

## NCWSS Representative to WSSA Report

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During the year I attended all the WSSA and NCWSS BOD meetings including in-person meetings, such as the WSSA summer board meeting in Arlington, VA, as well as the virtual meetings over zoom. Also attended the 2022 NCWSS Summer Student Contest in Johnston, IA and served as a volunteer in the Farmer Problem portion of the contest. Finally, I attended as many of the science policy committee meetings organized by Lee Van Wychen, as possible.

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The 2022 Student Weed Contest was hosted successfully by Corteva in Johnston, IA in July with 96 student contestants which was an increase of about 50% over the previous year. In 2023 Student Weed Contest will be a national contest held in Union City, TN – hosted by Bayer Crop Science.

The 77th Annual Meeting was successfully held in person December 5 to 8, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency at the Arch in St. Louis, MO. A total of 90 oral presentations and 95 posters were submitted for the 2022 program. Graduate student contestants presented 36 oral presentations and 44 posters. There were also 16 undergraduate poster contest participants and just 5 student video contestants. The meeting included “What’s New in Industry” as well as symposia on “New Frontiers in Application Technology” and “Impact of the Endangered Species Act on Herbicide Registration and Regulation.”

Total attendance to the in-person NCWSS meeting was about 320 with 203 regular members and 99 student members.

**Future annual meeting locations, hotels, dates:**

2023, 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Hyatt, Minneapolis, MN (renegotiated venue from planned 2020 meeting cancelled by Pandemic), December 11-14, 2023

2024, 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO, December 8-12, 2024

2025, 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting returns to Grand Rapids, MI, December 15-18, 2025