



## 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
<b>Presidential Level (\$8,000):</b>	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

<b>Leader Level (\$3,000):</b>	Gowan Company Valent USA Winfield United	Gowan Company Helena Agri-Enterprises UPL NA, Inc. Winfield United
<b>Patron Level (\$2,000):</b>	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
<b>Contributor Level (\$1,000):</b>	AMVAC Chemical Corporation Clariant Corporation Greenleaf Technologies SePRO Corporation TeeJet Technologies TKI, Inc. NovaSource	ABG Ag Services AMVAC Chemical Corporation Greenleaf Technologies Helena Agri-Enterprises Nippon Soda, LTD. R&D Sprayers SePRO Corporation TeeJet Technologies TKI, Inc. NovaSource
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$81,000</b>

**Other Commitment:**

Envu has committed to become a sustaining member but has not identified an amount.

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  
Clariant Corporation  
ISK Biosciences  
Marrone Bio Innovations, Inc.  
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  
Albaugh, LLC  
Alligare, LLC  
Asmus Farm Supply, Inc  
Chemorse LTD  
Convion – Controlled Environment LTD

Croda Inc.  
Drexel Chemical Company  
Exacto Inc.  
Gandy Corporation  
Growmark, Inc  
Helm Agro  
K-I Chemical U.S.A. Inc  
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.