AC591 ASA and CSSA K-12 COMMITTEE

A. **Status:** Special committee

B. **Objective:** The committee will research and recommend plans for outreach to teachers and children in K-12. The objective is to increase interest and awareness of agronomy, crops, and related sciences as a scientific pursuit and career choice. The committee will also implement any approved plans.

C. **Composition:** The size of the committee shall be reflective of the scope of the project and composed of active ASA and CSSA members. The scope of the K-12 committee will require a group of dedicated, passionate and energetic individuals with an interest in increasing the visibility of agronomy and crops to teachers and K-12 students. Participants should be identified to include those interested in agronomy and crops careers, K-12 education and from academia, government and practicing professionals.

D. **Tenure:** The term of service is two years for committee members. The Chair serves a two-year term.

E. **Functions:**

1. Define scope of work with significant deliverables and timelines to ensure the development and implementation of a successful program, including priorities assigned to key tactics and development of requested budget dollars for inclusion in the fiscal year budget.

2. An initial list of activities may include:
   a. Research opportunities and develop a plan for a successful program
   b. Develop resources and list of current educational activities developed by members and others interested in teaching children about the world of agronomy and crops.
   c. On our own or in partnership with other organizations, develop and disseminate agronomic and crop science education activities and curriculum materials for the classroom.
   d. Create presentations to easily disseminate information.
   e. Develop specific, measurable objectives for benchmarking progress and success.

3. The committee is accountable to the ASA and CSSA Board of Directors.

F. **President's Responsibilities to the Committee:**

The ASA and CSSA Presidents:

1. Appoint new members to replace those whose terms expire and jointly designate the Chair of the committee to be rotated with each appointment every 2 years.

2. Serve as advisors on the ideas and plans of the committee.