

Directory of Officers, Executive Board Members, Committees and Committee Members

Note: Duties of each Committee are detailed in the Manual of Operating Procedures, which is posted on the SWSS web site at <http://www.swss.ws>

100. SOUTHERN WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

100a. OFFICERS

President	Shawn Askew	2027
President Elect	Drew Ellis	2027
Vice-President	Tom Barber	2027
Secretary-Treasurer	Charlie Cahoon	2026-2028
Editor (Proceedings)	Hannah Wright-Smith	2026-2028
Immediate Past President	Eric Palmer	2027

100b. ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Member-at-Large – Academia	Nick Basinger	2025-2027
Member-at-Large- Industry	John Richburg	2025-2027
Member-at-Large – Academia	Connor Webster	2026-2028
Member-at-Large- Industry	John Peppers	2026-2028
Representative to WSSA	Pete Dotray	2026-2028

100c. EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Constitution and Operating Procedures	Carroll Johnson	2026-2028
SWSS Business Manager	Eric Gustafson	2025-2029
Student Representative	Tanner King	2026-2027
Director of Communications	Justin Calhoun	2027-2029

101. SWSS ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

101a. BOARD OF TRUSTEES - ELECTED

President	Gary Schwarzlose*	2025-2029
Secretary	Lauren Lazaro	2022-2027
	Lawson Priess	2023-2028
	Connor Webster	2024-2029
	Hunter Perry	2026-2030
Graduate Student Rep	Nisith Nishank Purohit	2026-2027

101b. BOARD OF TRUSTEES - EX-OFFICIO

Sandeep Rana	Past Member of Endowment Foundation Board of Trustees
Eric Gustafson	SWSS Business Manager

102. AWARDS COMMITTEE PARENT (STANDING) - The Parent Awards Committee shall consist of the immediate Past President as Chairperson and each Chair of the Award Subcommittees.

Eric Palmer*	2027	Darrin Dodds	2027	Jenny Dudak	2027
Gary Schwarzlose	2027	Charlie Cahoon	2027	Matt Goddard	2027

The Awards Subcommittees shall consist of six members including the Chair, serving staggered three-year terms with two rotating off each year.

- 102a. SWSS Fellow Award Subcommittee

Gary Schwarzlose*	2027	John Richburg	2028	Tim Grey	2029
Jason Norsworthy	2027	Nilda Burgos	2028	Frances Meeks	2029

- 102b. Outstanding Educator Award Subcommittee

Darrin Dodds*	2027	Nic Basinger	2028	Todd Baughman	2029
Tom Barber	2027	Jason Bond	2028	Aniruddha Maity	2029

- 102c. Outstanding Young Weed Scientist Award Subcommittee

Charlie Cahoon*	2027	Vijay Singh	2028	Eric Reasor	2029
Pete Eure	2027	Chris Leon	2028	Nic Basinger	2029

- 102d. Outstanding Graduate Student Award Subcommittee

Jenny Dudak*	2027	Will Eubank	2028	Kayla Eason	2029
Zachary Treadway	2027	Andrew Blythe	2028	Pamela Carvalho-Moore	2029

- 102e. Excellence in Regulatory Stewardship Award Subcommittee

Matt Goddard*	2027	Garrett Montgomery	2028	Joey Williams	2029
Tom Mueller	2027	Joey Williams	2028	Jay McCurdy	2029

103. COMPUTER APPLICATION COMMITTEE (STANDING)

Muthu Bagavathiannan*	2027	Shawn Askew	2028	Vijay Singh	2029
Justin Calhoun	2027	Juan Romero	2028	OPEN – NEED FULFILLED	2029
Eric Gustafson – SWSS Business Manager					

104. CONSTITUTION AND OPERATING PROCEDURES COMMITTEE (STANDING)

W. Carroll Johnson*	2026-2028
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105. FINANCE COMMITTEE (STANDING) - Shall consist of the Secretary-Treasurer as Chair for a three-year term, the Vice President, President-Elect, chair of Sustaining Membership Committee, and others as the President so chooses, with the Editor serving as ex-officio member.

