



2023-2024 WSSA Standing Committee Report

Committee Name and Code: Standardized Plant Names P23

Committee Chair: Theresa Piskáčková

Committee Members (includes sub-committee members): Karla Gage, Lauren Lazaro, Mark Czarnota, Joan Campbell (ex-off P22), Eugene Law, Lee Van Wychen

Committee affiliates: Chris Taliga (USDA)

Board of Directors Liaison: Andrew Howell

Committee members rotating off: none

Recommended members to replace those rotating off: Hope to find recommendations for more western representation at WSSA meeting before beginning the scientific name review.

SUMMARY OF PAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES:

Committee goals for 2023 were:

- Update USDA and WSSA website with new changes and updates
- Increase awareness for the review changes and updates
- Summarize review with a white paper
- Recruit new members
- Prepare to review the latin names

WSSA funds

We will be submitting our paper to Weed Science journal and would like to request funds to cover the publication cost, if accepted.

Current state of the committee's projects or activities

Mainly we have been working on a white paper to be submitted to Weed Science. We should be submitting the paper early this year and then begin to review the latin names. In the process of reviewing and preparing

this paper we have come up with some new ideas for how the names committee could help to provide more context to the names included on the WSSA website.

Name changes were submitted to USDA and to WSSA, and the updated list was used for the Weed Contest this year.

There will be a press release through the Public Awareness committee once the new website is released.

New information posted on the WSSA website

The new list should be included on the new edition of the WSSA website when it launches.

Summary of plans for next year (changes in goals, key initiatives, plan of action, etc.):

Moving forward to more routine work for the names committee, we hope to prepare a more coherent procedure for adding and taking names off the list and perhaps to provide better context for why and in what circumstances names are included. In preparing this paper we looked at many previous iterations of the list which used to be separated by category. Including weedy habitat could be an important distinction for a list that is publicly available. We hope to involve Lee Van Wychen more to use the results of the Common and Troublesome weeds survey to possibly add new names to the WSSA composite list.

We will still welcome new faces and especially hope to gain people with more familiarity in western states and botanical background.

Recommendations for Board or Membership action:

None currently