



## **2021-22 WSSA Standing Committee Report February 2022**

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

Committee Chair: John Lindquist (2023)

Committee Members (includes sub-committee members): Peter Porpiglia (NE/W; 2023), Audie Sciumato (S; 2022), Mark Czarnota (S; 2022), Mark Bernards (NC; past chair).

Board of Directors Liaison: None

Committee members rotating off and recommended replacements: Sciumato and Czarnota are rotating off now (2022).

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.
  - Summer 2020: Incorporated formatting changes suggested by Mark Bernards in February 2020. Modified section 5.2.4 Gratuitous Registration at Annual Meetings and 5.2.6 Guidelines for Symposium. Modified 5.3.3 Sustaining Membership Benefits, proposals and Expenses. Incorporated a Code of Ethics (5.7) and a Conflict of Interest Policy (5.8). Added language to 5.9 Whistle-Blower Policy and 5.10 Record Retention sections. Added Appendix A, a component of 5.10. Incorporated the final section on the Constitution of the WSSA Graduate Student Association.
  - November 2020: Made changes to the EPA subject matter expert section 2.1.3 and 2.2.4. Made changes to NIFA Fellow section (2.2.7). Modified section 1.18

Executive Director of Science Policy section. Added section 4.20.2.14 to include a US-HRAC Herbicide Resistance Management Award.

- Spring 2021: Incorporated changes proposed by the Weed Loss Committee to section 4.8. Incorporated changes proposed by the Terminology Committee. Made further changes to the Conflict of Interest Policy.
  - February 2022: Some changes to the Finance Committee pending. These will codify an “Innovative Grants Program” for the society. Culpepper proposed some changes to section 4.18 Program Committee regarding allowable expenses for symposia.
- WSSA funds requested if any? None
  - Current state of the committee’s projects or activities? Ongoing
  - Any new information posted on the WSSA website? Latest MOP was posted in April 2021. Will post an update following the annual meeting.

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

Recommendations for Board or Membership action (funds or other requests): Eliminate duplicate copies of the MOP and other documents on the website. Go to “About Us”, then down to MOP and the board, they are old versions.