



**IDAHO NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
*2025 IDAHO NOXIOUS WEED CONFERENCE*

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- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** It has been my privilege to work with the Idaho Noxious Weed Control Association Board of Directors this past year. The Board of Directors met in January, April, May, August and October of 2024. Many of our meetings had board members attend in person and via our virtual platform. This coming year there will be a number of seats up for election during the INWCA Annual Meeting. The INWCA Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025, via Zoom and in person. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact Patxi Larrocea-Phillips at patxi@amgidaho.com.
- **LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION:** Patxi Larrocea-Phillips and Rick Waitley are registered as lobbyists on behalf of INWCA. We participated in lunches with the Ag Lobbyist group and also represented INWCA at the weekly legislative meetings of Food Producers of Idaho during the 2024 legislative session and will continue during the 2025 session.
- **LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS LUNCHEON:** The INWCA and IANWCS hosted the annual Legislative Awareness Luncheon during the 2025 legislative session on the day prior to the Idaho Noxious Weed Conference. This year we targeted first term legislators for our luncheon.
- **MEMBERSHIP:** INWCA holds membership in Food Producers of Idaho, Idaho Ag in the Classroom Association, the Agriculture and Natural Resource Industry Political Action Committee (ANRIPAC) and the North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA). INWCA was represented at meetings and events hosted by these organizations throughout the year. The INWCA also holds membership with the Idaho Environmental Care Association and Idaho Water Users Association. Additionally, the INWCA is represented on the ISDA State Noxious Weed Advisory Committee.
- **SPONSORSHIP:** INWCA has sponsored and received recognition for the following events: Idaho FFA Convention in Twin Falls, Leadership Idaho Agriculture – Congressional Aides Fact Finding Tour, and Food Producers of Idaho.
- **EDUCATION:** INWCA participates in a number of educational opportunities including Idaho Ag in the Classroom and providing educational materials for K-12 classroom teachers, Ag Expo's sponsored by FFA Chapters throughout Idaho, county fairs, and special events that request noxious weed materials and noxious weed books for distribution. Emphasis on efforts to control noxious weeds and invasive species in Idaho is addressed on Idaho Ag in the Classroom summer workshop tours for teachers.
- **NOXIOUS WEED BOOKS:** Through a cooperative agreement with the University of Idaho College of Ag and Life Science, INWCA became a distribution point for University of Idaho weed books throughout the state. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation in



accomplishing this task. The INWCA office has begun to receive quantities of the 10<sup>th</sup> Edition weed book. They can be purchased throughout the coming year at a cost of \$7.00/book.

- **UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO - GLEN SECRIST SCHOLARSHIP:** The INWCA has a scholarship fund at the University of Idaho that is valued at \$40,661.82. In 2024, the scholarship was awarded to two University of Idaho students: Macy Smith and Beau Hansen. Beau Hansen is a junior from Blackfoot and is majoring in crop science. He is still seeking a summer internship for 2025 and after graduating he would like to take the knowledge that he has obtained and bring it back to his home community in an agricultural job as a field rep or agronomist. Macy Smith is a junior from Grangeville and is majoring in agriculture economics and minoring in soil science and crop management with certificates in agricultural commodity risk management and precision agriculture. She completed a summer internship in 2024 with Valley Agronomics in Greenleaf. This summer she has secured an internship with AgWest Farm Credit.
- **ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT GROUP:** Association Management Group has enjoyed working with the INWCA since December 1998. We hope the INWCA finds our management team to be professional, effective, and efficient in how we manage the affairs of your organization and look forward to working with you in the coming year. My appreciation to all those who contribute to the success of the operations for the clients we serve.