A. Status: Special Committee

B. Composition and Tenure:

The committee is composed of a minimum of 10 and no more than 15 members who are appointed for a two-year term. The Chair will serve a one-year term including serving as chair of any subcommittees that are established. Subcommittee members may include committee members and other interested members of ASA-CSSA-SSSA.

C. Functions:

1. To develop programming for members and divisions interested in sustainable and organic agriculture for the Societies' Annual Meeting.
2. To obtain input and develop recommendations on ways to better serve members interested in sustainable and organic agriculture beyond the activities at the annual meeting.
3. To identify emerging issues in sustainable and organic agriculture.
4. To identify funding opportunities for research and professional services.
5. To develop liaisons with appropriate federal agencies and national laboratories.
6. To work with the Director of Science Policy to develop liaisons and coalitions with like-minded societies and organizations to pursue common policy making goals and objectives.
7. To develop documents for Congress and Federal agencies relevant to research and professional needs in sustainable and organic agriculture.
8. Provide recommendations to the ASA-CSSA-SSSA Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

D. Presidential Responsibilities

The ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Presidents:

1. Work closely with the committee chair in appointing the committee members.
2. Cooperate with the committee in its activities and publicize appropriate efforts and accomplishments.

Work in conjunction with:

**CSARE-CRA/OFRF/ASA-CSSA-SSSA** *(Consortium for Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education-Center for Rural Affairs, Organic Farming Research Foundation, American Society of Agronomy-Crop Science Society of America-Soil Science Society of America)*