

**A453 TENGTOU AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AWARD COMMITTEE**A. Status: Special CommitteeB. Composition and Tenure:

The Committee consists of the Chair plus four members. The selection committee will include two members from the Association of Chinese Soil and Plant Scientists in North America (ACSPSNA).

The term of office for members is two years.

The Chair serves for one year.

C. Functions:

1. To encourage nominations for this award.
2. To become familiar with the Guidelines and Procedures for this award and to be responsible that all nominations fulfill the required criteria of eligibility for the award.
3. To evaluate nominations and to select from among those nominated the most outstanding nominee for the award.

D. Procedure:

1. The ASA Headquarters Office distributes the nominations to the Committee members and advises them of the scoring or ranking procedure to be followed. The Chair transmits any special instructions to members.
2. The Chair of A453 reports the results of the Committee's selection process to the General Awards Chair.
3. The Chair of A453 serves as a member of the Society's General Awards Committee.
4. The Chair of A453 submits an annual report as requested by the Society.

E. Presidential Responsibilities:

The ASA President:

1. Appoints new members to replace those whose terms expire and appoints the Chair of the Committee.
2. Cooperates with the Committee in its activities, as appropriate or in response to need.
3. Notifies the Committee directly or via General Awards Chair of all deadlines on award selection, annual report, etc.
4. Receives and takes action directly, or by referring to ASA Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors, as appropriate, all suggestions and/or recommendations for action from the Committee.

F. Description of Award:

The Tengtou Agricultural Science Award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to Chinese agricultural sciences in research, extension, and policymaking with an emphasis on plants, which result in securing better and sustainable food supply, implementing environmentally friendly management practices, and improving farmers' working conditions and profitability. The award consists of a certificate and

\$1000 honorarium provided through the Agronomic Science Foundation by Zhejiang Tengtou Landscape and administered by the American Society of Agronomy.

G. Award Criteria:

The award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to Chinese agriculture by: (1) educating Chinese agricultural scientists; (2) contributing directly to Chinese agricultural research; (3) promoting applications of new research and technologies in China; (4) influencing Chinese agricultural policies that benefit farmers and the environment; and (5) improving the quality of Chinese agricultural research and technologies.

H. Format for Nominations:

A call for nominations is issued each year with the Award Guidelines and Procedures for nomination posted online. The Chair and Committee members can view the award guidelines and procedures for nominations posted to the Awards Program webpage.

I. Eligibility of Nominations:

Nominations for this award are accepted only from individual active members of the Society. Members of the Executive Committee and members of the award committee are not eligible to submit nominations.

J. Eligibility of Nominees:

This award is open to scientists of all nationalities (not a special award for Chinese) and the awardees should not be limited to ASA, CSSA, and SSSA members.

L. Scoring or Ranking Procedure:

The Chair and each member of the committee view each nomination online. Using the award criteria as guidelines, each member ranks the nominees in order from 1 to n (the number of nominees). Each member's ranking is electronically conveyed to the Chair, who totals the points received by each nominee. The award recipient is the nominee receiving the lowest score. The Chair votes only in case of a tie. The award need not be presented in a given year if it is judged that the nominees do not meet the criteria.

M. Revising Guidelines or Procedures:

The award committee may recommend changes or revisions relative to criteria, description, selection process of recipients, etc., for this award. All recommendations must be approved by the ASA Board of Directors or Executive Committee before said recommendations may be implemented. It is preferable to submit recommendations through the Society Awards Chair; however, recommendations may be submitted through the President or directly to the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

N. Ties and a Deadlocked Committee:

1. The Award Committee is expected to make every effort to break tie votes.
2. If the Award Committee cannot break the tie vote, the Award Committee Chair shall notify Headquarters. Headquarters will reproduce and send copies of the nominations of the individuals involved in the tie to the members of the General Awards Committee.
3. The General Awards Committee will review the nominations and vote. The Chair of the Award Committee in question will also vote but the vote will not be counted unless there is a tie in the vote of the General Awards Committee.