

ACS526 WOMEN IN SCIENCE COMMITTEE

A. Status: Special Committee

B. Composition and Tenure:

Eleven members, including the Chair and Vice Chair (Chair-Elect) with three appointed each year for three-year terms. The ASA, CSSA and SSSA representatives are appointed by their respective Presidents. Additional members may be appointed as needed and terms will be determined by the Presidents and Committee Chair. A staff member serves as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

The Chair serves a one-year term and is succeeded by the Vice Chair.

The Past-Chair serves as an Ex-Officio member for one year.

C. Functions:

1. To promote the status of women in the three societies.
2. To encourage women to achieve professional excellence.
3. To establish networks of women in agricultural science.
4. To sponsor meetings to address issues of special concerns to professional women in agriculture.
5. To foster the informal exchange of information and contacts in support of professional activities of women.
6. To forward to the ASA President, suggestions of persons who may serve on other Society Committees.

D. Presidential Responsibilities:

The ASA, CSSA and SSSA President:

1. Each president appoints the representative for their respective Society as vacancies occur. The Presidents jointly appoint the vice chair.
2. Cooperates with the Committee in their activities to promote the status of women and to encourage women to take an active role in society programs and activities.