

## *WPHA Elects 2015 Officers; Hands Out Awards*



**WPHA HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING:** (From left), Incoming WPHA Board Chairman Steve Gillette, left, accepts the gavel from outgoing Chair Scott Hushbeck; Jim Hicks receives the Harry J. Larsen Integrity Award from Ron Naven; Walt Johnson receives WPHA's Lifetime Achievement Award from Hushbeck.

**SACRAMENTO, Oct. 6, 2014** – Members and staff of the Western Plant Health Association last week wrapped up their annual meeting in Palm Desert, Calif. During the three-day conference Sept. 28-30, new directors of the board were named, as well as two annual awards were presented.

Scott Hushbeck of Wilbur-Ellis Company and 2014 WPHA board chair, turned the gavel over to incoming 2015 Chairman Steve Gillette of PotashCorp.

Other changes included George Gough of Monsanto as vice chair, and Ken Burdullis of AG RX was elevated to secretary/treasurer.

Termed-out board members who departed were Susan Ricketts, Butte County Rice Growers Association, Jim Tuttle, Brandt Consolidated, and Larry Wanken of BASF. Replacements included Terry Talbot, Colusa County Farm Supply, Tracy Starich, Brandt Consolidated, and Joe Rehder, BASF.

During the luncheon portion of the meeting, two awards were handed out: the Harry J. Larsen Integrity Award and WPHA's Lifetime Achievement Award. The Integrity Award went to Jim Hicks of Jim Hicks and Company, and the Lifetime Achievement Award went to Walt Johnson, the current board chairman of AG RX in Oxnard.

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