



2024-25 WSSA Standing Committee Report January 2025

Committee Name and Code: Constitution and Operating Procedures Committee (W10)

Committee Chair: John Lindquist (2023, 2026)

Committee Members (includes sub-committee members): Peter Porpiglia (NE/W; 2026), Luis Avila (S, 2026), Bill Curran (W, 2026), Mark Bernards (NC; past chair).

Board of Directors Liaison: None

Committee members rotating off and recommended replacements: The entire committee was appointed or re-appointed in 2023, which means the entire committee will turn over in 2026. This is less than ideal, given that some institutional memory is important on the committee.

Summary of past year's activities including:

- Committee goals
 - Keep up with changes to MOP as recommended by members of the BOD or any other member of the WSSA

- Committee accomplishments
 - Impact of committee activities/accomplishments on membership, publications, policy, education, other, etc. All accomplishments involve changes to the MOP throughout 2024, including:
 - The Endangered Species Act special committee was voted to be moved to a standing committee of the society during the 2024 annual meeting.
 - Incorporated changes to the Graduate Student Organization MOP during the 2024 annual meeting.
 - Incorporated language to the MOP regarding the liaison responsibilities of each board member. The goal was to clarify for new board members their responsibility to liaise with other committees. Which board member is responsible for which committee was modified in a few cases.

- Modified section 4.20.5 to add clarifying language about Award subcommittee members writing letters on behalf of a nominee for that committee.
 - Modified section 4.18.1.4 to clarify the duties of section chairs, added sections to reflect current section names.
 - The Finance Committee (section 4.13.6.j) moved to add some language regarding the responsibilities of members awarded funds through the Innovative Grants Program.
- **WSSA funds requested if any?**
 - Current state of the committee's projects or activities? Ongoing
 - Any new information posted on the WSSA website? Latest MOP was posted in Fall 2024.

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

Recommendations for Board or Membership action (funds or other requests): Be sure that there is only one copy of the MOP on the WSSA website. In the past, there were copies of the most current MOP, but also older versions elsewhere on the website.