

2020 WSSA Committee Progress Report

Committee Code and Name: W3 Awards Parent Committee

Committee Chair: Dwight Lingenfelter

Committee Members: (16 sub-chairs and numerous members)

Board Coordinator: John Lindquist

Committee Members Rotating Off/Vacancies:

Refer to WSSA 2020-2021 Board of Directors, Committees and Report Coordinators for current listing of sub-committee members. Below is a listing of members rotating off in 2021 or vacancies.

Parent committee (chair/sub-chairs):

Dwight Lingenfelter – W3 chair

Carroll Mosely – W3o (Journalism award)

Sub-committees

Fellow & Honory member (W3a)

J. Anderson (NC)

N. Burgos (S)

J. Derr (NE)

Extension (W3b)

None

Research (W3c)

J. Mullahay (S)

Teacher (W3d)

E. Haramota (NC)

P. Sikkema (C)

Weed Science paper (W3e)

None

Weed Tech paper (W3f)

None

Grad Student (W3g)

None

Early Career Scientist (W3h)

None

Industry (W3i)
None

Photo (W3j)
T. DiTommaso (NE)

Undergrad Research (W3k)
G. MacDonald (S)

Reviewer (W3l)
?

IPSM paper (W3m)
None

Public Service (W3n)
None

Excellence in Journalism (W3o)
More members needed?

US-HRAC Herbicide Resistance Management (W3p)
None

2020 Summary of Activities: (through Dec. 2020):

- 43 people were recognized with awards and/or grants at the 2020 Annual Meeting
- A Call for WSSA Awards Nominations was posted on the website in August and follow-up emails were sent to membership to encourage nominations
- Subcommittees successfully selected winners for the 2021 awards
 - There were nominees and winners selected for each of the award categories, except Journalism
 - Successful launch of new US-HRAC Resistance Management award; and first winner selected and will be awarded at 2021 meeting
 - Names were submitted to President to forward to BOD for approval
- Working with E. Gustafson on associated activities and awards presentations during meeting
- As in recent past, the program booklet was electronic version (pdf, website, etc.) and accessed via smartphones/tables during and after the ceremony; posters of winners were also be produced and placed in a common area during the meeting.

2021 Plan for Committee Activities:

- Continue to work with the sub-committee chairs and members to identify necessary sub-committee member replacements and ultimately solicit and select worthy and deserving nominations for the awards and grants

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

- Funds requested for 2021: Aside from certain prizes and plaques, none
- Other requests for the Board: see below

Issues to resolve/discuss:

- Funding of the awards. Since the new publishing agreement was reached with Cambridge University Press, they provide \$6000 to sponsor the Outstanding Paper awards for each of our three publications. Adjustments have been made to the structure of award sponsors since industry was previously funding these Paper awards. How will the remaining industry sponsored awards be given in the future; **will or should the companies be attached long-term to an award(s) or rotated yearly?**

Current structure of award sponsors:

Award	Current Sponsor	Amount (\$)
Fellows	WSSA	plaque
Honorary Member	WSSA	Travel and Room - Plaque
Extension	Corteva	1000
Research	Corteva	1000
Teacher	Syngenta	1000
Weed Science	CUP	2000
Weed Technology	CUP	2000
IPSM	CUP	2000
Graduate Student	Corteva	1250
Early Career Scientist	BASF	1000
Industry	WSSA	1000
Reviewers	WSSA	250
Retiring Editors	WSSA	No record of payment – plaque only
Public Service	Bayer	2000
Excellence in Journalism	WSSA	No monetary – maybe travel
US-HRAC Res. Mgmt.	FMC	1000?
Undergrad Research	WSSA	2000 ea

Photo contest	Marrone Bio	1000
Grad Student Travel	WSSA	No monetary

- **Notification to unsuccessful nominees.** Each year the committee routinely receives inquiries from some of the nominees (and/or the nominators) about being selected as an award winner. Currently there is no policy (that I am aware of) about informing the unsuccessful candidates. It has been proposed that we include in our guidelines that both winners and those unsuccessful be informed soon after the selections are made.