Aishwarya Kothari is a scientist and entrepreneur passionate about advancing plant biology and its translation into sustainable technologies. She holds a graduate degree in Plant Sciences and has extensive experience in both academic and industry settings, including work at innovative biotechnology startups such as Wild Microbes and Galy Co. Her research has spanned plant stress physiology, hormone signaling, and microbial engineering, with a focus on applying biological insights to address climate and agricultural challenges.

In addition to her scientific contributions, Aishwarya has played key roles in business development, community outreach, and leadership initiatives. She has organized seminars, mentored students, and participated in leadership programs such as the Genetics Society of America's Early Career Leadership Program and MassBioEd's Transitioning to Leader course. Currently, she is co-developing Prithvion, an early-stage biotech project aimed at harnessing biological and AI technologies to improve crop health and sustainability.

Aishwarya is eager to contribute her organizational experience, interdisciplinary perspective, and commitment to community building to strengthen the Western Section of ASPB. As Meeting Organizer, she hopes to facilitate collaborations between academic researchers, early-career scientists, and industry innovators to foster a vibrant and inclusive plant science community.