



2024-2025 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:

Peter Dotray, WSSA Board Liaison

Eric Gustafson, Executive Secretary

MOP Language:

The Sustaining Membership Committee shall:

1. Consist of a Chair and a minimum of four other members, each appointed to a renewable three-year term. The Chair shall be an ex-officio member of the Professional Development and Finance Committees. The Treasurer and the Executive Secretary shall serve as ex-officio members. The Board Liaison is SWSS representative.
2. Solicit for the Society the membership of commercial firms interested in the advancement of weed science.
3. Help maintain liaison between industry and the Society.

Committee members rotating off and recommended replacements:

The committee members listed above will be rotating off the committee and will need to be replaced:

Richard Zollinger

Katie Driver

John Hinz

Brett Miller

David Hillger

Gary Schwarzlose

Summary of 2024 activities including:

Help maintain liaison between Industry and the Society.

No information was given to the committee of those who paid their sustaining membership in 2024 or 2025 so the following list below cannot be updated.

Committee accomplishments:

The following companies paid WSSA Sustaining Memberships at the indicated level in 2022 and 2023.

Membership Level	2022	2023
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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. Valent 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	\$89,000

Impact of committee activities/accomplishments on membership, publications, policy, education, other, etc.:

There appears to be some consistency in funding from WSSA Sustaining Memberships in the past. 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?

We assume Eric Gustafson sent WSSA Sustaining Membership renewal forms and a letter in December 2024. The WSSA Sustaining Member Committee will continue to work with companies that have not contributed and encourage them to contribute. The committee will also work to recruit additional candidates for WSSA sustaining membership. Our goal is to achieve the same level or increased level of funding in 2023 and 2024.

Any new information posted the WSSA website?

None.

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):

Replace committee chair and those committee members whose terms expire in 2025.

Budget needs: None