



2023-2024 WSSA Standing Committee Report

Committee Name and Code: Extension W11

Committee Chair: Werle, Rodrigo (2024)

Committee Members (includes sub-committee members): Sosnoskie, Lynn (2024 NE), Besancon, Thierry (2024 NE), Vollmer, Kurt (2024 NE), Legleiter, Travis (2026 NC), Meyer, Stephen (2024 NC), Nolte, Scott (2024 S), Brim-DeForest, Whitney (2026 W), Li, Steve (2024 S), Cahoon, Charlie (2024 S), Marshall, Mike (2025 S), Ikley, Joe (2024 NC), Moretti, Marcelo (2024 W), Butts, Tommy (2024 S), Kells, Jim (Ex-Off NIFA Fellow), and Van Wychen, Lee (Ex-Off EDS).

Board of Directors Liaison: Brett Miller (Erin Burns will become the Board of Directors Liaison in 2024).

Committee members rotating off: Werle, Rodrigo.

Recommended members to replace those rotating off: Butts, Tommy moving to the NC region (2026 NC), Webster, Connor new S representative (2026 S), Essmann, Alyssa new chair (2026).

Summary of past year's activities including:

- *Committee goals:*
 - Gather technical expertise from Extension Weed Scientists from across to the United States on pressing topics, provide Extension Weed Science expertise to WSSA members and non-members, and help disseminate information within the WSSA community and to external stakeholders.
 - Maintain WSSA “Extension Weed Scientist Contacts” up to date: <https://wssa.net/us-map/>
 - Help maintain WSSA “University Weed Science Links” up to date: <https://wssa.net/links/universities/>
 - Assure representation of Extension Weed Scientists from all regions.
- *Committee accomplishments (impact of activities on membership, publications, policy, education, other, etc.)*
 - Supported Dr. Lee Van Wychen’s efforts.
- *WSSA funds requested if any?*

- None.
- *Current state of the committee's projects or activities?*
 - The W11 Extension committee is discussing ideas for symposia, public awareness, press releases, working groups and other collaborations, and ways to make the committee more active.
- *Any new information posted on the WSSA website?*
 - None at this time.

Summary of plans for next year (changes in goals, key initiatives, plan of action, etc.): The W11 Extension committee will continue to update the Extension Weed Scientist Contacts. This continues to be an important task as there are multiple Weed Science and Weed Science adjacent faculty positions posted at the WSSA jobs site (<https://wssa.net/category/jobs/>), indicating continued changes in personnel. The committee will continue to collaborate with and support Dr. Lee Van Wychen and the WSSA President. The committee will continue to discuss ideas for symposia, public awareness, press releases, working groups and other collaborations, and ways to make the committee more active.

Recommendations for Board or Membership action: The W11 Extension committee suggests the WSSA Board to conduct a member survey to evaluate how this and other committees can better serve our membership. That will better allow the committees to set goals and evaluate outcomes.