

WSSA Nomination Committee report

Jeffrey Derr, Chair

First, I would like to thank the nominating committee, which included Linda Nelson representing APMS, Peter Sikkema representing CWSS, Jerry Baron representing NEWSS, Bill Johnson representing NCWSS, Ann Thurston representing SWSS, Dan Ball representing WSWS, and I represented WSSA. Linda filled in for Jim Petta, who was out of the country on assignment. Peter replaced Clarence Swanton, who was one of the nominees and thus could not serve on the committee. I placed an article in the WSSA newsletter soliciting nominations for Vice President, Secretary, and Member at Large. I contacted the regional reps to WSSA for any nominations they had.

I received 4 nominations for Vice President, 2 for Secretary, and 2 for Member at Large. The nominations all came from members of the committee or through individuals I contacted. I received a few suggestions for additional nominees but those individuals declined the nomination. The committee ranked the four nominations for Vice President. The vote was very close. I contacted all final candidates to verify their intent to run for election. The top 2 candidates for vice president agreed to run. One individual removed his name from consideration for one of the other positions and I had to find a replacement. I think we have an excellent set of candidates for the election.

Listed below are the candidates our committee would like to put forward for the fall election:

Vice President:

Rod Lym - North Dakota State University

Clarence Swanton - University of Guelph

Secretary:

David Vitolo – Syngenta

Steve Young – Washington State University

Member at large:

Prasanta Bhowmik – University of Massachusetts

Sarah Ward – Colorado State University