

C458 FRED V. GRAU TURFGRASS SCIENCE AWARD COMMITTEE

- A. Status: Special Committee
- B. Composition and Tenure: The committee shall be composed of the current C-5 Turfgrass Science Division Officers: Division Chair, Division Chair-Elect, Division Past Chair, and Division Board Rep. The Award Committee Chair is the Past Division Chair who also serves as a voting member of this Committee. The term of service on this awards committee is equal to the term of service as a division officer. For example, the Award Committee Chair serves a one-year term to coincide with the one-year term as Past Division Chair.
- C. Functions:
1. With the aid of the Headquarters staff, solicits nominations for the 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.
 4. The Chair serves as a voting member of the committee.
- D. Procedure:
1. The 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. **SCORING OR RANKING PROCEDURE**: Nominations are ranked by all committee members in order of preference, with "1" being first, and summarized by the Chair. The Chair may vote in all selection ballots, but the Chair's selections must be made before seeing the selections of other members. All rankings and recommendations of the committee shall be kept confidential by the committee members. The award need not be presented in a given year if it is judged that the nominees do not meet the criteria.
 3. **TIES AND A DEADLOCKED COMMITTEE**: The Award Committee is expected to make every effort to break tie votes. If the Award Committee cannot break the tie vote, the Award Committee Chair shall vote to break the tie.
 4. The Chair submits an annual report as requested by the Society.
 5. The 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 CSSA Board of Directors before said recommendations may be implemented. Recommendations shall be submitted through the Division C-5 Turfgrass Science Board Representative.
- E. Award Guidelines:
1. **DESCRIPTION OF AWARD**: The Turfgrass Science Award is presented in recognition of significant career contributions in turfgrass science. Contributions may include outstanding research, teaching, extension, commercial, or administrative activities, or a combination of these activities. The award consists of a certificate, a complimentary ticket to the awards presentation, and award stipend.

2. **AWARD CRITERIA:** Significance and originality of basic and/or applied research. Teaching ability and effectiveness. Planning and implementation of extension programs. Development and implementation of significant industrial programs. Administrative ability and effectiveness. Impact of activities on turfgrass science and management. The committee need not recommend an award recipient if no nominees meet the award criteria. Contributions on which the nomination is based must have been made within the past 15 years of the nominee's career.
3. **FORMAT FOR NOMINATIONS:** A format guide, approved by the CSSA Board of Directors, is issued each year. The Chair and committee members shall receive a copy of this guide at the time it is mailed from Headquarters.
4. **ELIGIBILITY OF NOMINATIONS:** Nominations for this award are accepted only from individual active members of the Crop Science Society of America. Members of the CSSA Executive Committee and members of this committee are not eligible to make nominations or to write supporting letters.
5. **ELIGIBILITY OF NOMINEES:** Nominees for the Turfgrass Science Award must be active members of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America and/or the Soil Science Society of America. Members of the CSSA Board of Directors and ASA Executive Committee and this committee are not eligible for this award. Former recipients of this award are not eligible. Nominees must be living at the time of their nomination.
6. **TEAM NOMINATIONS:** Nominations of teams are not accepted for the Turfgrass Science Award.

F. President's Responsibilities to the Committee:

The CSSA President:

1. Cooperates with the Committee in its activities, as appropriate or in response to need.
2. Notifies the Committee directly of all deadlines on award selection, annual report, etc.
3. Receives and takes action directly, or by referring to CSSA Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors, as appropriate, all suggestions and/or recommendations for action from the Committee.

G. Background:

The Turfgrass Science Award honors Dr. Fred V. Grau. He, more than anyone else, was the driving force behind the establishment of what is now Division C-5 in the Crop Science Society of America. This step brought consolidation, gave direction to, and in effect established turfgrass science as a recognized professional discipline. As Director of the United States Golf Association Green Section, Dr. Grau was instrumental in initiating a graduate student fellowship program. A number of graduate students who participated in the program later became leaders in the turfgrass industry.