



WSSA Committee Report

COMMITTEE: P2 Publications Board, Weed Science

Date: January 6, 2026

BOARD LIAISON: Chris Willenborg

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

No (items in report require discussion or action)

P2	Weed Science Editorial Board	Board Liaison: Director of Publications (Chris Willenborg)			
<i>Chair is Editor, members are Associate Editors; ex-off: Director of Publications and Managing Editor</i> Editor: Vencill, William* S (2028)					
Name	Term Ending	Region/ Affiliation	Name	Term Ending	Region/ Affiliation
Boyd, Nathan	2027	S	Brunharo, Caio	2028	NE
Reichers, Dean	2027	NC	Burke, Ian	2027	S
Bagavathiannan, Muthu	2027	S	Grey, Timothy	2027	S
Martin, Sara	2027	C (Canada)	Jha, Prashant	2027	W
Preston, Chris	2027	I (Australia)	Kumar, Vipin	2027	NC
Chase, Carlene	2027	S	Tranel, Patrick	2027	NC
Chauhan, B.	2027	I (Australia)	Mahajan, Gulshan	2028	I(India)
Tseng, Te-Ming Paul	2027	S			
Sarangi, Debalin	2027	NC			
Gramig, G.	2028	NC			
Gonzalez-Andujar, J.	2027	I(Spain)			
Sharpe, S.	2028	C (Canada)	Candelaria, Tracy	Ex-off	Managing Editor
Shergill, L.	2028	W			
Wallace, J.	2028	NE			
Goggin, Danica	2029	I(Australia)			
Jones, Eric	2029	NC			
McKenzie-Gopsill, A	2029	C(Canada)			
Yu, Jualin	2029	I(China)			

Reviewed MOP for updates: YES

XNO

Comments re: MOP:

Committee Actions/Impacts/Activities:

This editorial will come after another interesting year for the journal *Weed Science*. The journal has been Open Access for a year now. Submissions have been on a bit of a roller-coaster the past few years (submissions were down in 2023 and way up in 2024 with 2025 somewhere in between) which probably comes from underlying uncertainty in the agriculture sector. It is expected that submissions decline after a journal transition to fully open access. From October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025, there were 192 submissions to *Weed Science*. I see a continued trend of more reviews being submitted to *Weed Science* this past year.

Weed Science has many goals as a journal. The primary goal is to publish high-quality research from authors. Another goal is to make the publication process as efficient as possible, and that includes constant efforts to reduce the time from submission to publication, as these are career-defining points for authors. For the year before October 1, 2025, it took an average of 6.5 days from submission to reviewers being invited to review, and 16.5 days for reviews to be completed. The time from submission to first decision was 43.2 days. The time from submission to publication is favorable when compared with other society-based publications. The acceptance rate for the past year was 46%.

I also know the impact factor for journals is important to many authors. For 2024, *Weed Science* impact factor increased from 2.1 to 2.5. The 5-year impact factor was 2.6 for 2024. I believe that as more the journal's content is Open Access, the impact factor will continue to increase.

For the year preceding October 1, 2025, the journal depended on 182 unique reviewers. The excellent reputation of the journal would not be possible without the cutting-edge research submitted by authors and the diligent work of the editorial board and the hundreds of referred reviews that are submitted annually. I wish to thank the members of the editorial board and reviewers for 2025.

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

Editorial Board met on 12 January 2026 via Zoom at 4 pm EDT.

Budget needs:

Supplement for editor, invited reviews, press release, and blog post.

Areas for improvement/concerns:

None.

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

A symposia on AI journal writing, editing, and reviewing would be helpful for the WSSA.