

C561 COMMITTEE ON CROP SCIENCE TEACHING IMPROVEMENT

A. Status: Special committee

B. Composition and Tenure:

The committee shall be composed of seven active CSSA members, including the Chair. Appointments should be from those CSSA members interested in teaching and related fields.

The term of service is three years for committee members. The Chair serves a one-year term.

C. Functions:

1. Serve as selection committee for the Crop Science Teaching Award. This will include encouraging nominations, becoming familiar with the guidelines/procedures and be responsible for seeing that all nominations fulfill the required criteria of eligibility, and evaluate nominations and select from among those nominated the most outstanding nominee.
2. Holds a meeting at each year's Annual Meetings.
2. Promotes development of improved teaching methods and programs in crop science.
3. Compiles and exchanges information on curricula, subject matter, teaching techniques, and instructional materials in crop science.
4. Develops proposals for introducing crop science and related career opportunities in agronomy to pre-college youth, as a means of recruiting highly-qualified students for the future.
5. Develops ideas for training students in the practical application of basic crop/agronomic sciences (internships, courses, etc.), particularly for students with limited farm experience.
6. Encourages publication activities in the Natural Sciences Education Journal.
7. Submits an annual summary report of the committee activities to the CSSA Board of Directors and to the CSSA Executive Committee, via the Headquarters Office.

D. President's Responsibilities to the Committee:

Shall transmit to the new Chair the specific tasks or duties that should be referred to the committee for its consideration, and designate the nature of reports desired and approximate dates for completion.