

Motions
Sustainable Agriculture Standards Committee Meeting – May 27-28, 2009

Motion 1: Accept the Task Force Recommendations as a whole. Motion amended (see Motion 2).

Motion 2: Divide the question: Consider all of the Task Force Recommendations separately. Motion approved.

Motion 3: Amend Task Force Leadership Recommendation #1 to state ‘Standard should initially end at the farm gate.’ Motion approved.

Motion 4: Amend Task Force Leadership recommendation #2 to state ‘Standard should initially be limited to soil and crop management.’ Motion withdrawn (see Motion 5).

Motion 5: Withdraw Motion 4. Motion approved.

Motion 6: Amend Task Force Leadership recommendation #3 to state ‘Standard should be performance oriented with outcome-based measures, recognizing that process or practice based measures may be preferable in some cases.’ Motion failed.

Task Force Leadership Recommendations adopted:

- a. The standard should initially end at the farm gate
 - b. The standard should initially be limited to crop production
 - c. The standard should be performance oriented
- * The sublanguage under each heading serves as guidance only and can be modified by the Committee to more accurately state the purpose and objective(s) of each heading

Motion 7: Accept the recommendations of the Needs Assessment Executive Summary. Motion passed.

Motion 8: Include an asterisk at the end of each Task Force document stating that the recommendations and corresponding language are to be read in context with the scope recommendations passed by the Committee. Motion passed.

Motion 9: Accept the Statement of Principles as identified in the Mission & Principles Sustainable Principles Document Items II – V, with the background and issue papers serving as reference documents. Motion passed.

Motion 10: Add an asterisk to the end of the Mission & Principles recommendations stating: *“The recommendation should be read under the full context of the Committee’s previous actions regarding the Task Force leadership recommendations.”* Motion passed.

Motion 11: Modify Bullet #6 of the Sustainable Principles document to include ‘farm workers.’ Motion passed.

Motion 12: Discuss the SCS-001 copyright issue at the end of Day 2. Motion passed.

Motion 13: Include phraseology in the M&P Statement of Purpose that this standard will be based on scientific principles. Motion amended (see Motion 14).

Motion 14: Move statement about 'science-based' to the list of clauses in the Statement of Purpose. Motion passed.

"The purpose of a sustainable agriculture standard is to encourage the widespread adoption of agricultural production and handling practices that are ecologically responsible, equitable, economically viable, science-based, meet global demand for a full range of agricultural products, and ensure that future generations are able to meet their own needs."

Motion 15: Accept all of the remaining Task Force reports as reference documents. Motion passed.

Motion 16: Discuss the 'elephant' issues for one hour before discussing the creation of subcommittees. Motion amended (see Motion 18).

Motion 17: Discuss subcommittees first in order to have a place to put the elephant issues (i.e. keep the agenda as is). No second. Motion withdrawn.

Motion 18: Discuss Molly Anderson's subcommittee proposal for 15 minutes prior to discussing the elephant issues. Motion passed.

Motion 19: Accept the subcommittee proposal. Motion tabled (see Motion 20) then passed.

Motion 20: Table Motion 19 until elephant issues have been discussed. Motion passed.

Motion 21: The Standards Committee will adopt the following statement: *"Our goal is to develop a measurable standard for increasing the sustainability of agriculture methods that are based on verifiable metrics and will allow for any agricultural technologies."* Motion amended (see Motions 23 & 24).

Motion 22: Amend the proposed statement to say 'legal agricultural technologies.' No second. Motion withdrawn.

Motion 23: Delete the word 'measurable' before 'standard.' Motion passed.

Motion 24: Amend the proposed statement to say: *"Our goal is to develop a standard that is based on verifiable metrics and will allow for any technology that increases agricultural sustainability."* Motion passed.

Motion 25: Include an explicit clause in the proposed subcommittee document that requires interaction across the subcommittees regarding social, economic, and environmental components of sustainability. Motion passed.

Motion 26: Eliminate proposed Subcommittee #8. Motion passed.

Motion 27: Move language from former Subcommittee #8 Item A to Subcommittee #4 Item D. Motion passed.

Motion 28: Remove Items B, C and D from Subcommittee #6. Motion amended (see Motion 29).

Motion 29: Keep Item B and Remove Items C and D from Subcommittee 36. Motion passed.

Motion 30: Amend the title of Subcommittee #6 to read 'Interface with Regulatory and Agricultural Policy.' Motion passed.

Motion 31: Adopt the titles of Subcommittees #1-7 and to refer to the supporting language as reference material. Motion failed.

Motion 32: Amend the title of Subcommittee #7 to read 'Fundraising and Communications' and remove of Item B. Motion passed.

Motion 33: Add Item B: 'Assist in fundraising for the duration of the process' to Subcommittee #7. Motion passed.

Motion 34: Add Item I: 'Make recommendations on Standards Committee composition' to Subcommittee #5. Motion passed.

Motion 35: Add Item J: 'Expedite recommendations about the types of standards to be developed and the level of detail to be expected' to Subcommittee #5. Motion passed.

Motion 36: Add Item A-6: 'Other issues' to Subcommittee #3. Motion passed.

Motion 37: Merge Subcommittee #6 with Subcommittee #4. Motion passed.

Motion 38: Adopt the proposed subcommittee list and include the sub-items as reference. Motion amended (see Motion 39).

Motion 39: Reconsider Motion 31. Motion withdrawn.

Motion 40: Adopt the revised list of subcommittees, all of their bullets, all of the minutes from previous Task Force call and all relevant subordinate material as guidance for the subcommittees moving forward. No second. Motion failed.

Motion 41: Add an asterisk at the end of the document stating: *'The items listed under each subcommittee serve as guidance and are not limiting. The subcommittees have the discretion to develop their work plans and to add to this list.'* Motion passed.

Motion 42: Formalize the leadership of the subcommittees into a seventh subcommittee – Executive Committee (comprised of the chairs/co-chairs of each subcommittee and the Standards Committee Officers). Motion passed.

Motion 43: Accept the recommendations of the Outreach Task Force, with specific emphasis on increasing the number of representatives in the Producer category, particularly feed and fiber, with the

caveat that at least two weeks are allotted for the Committee to identify additional individuals for consideration. Motion withdrawn.

Motion 44: The Outreach TF recommendations should be utilized by the Executive Committee to put forth to Leonardo Academy additional stakeholders to consider for representation on the Committee, within a time frame of 60 days. Motion passed.