Note: Per an action of all three Boards of Directors, the committee is requested to rewrite their charge/functions to expand on the positive activities of the committee and make it more relevant to today’s membership.

ACS528 DIVERSITY IN AGRONOMY, CROPS, SOILS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES COMMITTEE

A. Status: Special Committee

B. Composition and Tenure:

Nine members plus a Chair. Members are appointed for three-year terms with three members up for reappointment or replacement each year. The chair serves a one year term and may be reappointed. Each president appoints the representative for their respective Society as vacancies occur. Additional members may be appointed as needed and terms will be determined by the Presidents and Committee Chair. The Presidents jointly appoint the chair.

C. Functions:

1. To promote the status of minorities in the three societies.
2. To encourage minorities to achieve professional excellence.
3. To establish networks of minorities in agricultural science.
4. To sponsor meetings to address issues of special concern to minorities in agriculture.
5. To foster the informal exchange of information and contacts in support of professional activities of minorities.
6. To forward to the Presidents, suggestions of persons who may serve on other Society committees.
7. To submit an annual report, as requested by the Society.

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 chair.
2. Cooperates with the Committee in its activities to promote the status of minorities and to encourage minorities to take an active role in society programs and activities.