



2022-2023 WSSA Standing Committee Report

Committee Name and Code: Extension W11

Committee Chair: Rodrigo Werle (2024)

Committee Members (includes sub-committee members): Sosnoskie, Lynn (2024 NE), Besancon, Thierry (2024 NE), Vollmer, Kurt (2024 NE), Legleiter, Travis (2023 NC), Meyer, Stephen (2024 NC), Nolte, Scott (2024 S), Brim-DeForest, Whitney (2023 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

Committee members rotating off: None.

Recommended members to replace those rotating off: Both Legleiter, Travis (2023 NC) and Brim-DeForest, Whitney (2023 W) have agreed to serve another 3-year term.

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.)*
 - Circulated the request from Drs. Stanley Culpepper and Lee Van Wychen to 54 academic weed scientists from around the United States for feedback regarding mitigation measures for atrazine

movement out of treated fields into sensitive areas. Several academic weed scientists contributed letters ensuring that multiple geographic regions and crops were represented.

- Gathered recommendations from the W11 Extension committee regarding the “EPA Plant-Back Restrictions: What Do They Really Mean? Spoiler Alert: They Are Not Always There to Protect Your Crop” publication by Kelly Tindall and Bill Chism, and provided them to Dr. Lee Van Wychen.
- Circulated the opportunity shared by Dr. Lee Van Wychen to W11 Extension committee members and other academic weed scientists within the United States Cotton Belt to provide the United States Environmental Protection Agency their comments on isoxaflutole use in cotton.
- The W11 Extension committee met via Zoom on 02/02/2022 to discuss the 2021-2022 WSSA Extension Committee Report, Extension Weed Scientist Contacts, University Weed Science Links, to brainstorm ideas for symposia, public awareness, press releases, working groups and other collaborations, and ways to make the committee more active. Other than committee members, Dr. Cameron Douglass with the USDA Office of Pest Management Policy joined the meeting to discuss ways the W11 Extension Committee can be of assistance to the USDA Office of Pest Management Policy and vice-versa.
- *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.