

WSSA Committee Report
Summary for 2007 and Action Plan for 2008

Committee Code and Name: F5-Sustaining Membership Committee

Committee Chair: Jim Steffel, <jim@labservices.com>

Board Coordinator: David Gealy, dgealy@spa.ars.usda.gov

Committee Members Rotation Off:

Joe Schuh: BASF, Southern

Brian Manley: Syngenta, Southern

North

requested)

Jim Steffel: Chair LABServices, Northeast

Appropriate Replacements:

Steve Gylling: Gylling Data Mgt.

North Central (accepted)

Greg Dahl: Winfield Solutions,

Central (participation

To be selected from the committee
on Tuesday morning.

Recommendations for Board Action:

None

Finances Requested:

None requested at this time.

Summary of Progress: At the January 2007 meeting in San Antonio the committee voted to recommend that the annual Sustaining Membership fees be raised in the lower three categories of Membership to better reflect the value offered. The recommendation was that the Associate Level be increase to \$500, the Contributing Level be increased to \$750 and the Patron Level be increased to \$1,500. No change in the fees schedules for the Leader and Presidential Levels were suggested. These recommendations were presented to the Board by Committee Liaison David Gealey and approved. It was also requested and approved that one of the members of the committee could be recruited from an academic background.

The committee also agreed to create improved descriptive guidelines for the suggested company profile to be used in determining the most appropriate category for each Sustaining Member. This task was not completed and has been transferred to 2009.

Plan of Action for 2008:

Once a replacement for the outgoing Committee Chair has been chosen from the existing committee members, the new Chair will select his replacement , preferably from an academic background as was approved by the board after the last meeting. The committee will also continue to seek new Sustaining Members from midsize companies at the Contributing level and encourage midsize companies currently at the Associate level to upgrade their memberships to Contributing.

The Committee will strive to complete the task of developing improved descriptive guidelines for the suggested company profile to be used in determining the most appropriate category for each Sustaining Member Company.