

2.1 WSSA-EPA Liaison

Responsibilities

The WSSA-EPA Liaison shall:

1. Facilitate a close working relationship between the weed science community and the US EPA Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) and assist OPP by providing scientific information and expertise relevant to OPP's questions on crop and noncrop weed control challenges that directly affect the weed management practitioner.
2. Travel to Washington DC approximately every 4 to 8 weeks to interact with EPA staff within the OPP. During these visits, provide input on a wide range of topics such as current weed management practices and needs, formulations and application technology, the practicality of label mitigations for herbicide use, herbicide resistance management, new herbicide research, herbicide stewardship, nonchemical weed management, weed biology, weed ecosystems and invasive plant management.
3. Identify, after consultation with EPA OPP and in cooperation with the WSSA-EPA Liaison Advisory Committee, weed science expertise to assist with providing requested information to the OPP and with organizing educational opportunities for OPP staff such as seminars, field tours, and meetings.
4. Advance the weed science community's understanding of EPA regulations and procedures through presentations at annual meetings, quarterly conference calls with the WSSA-EPA Liaison Advisory Committee, and quarterly reports submitted for the WSSA Board of Directors. The quarterly reports will be made available and archived on the WSSA website.
5. Serve as a member of the Science Policy Committee (E2) and Herbicide Resistance Education Committee (E12b) (see 4.3 and 4.10).

Term of Appointment

With approval of the Board of Directors, the WSSA President will appoint the WSSA-EPA Liaison. The term of appointment for the WSSA-EPA Liaison is three years with an additional year (4 total years) to mentor a new liaison. With support from the WSSA Board of Directors and our US EPA partners, the WSSA-EPA Liaison may serve up to two consecutive terms. Once the liaison's term is completed, they are expected to help mentor the new liaison by participation on the WSSA-EPA Liaison Advisory Committee.

EPA Liaison Advisory Committee

The EPA Liaison Advisory Committee composed of the WSSA President, Vice-President, President-Elect, Past-President, Science Policy Committee Chair, Executive Director of Science Policy, and the previous WSSA-EPA Liaison's will provide guidance and advice to the liaison. The EPA Liaison Advisory Committee along with US-EPA partners will assess annually program performance to help advance liaison activities. The Advisory Committee will report performance progress to the Board of Directors.