

C459 SEED SCIENCE AWARD COMMITTEE

- A. Status: Special Committee
- B. Composition: The committee shall be composed of up to seven active CSSA members, including the Chair, with at least two committee members having C-4 Seed Physiology, Production, and Technology as their Primary Division.
- C. Tenure: The term of service is two years for committee members. The Chair serves a one-year term.
- D. Functions:
1. With the aid of the Headquarters staff, solicits nominations for the award.
 2. Manages the committee voting to select the best qualified nominee in accordance with the Award Guidelines, available on the CSSA awards website at: www.crops.org/awards.

The procedures followed are focused through the committee Chair, whose duties are as follows:

- a. Advises all committee members of the scoring or ranking procedure to be followed, as well as any other special instructions.
 - b. Conducts the voting and informs committee members of the results.
 - c. Activates and works with the committee on any special charges sent to the committee by the CSSA Board of Directors or the CSSA Executive Committee.
 - d. Submits an annual summary report of the committee activities to the CSSA Board via the Headquarters Office.
4. May recommend changes or revisions relative to criteria, description, selection process of recipients, etc., for this award. All recommendations must be approved by the CSSA Executive Committee or Board of Directors before recommendations may be implemented.
- E. President's Responsibilities to the Committee:

The president shall nominate CSSA members that make up this award committee. The president shall present the award to the recipient at the annual award ceremony. The president shall advise, in writing, all nominators of unsuccessful nominees.

- F. Award Guidelines:
1. **DESCRIPTION OF AWARD**: This award is presented in recognition of distinctive service towards understanding and promotion of seed science and technology. Contributions may include outstanding research, teaching, extension, leadership, or a combination of these activities. Activities acknowledged by this award must focus on the state of the plant's life cycle when it is a seed, from embryo development through germination, and can include processing and production methods that enhance seed quality. Nominees for this award are not restricted to CSSA members. The award consists of a certificate, a complimentary ticket to the awards ceremony, and a monetary award amount as directed by the CSSA Board of Directors. Further description of the award and nomination information are available on the CSSA awards website at: www.crops.org/awards
 2. **AWARD CRITERIA**: The principal criteria are:
 - Significance and originality of basic and/or applied research contributions leading to greater understanding of seed development, morphology, physiology, processing, dormancy, storage, germination and production methods for enhancing seed quality.

- Outstanding contributions in extension and/or service activities culminating in the promotion and increased usage of quality seeds.
 - Educational activities, which have resulted in the training of leading seed scientists and professionals in the seed industry as well as development of unique courses emphasizing the importance of quality seeds.
 - International contributions to the development of improved methods for maintaining, producing, and enhancing utilization of quality seeds on a global scale.
 - Significant professional interactions with other seed related organizations.
 - Total impact of contribution in crop science and related fields.
3. **FORMAT FOR NOMINATIONS:** A format guide, approved by the CSSA Board of Directors, is issued each year. The Chair and committee members may review it on the CSSA awards website at: www.crops.org/awards.
 4. **ELIGIBILITY OF NOMINATIONS:** Nominators are required to be ASA, CSSA, and/or SSSA members. Members of the CSSA Board of Directors and members of this committee are not eligible to make nominations or to write supporting letters.
 5. **ELIGIBILITY OF NOMINEES:** Nominees for the Seed Science Award are not restricted to ASA, CSSA, and/or SSSA members. Members of the CSSA Board of Directors and this committee are not eligible for this award.
 6. **TEAM NOMINATIONS:** Nomination of a team is acceptable. Individual efforts are to be omitted. Only publications where all team members are authors or honors and awards received by the team will be listed.
 7. **SCORING OR RANKING PROCEDURE:** Nominations are ranked by all committee members in order of preference, with "1" being first. All rankings and recommendations of the committee shall be kept confidential by the committee members. The award need not be presented in a given year if it is judged that the nominees do not meet the criteria.
 8. **TIES AND A DEADLOCKED COMMITTEE:**
The chair shall cast the deciding vote to break a tie between individuals nominated for this award.