**2017 WERA-103 Committee Meeting Agenda**

**March 1, 2017, 9 am – 5 pm**

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-9:30 Opening remarks and introductions; officer succession (Jim Walworth, Chair)

9:30-9:45 Treasurer’s Report (Phyllis Pates)

9:45 -10:15 Discussion – 2017 Western Nutrient Management Conference overview and final details (Jim Ippolito). Ideas, future direction, etc.

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:00 CSA news; WERA-103 Contribution Report

* Review 2016 CSA news contributions (Joan Davenport).
* **Action item:** 2017commitments from WERA members (Jim Walworth).

11:00-11:30 WERA 103 Website

11:30-12:00 Incoming 2017-18 WERA-103 Executive Committee (term begins at the conclusion of the 2017 Western Nutrient Management Conference

 Jim Walworth - Chair, Troy Bauder - Vice Chair, Olga Walsh - Secretary

 **Action items:** Identify 2018 off year meeting – date, location, and host

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:30 Breakout Session to review past tasks and identify specific tasks / projects that address WERA-103 Project Objectives / Procedures.

1. Develop and/or improve nutrient recommendations for diverse cropping systems based on soil, water and plant analysis results and management strategies in the Western Region.
	1. Procedures for Objective 1:
		1. Provide nutrient correlation and calibration data for crops in the region.
		2. Work toward uniformity of nutrient use recommendations for similar crop production systems in the region.
		3. Evaluate and apply new nutrient analytical and interpretive methodologies.
		4. Evaluate the efficacy of new fertilizers and formulations.
2. Promote effective use of soil, water, plant, manure, and compost analytical information.
	1. Procedures for Objective 1:
		1. Integrate analytical test results into nutrient management software
		2. Maintain and update the Western States Soil etc Testing Manual
		3. Review status of soil/plant/water analysis Extension guides and summarize interpretive guidance
		4. Explore method for internet distribution of methods manual, analytical interpretation guides etc. Website would be for clientele outreach.
3. Provide education on the principles of soil-plant-animal-water system management and the tools and practices that lead to sustainable agricultural production.
	1. Procedures for Objective 3
		1. Facilitate regional education among government agencies, private industry and universities through conferences, websites, extension publications, newsletters, and other appropriate media.
		2. Disseminate information within the Western Region to extension educators, private agencies (e.g., Certified Crop Advisors) and other interested parties (e.g., K-12 teachers) through conferences, training the trainer opportunities, and access to published interpretive materials.
		3. Conduct direct education to agricultural producers through conferences, grower meetings, and published interpretive materials.

2:30-3:00 Reports from each of the 3 groups summarizing their discussion

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-3:45 New items to be discussed

3:45-5:00 WERA 103 Member Reports (group) – keep them brief (5 minutes each). Provide a powerpoint slide if you’d like. Provide copies of any publications that you would like to discuss and share. Highlight relevant activities.