and regulations.
6. Serve in an advisory capacity to USDA-APHIS PPQ in the listing of noxious weed species and other actions regarding the enforcement of the Federal Noxious Weed Act.
7. Keep members of WSSA informed regarding progress of biological weed control developments.

8. Develop effective liaison relationships with entomologist working in biological weed control.

**Recommendations for Board or Membership action: None for the moment, other than to be aware that we will be approaching the board with changes to the MOPs for this committee in 2023.**