



2021-22 WSSA Standing Committee Report February 2022

Committee Name and Code: W3 Awards Parent Committee

Committee Chair: Mandy Bish

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

Board of Directors Liaison: John Lindquist

Committee members rotating off and recommended replacements: Sub-committee chairs Angela Post (W3j) and John Madsen (W3m) have completed their 3-year terms. Angela Post has agreed to renew her term for 3 years, and I will ask John if he would like to extend as well or has ideas on a replacement.

Summary of past year's activities through December 2021 including:

- 40 people were recognized with awards and/or grants during the 2021 Annual Meeting.
- A call for 2022 WSSA award nominations was posted on the WSSA web site in August 2021. A follow-up reminder e-mail was sent out in September 2021. The deadline for those nominations due on September 30th was extended to October 11th due to lack of nomination packets for the Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Following deadline extension, highly-competitive packets for six graduate students were received as well as additional nomination packets for other awards.
- Sub-committees successfully selected 2022 award recipients for each of the awards that had nomination deadlines in October. The Grad Student subcommittee (W3g) narrowed down the candidates from six to two, but ultimately could not choose between the final two candidates. Funding was secured for two outstanding graduate student awards.
- Names of selected award recipients were submitted to the President for BOD approval.
- Funding was confirmed for the 2022 awards.

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

- Continue to work with sub-committee chairs and members to identify necessary sub-committee member replacements, solicit worthy award nomination packets, and select deserving recipients for the 2023 awards.
- There are 12 sub-committee chairs whose terms expire in 2023. Plan to begin discussing term renewals or replacements in 2022.
- Consider the possibility of notifying unsuccessful candidates as well as the award winners.