

AC591 ASA and CSSA K-12 COMMITTEE

- A. Status: Special committee
- B. Objective: The committee will research, develop, and implement plans for outreach to teachers in K-12. The objective is to increase the teaching of agronomic and crops science in K-12 classrooms and build interest and awareness of agronomy, crops, and related sciences as a scientific pursuit and career choice. While the primary audience for our outreach is K-12 teachers, outreach to the K-12 student audience will be considered when feasible.
- C. Composition: The size of the committee shall be reflective of the scope of the project and composed of active ASA and CSSA members, with a minimum of 10 members. The scope of the K-12 committee will require a group of dedicated, passionate and energetic individuals with an interest in increasing the visibility of agronomy and crop science to teachers and K-12 students. Participants should be identified to include those interested in agronomy and crops careers, K-12 education and from academia, government and practicing professionals.

The committee includes a chair and vice chair. Headquarters staff, as appropriate, may serve in an ex-officio capacity.

- D. Accountability: The success of the committee and their goals depends on the commitment and active involvement of all committee members. Therefore, committee members who fail to attend two consecutive full or subcommittee meetings without communication with the chair, subcommittee chair, or staff liaison will forfeit their committee position.
- E. Tenure: The term of service is two years for committee members. The Chair and Vice Chair serve two-year terms. There is no limit to how long committee members can serve.
- E. Functions:
1. Define scope of work with significant deliverables and timelines to ensure the development and implementation of a successful program, including priorities assigned to key tactics.
 2. Develop an annual budget to fund programs.
 3. An initial list of activities may include:
 - a. Research opportunities and develop a plan for a successful program.
 - b. Develop resources and lists of current educational activities developed by members and others interested in teaching about the world of agronomy and crops.
 - c. On our own or in partnership with other organizations, develop and disseminate agronomic and crop science education activities and curriculum materials for the classroom.
 - d. Create presentations to easily disseminate information.
 - e. Develop specific, measurable objectives for benchmarking progress and success.
 4. The committee is accountable to the ASA and CSSA Boards of Directors.

F. President's Responsibilities to the Committee:

The ASA and CSSA Presidents:

1. Appoint new members to replace those whose terms expire and jointly designate the Chair of the committee to be rotated between societies with each appointment every 2 years.
2. Serve as advisors on the ideas and plans of the committee.