

Western Weed Coordinating Committee Bylaws

Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be the Western Weed Coordinating Committee (WWCC).

Article II. Mission

The Western Weed Coordinating Committee is a voluntary organization designed to help coordinate noxious weed management programs and efforts among state and federal agencies. It provides a forum for discussion and resolution of problems for public agencies involved in noxious weed management. The Committee and its members are dedicated to preventing the introduction and spread of noxious weeds and undesirable plants in the western United States.

Article III. Objectives

- a) Promote coordination and cooperation among participating state and federal agencies that manage noxious weeds;
- b) Establish and promote interagency standards for managing noxious weeds;
- c) Identify improvements and policies needed to strengthen state and federal noxious weed laws;
- d) Promote integrated noxious weed management principles;
- e) Identify barriers to effective noxious weed management and the actions needed to remove such barriers; and
- f) Improve public awareness of the need for effective noxious weed management.

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational or scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

Article IV. Membership

Section 1. Members: Shall be individuals who represent state and federal agencies, have an interest in weeds and their management, and are on the Secretary's roster as having paid the required annual dues.

Section 2. Voting members: Shall be those individuals that meet the criteria set forth in section 1 of this Article.

Section 3. Non-voting members: Are all other individuals that support the objectives of the organization and attend the annual meeting.

Article V. Officers

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make Article Three hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding

section of any future federal tax code or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 1. Officers: Shall include a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers collectively shall be referred to as the Executive Board.

Section 2. Terms of Officers: These officers shall be elected by a majority of the membership and shall serve a term of two years.

Section 3. The Chairman shall be a voting member from a state agency, the Vice-Chairman shall be a voting member from a federal agency, and the Secretary and Treasurer must be voting members.

Section 4. Chairman and Vice-Chairman Elect: At the start of the second year of the term of officers there shall be a Chairman and Vice-Chairman Elect selected by a majority vote. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman elect will assume the role of Chairman and Vice-Chairman at the conclusion of the next annual meeting.

Section 5. If an officer is unable to complete his/her term the remaining members of the Executive Board shall solicit nominations from the WWCC membership and conduct a vote by mail.

Article VI. Meetings

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Section 1. A meeting shall be held once annually and shall be scheduled by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Meeting agenda and format shall be coordinated by the Executive Board and the education/awareness committee.

Section 3. Within six months after each meeting a meeting report and minutes will be distributed to the membership.

Article VII. Sub-Committees

Section 1. Sub-committees shall be appointed by the Chairman as necessary to carry on the work of WWCC. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be Ex-officio members of committees.

Section 2. There shall be a standing education/awareness committee.

Article VIII. Finances

Section 1. The collection and accounting of all funds of WWCC shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer.

Section 2. The Treasurer shall maintain all records and funds collected and dispersed by WWCC. A financial report shall be given at the annual business meeting.

Section 3. The approval of the Chairman or one other officer and the signature of the Treasurer shall be required to disperse funds of the WWCC.

Section 4. The officers may set an annual membership fee to help cover costs of the organization.

Article IX. Amendment of Bylaws

The bylaws of WWCC outlined in Articles I-VIII may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members.

*Approved by the Executive Board on March 8, 1994.