

# 2025 WSSA Committee Report

## Summary for 2024 and Action Plan for 2025

**Committee Code and Name:** P3 – Weed Technology

**Committee Chair:** Jason K. Norsworthy

**Committee Members - 2024:** Thierry Besancon, Jason Bond, Kevin Bradley, Barry Brecke, Peter Dittmar, Michael Flessner, Charles Geddes, Katie Jennings, Prashant Jha, William Johnson, Amit Jhala, Vipin Kumar, Drew Lyon, Robert Nurse, Rafael Pedroso, Sandeep Rana, Larry Steckel, Daniel Stephenson, Michael Walsh, Eric Webster, Connor Webster, Rodrigo Werle, Joe Wuerffel

**Board Coordinator:** Chris Willenborg & Sarah Ward

**Committee Members Rotating Off:** Michael Flessner and Daniel Stephenson

**New Committee Members:** New members will be identified in the coming weeks

### Summary of Activities

- What were the committee's goals for 2024?  
Continue to work with Cambridge to try to increase submissions. *Weed Technology* flipped to open access in January 2024, which may influence submissions over the next few years.
- List the committee's accomplishments (since the last annual meeting):  
There were 189 manuscripts submitted to *Weed Technology* in 2024, up from the 152 submissions in 2023. The acceptance rate in 2024 was 64%, slightly higher than it has been over the last five years. The time to first decision has remained constant over the last five years, with a low of 44 days in 2020. In 2024, the time to first decision was the same as in 2023, averaging 45.6 days. As Editor, on average, a decision was rendered within 1.3 days of receipt of the manuscript from the Associate Editor.  
  
The impact factor for *Weed Technology* is 1.3, ranking it 67 out of 126 journals in the Agronomy category.
- What information was posted on the WSSA website?  
Featured articles and blog posts were made available on the WSSA website.
- What amount of funds were requested? How much was spent?  
Editor's stipend.
- What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education?  
Publication of scientific research is critical to the success of our society and its members.
- What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities?

## **2025 Plan for Committee Activities**

- Goals for 2025: Increase the number of review submissions. Only one review article was submitted in 2024. One goal over the next years is to increase the impact factor. Ways to increase the impact factor have been communicated with the Associate Editors. Another goal is to reduce the time to first decision. Ultimately, it would be good to see decisions rendered in less than 40 days from submission.
- Plan of Action: Continue encouraging Associate Editors to submit their research to the journal and have them urge other weed science colleagues to do the same. There may be opportunities to increase submissions from South America.

### **Recommendations for Board/Society Action:**

- Funds requested for 2025:  
Editor's stipend.
- Other requests for the Board:  
None