

agInnovation North Central (agNC) National agInnovation Chair Selection Process

Process: Names of potential nominees (and self-nominations) will be solicited and collected through the agNC Office. This occurs every five years across the regional associations in a distinct order (NC, S, ARD, W, NE). The agNC Office will contact all nominees and provide information on the application process, as well as answer any questions on responsibilities. In addition, our most recent agInnovation Chair was George Smith (formerly of MSU, now at the University of AZ), could be consulted concerning the duties and responsibilities. If interested and we have more than one nominee, we request nominees develop a half-page narrative (see below) for submission to agNC office by June 30 of the year prior to becoming the national agInnovation chair. The Nominations and Awards Committee (NAC) will review any material submitted, identify any additional information needed, and then the nominations will be forwarded to the agNC AES in each state. Each state will provide a numeric ranking (1=highest) for each candidate and so on, then forward to agNC Office. This ranking may be done by anonymous survey, as needed. The agNC Office will summarize the results, provide to the NAC for oversight, and results will be shared with all agNC directors at the NC Mini Land-grant meeting and ratified by agNC.

Qualifications (examples): Regional Association involvement as Director or Associate Director; agInnovation Committee or other involvement; Other relevant leadership positions held; and Statement of interest and time availability.

Responsibilities (examples): Chair regular meetings and calls as outlined below; Work with standing agInnovation committees and chairs; Serve as liaison with other BAA Sections or groups, APLU BAA staff, and BAA contractors; Make committee appointments; Build and enhance relationships with leadership from other COPs, federal agencies, foundations and professional groups/associations as appropriate (building upon prior chair connections); and create new initiatives and others as opportunities develop.

Term: Chair Elect (Oct 2027-Sept 2028) and Chair (Oct 2028-Sept 2029); Terms begin at the end of the agInnovation Fall Meeting (~Sept).

Key Meetings: agInnovation Fall Meeting (Sept 2027 as host at a location chosen by Incoming Chair, normally within their state so easily supported by their institution's conference services); Summer BAA Leadership Meeting 2028 (TBA); agInnovation Fall Meeting (Sept 2029)
Regular Calls: agInnovation Chair's Advisory Committee (CAC, as needed); Spring agInnovation national calls

Support: agNC ED and AD; other EDs/ADs as needed, agInnovation CAC (Chair's Advisory Committee) and other agInnovation committee Chairs.