



## WSSA Committee Report

**COMMITTEE: I6, Nominating Committee**

**Date:**  
January 27, 2026

**BOARD LIAISON: Gregory Dahl**

**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: Grégory Dahl	2026	WSSA		Todd Baughman	2026	SWSS
Jeremy Slade	2026	APMS		Timothy Prather	2026	WSWS
Jeanette Gaultier	2026	CWSS				
Erin Hitchner	2026	NEWSS				
Dawn Refsell	2026	NCWSS	Recused			
Mark Bernards	2026	NCWSS	Served			

**Reviewed MOP for updates:**     YES                                     NO

**Comments re: MOP:**

**MOPs seem adequate.** No issues.

**Committee Actions/Impacts/Activities:**

The Nominations Committee met via ZOOM several times.  
 The nominations committee members agreed to serve. Dawn Refsell recused herself and Mark Bernards represented the NCWSS on the nominations committee.  
 The committee met to discuss, select, and prioritize candidates to be contacted to run for the open positions.  
 We had lots of members that were selected and prioritized to be asked.  
 Members were contacted until we had two candidates for each position.  
 The nominating committee met and unanimously approved the proposed slate of candidates.  
 The nominating committee provided a great slate of candidates to vote on by the WSSA membership.  
 Candidates were asked to provide a biographical write up and picture for distribution for the election.

**The candidates that agreed to run for WSSA Vice President were:**

Jacob Barney, Professor, Virginia Tech.  
 Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Professor, North Dakota State University

**The candidates that agreed to run for WSSA Member at Large were:**

Ryan Rapp, Agronomic Solutions Manager Early Development Herbicides, Bayer Crop Science  
 Mark Renz, Professor, University of Wisconsin

The nominations committee sent the list of candidates to the WSSA Executive Secretary on October 13, 2025.

The election occurred in a timely fashion.

The WSSA Membership elected Jacob Barney, as Vice President.

The WSSA Membership elected Ryan Rapp as Member at Large.

WSSA Nominating Committee Chair contacted all candidates about election results.

Thanks to all candidates for running. Congratulations to the new WSSA Vice President and Member at Large.

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

WSSA Nominating Committee voted via email for proposed slate of candidates, October 10 – 13, 2025

Proposed slate of candidates sent to WSSA Nominations Committee, October 10-2025.

WSSA Nominating Committee meeting, planning, selection and prioritization of candidates, September 9, 2025.

**Budget needs:** None requested.

**Areas for improvement/concerns:**

No recommendation for improvement.

**Opportunities for future (symposia, speakers, communication, general):** None

\*This will be visible to all members for engagement.

None at this time.

Hilary Sandler will be the next Nominating Committee Chair.

Nominating Committee members will be the Past-Presidents from the Regional Weed Science Societies.