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WSSA Committee Report

COMMITTEE: Lauren Lazaro

Date: January 2, 2025

BOARD LIASON: Lauren Lazaro

Include in Consent Agenda: ☒ Yes (no discussion needed, just informational update)

☒ No (items in report require discussion or action)

Name	Term Ending	Region/ Affiliation		Name	Term Ending	Region/ Affiliation
Chair: Lauren Lazaro	2027	Treasurer		Schwarzlose, Gary	2028	F5
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Reviewed MOP for updates: ☐ YES ☒ NO

Comments re: MOP:

MOP language was updated earlier this year, specifically around Innovative Grants.

Committee Actions/Impacts/Activities:

A subcommittee developed a WSSA Strategic Financial Plan that was approved by the BOD in November 2025. Innovative Grants Program was awarded to 3 people this year.

Committee Meeting Schedule*: (Include all planned meeting dates and times):

We meet quarterly. We will meet virtually on January 15, 2026 at 4PM EST and in person February 11, 2026 at 7AM EST. Future meeting dates are planned at each quarterly meeting.

Budget needs:

None.

Areas for improvement/concerns:

Improved transparency - this is a major part of the Financial Strategic Plan. Additionally, improvement is needed on ranking Innovative Grants program proposals. F2 is working on this currently.

Opportunities for future (symposia, speakers, communication, general): F2 is working on a website for the Financial Strategic Plan as well as improving our outreach

*This will be visible to all members for engagement.

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