

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

**Committee Code and Name:** Sustainable Agriculture W20

**Committee Chair:** Adam Davis

**Board Coordinator:** Michael Barrett

**Committee Members Rotating Off:** Adam Davis (NC) **Appropriate Replacements:**  
Martin M. Williams (NC); (Dan Brainard will take over as new committee chair)

### **2008 Summary of Activities**

What were the committee's goals for 2008?

*To hold a symposium at the 2008 WSSA annual meeting, and publish symposium papers.*

List the committee's accomplishments in 2008:

- 1) Held the symposium "Invasive plant species and the new bioeconomy" at the 2008 WSSA annual meeting in Chicago.*
- 2) Published 3 symposium papers.*

What information was posted on the WSSA website?

*The symposium program was posted on the WSSA website.*

How much funds were requested? How much was spent?

*We requested \$5,000 in WSSA funds, and obtained an additional \$10,000 in conference funding from the CSREES NRI competitive grants program. We spent \$15,000 on speaker travel (2 international speakers, and 4 domestic speakers), symposium general expenses, and page charges for the symposium papers.*

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

*Our activities resulted in 3 Weed Science publications, and the education of over 100 symposium attendees in the science underlying risk analysis of biofuel feedstocks.*

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

The committee has completed its current cycle of activities, and will meet at the 2009 WSSA annual meeting to decide upon a new course of action.

### **2009 Plan for Committee Activities**

Goals for 2009: TBD

Plan of Action: TBD

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

**Recommendations for Board/Society Action:**

Funds requested for 2009: TBD

Other requests for the Board: TBD