

CWSS report to WSSA

February 18, 2022

This has been a transition year for the CWSS-SCM. The annual conference was moved from its usual time slot in November 2021 to February 2022 for the long anticipated joint conference with WSSA in Vancouver. However, we had a virtual AGM in November 2021 that was held via Zoom. We gave the opportunity to five graduate students who would not have been able to attend the joint conference to present their research. In addition, the AGM closed with a keynote presentation from Dr Jonathan Storkley of Rothamstead Research on how agricultural intensification and climate change have increased the threat from weeds.

The Society has decided to create a new position on the Board of Director: the Governance Director will be responsible for maintaining the CWSS/SCM Manual of Operating Procedures (MOP) and the CWSS/SCM bylaws in accordance with provincial and federal requirements and amend by-laws as directed by the membership. Shaun Sharpe has been filling the position on an interim basis until the AGM when he was officially installed. In addition, vacancies on the board have been filled by Jeanette Gaultier as Second Vice President, Darren Robinson as First Vice President and Representative to WSSA and Dilshan Benaragama as Member at Large (West). While the new board was approved at the AGM in November 2021, it will officially be in place at the end of the joint meeting.

Our next conference will be in Halifax in November 2022, and will be a joint meeting with the Canadian Society of Agronomy.

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Respectfully submitted,

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