

2008 WSSA Committee Report to Members Summary for 2008 and Action Plan for 2009

Committee Code and Name: W3c Research Award Subcommittee

Committee Chair: Joe DiTomaso

Board Coordinator: Lori Wiles

Committee Members Rotating Off:

Scott Glenn (2010-NE) appears to no longer be a member of WSSA and did not respond to any emails or evaluate any applications.

Thus, I assume he is no longer on the committee and I will have to appoint his replacement. All other committee members will serve at least one more year.

Appropriate Replacements:

John O'Donovan was added to the committee this year.

2008 Summary of Activities

What were the committee's goals for 2008?

- Select the best possible candidate for the Research Award.

List the committee's accomplishments in 2008:

- We had six outstanding nominations this year.

What information was posted on the WSSA website?

- Criteria for nomination was posted on the website.

How much funds were requested? How much was spent?

- None

What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education?

- None

What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities?

- The committee has six members, although one did not participate in the committee activity and another was recused because he nominated a candidate. I will find another committee member from the Northeast region before next year's committee evaluates the 2010 candidates.

2009 Plan for Committee Activities

Goals for 2009: Encourage the nomination of good qualified WSSA members for the award.

Plan of Action: Contact individuals to encourage nomination of good candidates.

What is needed to further the goals of the committee/project?

- In 2006, the committee rewrote our nomination package. Our goal was to make the nomination package less burdensome to prepare and review and to create a format that highlights the qualifications of the nominee. In 2008, the criteria for the award was clarified and used in this year's selection of the award winner. This resulted in much more consistent rankings among the nominated candidates. The criteria for the award are listed below. It emphasizes the idea of creative, innovative and impact and does not specifically indicate that this had to be over a career, but the implication under the first bullet is that to achieve this would take more than a couple of publications. No further action is needed as the criteria and process seems to be functioning well.

This award is for members of the WSSA who have conducted a **creative and innovative research** with a **significant impact** on the scientific concepts or practices of Weed Science. This award is established to recognize outstanding contributions to both applied and basic weed science research. The successful should:

- Establish documented record for significant accomplishments in research as reflected by regular publication in refereed journals or comparable publications.
- Demonstrate independence, originality and creativity in basic or applied research contributions in weed science.
- Provide evidence of significant impact in addressing an applied problem or to the basic knowledge within the discipline of weed science, with recognition both nationally and internationally.

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

Funds requested for 2009: None requested

Other requests for the Board: None