



## Approved Motions

### **National Sustainable Agriculture Standard Standards Committee Meeting, September 25-26, 2008**

#### ***Motion 1:***

The Standards Committee moves to recommend to Leonardo Academy an alternative, two-stage voting process for selecting Standards Committee Officers. Candidates shall be nominated to the Chair and Secretary Positions. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each position during the initial round of voting will enter a second round of voting. The winner of the second round for each position will hold the principle position, and the runner up will be designated as the vice officer.

(Motion approved unanimously)

#### ***Motion 2:***

We recognize the extensive effort and hard work of SCS to initiate the discussion on sustainability. However, in the interest of coming together and working toward a common goal for agricultural sustainability, we will set aside the DSTU SCS-001, and the Committee will treat it as a reference document and will label as such on all appropriate committee documents and websites as soon as is practical.

The Standards Committee will issue a statement indicating that the Committee will treat the DSTU as a reference document, along with others to be identified later, for the development of the Sustainable Agriculture Standard.

(Motion approved, with two objections)

#### ***Motion 3:***

The Sustainable Ag Standards Committee will establish six task forces to begin work immediately and regularly report back to the committee. These task forces are:

1. NEEDS ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE, to report on current data about the value, market demand, need and potential uses for a Sustainable Agriculture Standard;



2. MISSION & PRINCIPLES TASK FORCE, to review and refine the mission, vision, principles, and scope of the committee and standard and to report back its recommendations;

3. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS TASK FORCE, to gather, catalogue, and compare all relevant standards and documents;

4. METRICS METHODOLOGY TASK FORCE, to collect and report on current state of measurement tools and indicators for improving environmental, social and economic sustainability;

5. COMMITTEE FUNDING TASK FORCE, to identify and seek funds to support full stakeholder participation in the process;

6. OUTREACH TASK FORCE.

(Motion approved, with one objection)