Charlie Cahoon* (Sec.-Treasurer)	2027-2029
Drew Ellis (Pres. Elect)	2027
Tom Barber (VP)	2027
Todd Baughman(Sustaining Mem.)	2027
Gary Schwarzlose	2027
Darrin Dodds	2027
Hannah Wright-Smith (ex-officio)	2027
Shawn Askew (President)	2027
Eric Gustafson – SWSS Business Manager	

106. GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION

President	Tanner King	2027
Vice President	Gavin Sparks	2027
Secretary	Diego Rodriguez	2027
Weed Resistance & Technology Comm. Rep	Aidan Ross	2027
Endowment Foundation Rep	Nisith Nishank Purohit	2027
Social Media Chair	Savannah Hale	2027
Student Program Committee Rep	Cade Halbrook	2027

107. WEED RESISTANCE AND TECHNOLOGY STEWARDSHIP (STANDING)

Alabama	Steven Li	North Carolina	Charlie Cahoon
Arkansas	Jason Norsworthy*	Oklahoma	Liberty Gavin
Florida	Peter Dittmar	South Carolina	Matthew Cutulle
Georgia	Eric Prostko	Tennessee	Larry Steckel
Kentucky	Travis Legleiter	Texas	Pete Dotray
Louisiana	Prashant Jha	Virginia	Michael Flessner
Mississippi	Luis Avila	Puerto Rico	Wilfredo Robles
Missouri	Justin Calhoun	Grad. Student Rep	Jackson Alsdorf

109. LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE (STANDING)

Tom Barber*	Chair & Vice-President	2027
Lee Van Wychen	(ad hoc) WSSA Science Policy Executive Director	2027
Janice MacFarland	(ad hoc) Chair of the WSSA Science Policy Comm.	2027
John Byrd	(ad hoc), EPA liaison	2027
Connor Webster	Member-at-Large - Academia	2027
John Peppers	Member-at-Large - Industry	2027
Nick Basinger	Member-at-Large - Academia	2027

John Richburg	Member-at-Large - Industry	2027
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110. LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE - (STANDING)

Gary Schwarzlose*	2027	Corpus Christi, TX
Sam Ingram	2028	Savannah, GA
TBD	2029	TBD

111. LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE (STANDING) – Shall consist of the Past-Past President (chair), Past-President, President, and President-Elect.

Todd Baughman*	2027
Eric Palmer	2028
Shawn Askew	2029
Drew Ellis	2030

112. MEETING SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE (STANDING) - Shall consist of six members and the SWSS Business Manager. The members will be appointed by the President on a rotating basis with one member appointed each year and members shall serve six-year terms. The Chairmanship will rotate to the senior committee member from the geographical area where the meeting will be held.

Michael Flessner* (SE)	2027	Darrin Dodds (MS)	2028	Todd Baughman (TX)	2030
Kelly Backscheider	2028	Eric Castner (OK)	2029	Matthew Wiggins (TN)	2031
Eric Gustafson – SWSS Business Manager					

113. NOMINATING COMMITTEE (STANDING) - Shall be composed of the Past President as Chair.

Eric Palmer*	2027
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114. PROGRAM COMMITTEE – 2026 MEETING (STANDING)

Drew Ellis*	2027
Tom Barber	2028
TBD	2029

117. RESOLUTIONS AND NECROLOGY COMMITTEE (STANDING)

Ryan Edwards*	2027	Ednaldo Borgato (UF)	2028	Bob Scott	2029
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118. SOUTHERN WEED CONTEST COMMITTEE (STANDING) open to all SWSS members

Mississippi	T. Bararpour	Missouri	J. Calhoun
Alabama	S. Li	North Carolina	W. Everman
Arkansas	H. Wright-Smith N. Burgos	Oklahoma	L. Gavin
Florida	G. MacDonald	South Carolina	M. Cutulle
Georgia	N. Basinger	Tennessee	M. Wiggins
Kentucky	T. Legleiter	Texas	P. Dotray
Louisiana	C. Webster	Virginia	S. Askew
Ad Hoc - Current	B. Scott	Puerto Rico	W. Robles

119. STUDENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE (STANDING)

Taylor Randell-Singleton*	2027	
Mason Castner	2028	
Navdeep Godara	2029	
Cade Halbrook	2027	Graduate Student Organization Rep. – Ex-officio member

120. SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (STANDING)

Pete Eure*	2027	Kelly Backscheider	2028	Garrett Montgomery	2029
Greg Steele	2027	Zach Treadway	2028	Todd Baughman	2029
Ryan Edwards	2027	David Walker	2028	Greg Stapleton	2029

121. CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)

AL - Steve Li	2027	MO –	2027
AR - Tom Barber	2027	NC – Charlie Cahoon	2027
FL - Calvin Otero	2027	OK – **	2027
GA – Nic Basinger	2027	SC - Alan Estes	2027
KY – Travis Legleiter	2027	TN – Larry Steckel*	2027
LA – Daniel Stephenson	2027	TX - Jacob Reed	2027
MS -Te-Ming Paul Tseng	2027	VA – Shawn Askew**	2027

*Chair

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