



2023 WSSA Standing Committee Report

Committee Name and Code: Sustaining Membership F5

Committee Chair: Rich Zollinger

Committee Members: Name, Term Ending, Affiliation

Richard Zollinger* 2025, W Katie Driver, 2025, W	John Hinz, 2025, NC Kyle Kepner, 2026, NC Brett Miller, 2025, NC	David Hillger, 2025, NE	Tim Adcock, 2026, S Gary Schwarzlose, 2025, S
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* Chair

Sub-committee members:

Greg Elmore, Ex-Off, Treasurer

Eric Gustafson, Ex-Off, Executive Secretary

Board of Directors Liaison: John Byrd, SWSS Representative.

Committee members rotating off and recommended replacements:

Gregory Dahl left as F5 WSSA Sustaining Committee Chair as he is now WSSA Vice-President.

Rich Zollinger accepted to Chair of the F5 Committee midway during 2023.

Kyle Kepner agreed to renew his term on the F5 Committee until 2026.

Tim Adcock graciously agreed to renew his term on the F-5 Committee until 2026.

As such, there are 2 committee members from the Western region, 3 committee members from the Northcentral region, 1 committee member from the Northeast region, and 2 members from the Southern region.

Summary of past year’s activities including:

Committee goals: The F5 committee satisfied the requirements of the Weed Science Society of America Manual of Operating procedures.

With the help of Eric Gustafson the committee solicited commercial companies for WSSA sustaining membership to advance weed science.

Help maintain liaison between Industry and the Society.

Committee accomplishments:

The following companies paid WSSA Sustaining Memberships at the indicated level in 2022 and 2023 (or payment imminent).

Membership Level	2022	2023
Presidential Level (\$8,000):	BASF Corporation Bayer Crop Science Corteva AgriSciences FMC Corporation Syngenta Crop Protection	BASF Corporation Bayer Crop Science Corteva AgriSciences FMC Corporation Syngenta Crop Protection Harpe Bioherbicide Solutions

Leader Level (\$3,000):	Gowan Company Valent USA Winfield United	Gowan Company Helena Agri-Enterprises Envu UPL NA, Inc. Winfield United
Patron Level (\$2,000):	Blue River Technologies Lehigh Agri & Bio Services, Inc. GDM Solutions, Inc. Nufarm America Inc. UPL NA, Inc.	Blue River Technologies Lehigh Agri & Bio Services, Inc. GDM Solutions, Inc. Nichino Nufarm America Inc. Precision Laboratories
Contributor Level (\$1,000):	AMVAC Chemical Corporation Clariant Corporation Greenleaf Technologies SePRO Corporation TeeJet Technologies TKI, Inc. NovaSource	ABG Ag Services Albaugh, LLC AMVAC Chemical Corporation Greenleaf Technologies Helena Agri-Enterprises K-I Chemical U.S.A. Inc Nippon Soda, LTD. R&D Sprayers SePRO Corporation TeeJet Technologies TKI, Inc. NovaSource
Total:	\$65,000	\$86,000

A total of \$72,000 was received in 2021.

The following is list companies that have contributed to the WSSA Sustaining Membership in the past but have not yet in 2023. Committee members have contacted company representatives to invite them to contribute again:

ADAMA
AgPro Partners Midwest, LLC.
CPDA – considering membership
Clariant Corporation
ISK Biosciences
Marrone Bio Innovations, Inc. – considering membership
Minnesota Valley Testing Lab
Oxiten USA
The Scotts Company
Valent USA

The following is list companies that have not recently contributed to the WSSA Sustaining Membership in the recent past. Committee members have contacted company representatives to invite them to contribute:

Adjuvants Unlimited
Alligare, LLC
Asmus Farm Supply, Inc
Chemorse LTD
Conviron – Controlled Environment LTD
Croda Inc.
Drexel Chemical Company

Exacto Inc. – will budget membership funds for the 2024 year
Gandy Corporation
Growmark, Inc
Helm Agro – considering membership
MFA-Incorporated
PBI-Gordon Corporation
Rosen's Inc.
Sipcam Agro USA
Stepan Company

Impact of committee activities/accomplishments on membership, publications, policy, education, other, etc.:
There appears to be consistency in funding from WSSA Sustaining Memberships over the last 3 years. This is noteworthy as company consolidation has occurred and profit margins has been low. We will continue to recruit and encourage involvement of the companies listed above and identify more companies to become WSSA sustaining members as well.

I participated in regular meetings of the WSSA F2 Finance Committee.

WSSA funds requested if any?
None at this time.

Current state of the committee's projects or activities?
Reviewed and sent WSSA Sustaining Membership renewal forms and letter in November 2022.
We are recruiting additional candidates for WSSA sustaining membership.

Any new information posted the WSSA website?
We request Eric Gustafson to update List of WSSA Sustaining Members for 2023.

Summary of plans for next year (changes in goals, key initiatives, plan of action, etc.):
Evaluate renewal of company WSSA sustaining memberships. Contact and recruit companies that have not renewed or have lapsed previously to encourage WSSA sustaining memberships.

Recommendations for Board or Membership action (funds or other requests):
None at this time.