

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

VOTING MEMBER

is an individual who: (a.) is an independent crop consultant/contract researcher/quality assurance officer involved in the agricultural industry providing recommendations and/or technical data for a fee that is itemized and billed to clients; and who receives no compensation from a client's purchase of products based on those recommendations and/or data and further, if compensated as an employee, whose compensation is not subsidized or supplemented by any portion of the employer's revenue which is derived from the sale of products. Products are defined as including, but not limited to: inorganic or organic soil amendments; seed or plant materials; commercially available equipment, machinery, or implements; chemical or biological pest control inputs and/or animal feed or medicinal products; and (b.) possesses a four-year college degree in an appropriate field of study (or has attained ten years or more of experience as an independent crop consultant or contract researcher); and (c.) has had a minimum of four years of experience as an independent crop consultant, one year of which may be substituted by a Masters degree or two years by a Ph.D. degree; or six years of non-consulting experience in an appropriate field may be substituted for two years experience as an independent crop consultant or contract researcher; and (d.) has provided references of individuals or other entities for whom the candidate has personally provided consultation and/or research services; and (e.) has agreed with the objectives of the Alliance; and (f.) has agreed in writing to conform to the Code of Ethics of the Alliance.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

is an individual who: (a.) possesses a four-year college degree in an appropriate field of study (or has attained ten or more years of experience as a crop consultant or contract researcher); and (b.) has had a minimum of four year of experience as a crop consultant, one year of which may be substituted by a Masters degree or two years by a Ph.D. degree; or six years of non-consulting experience in an appropriate field may be substituted for two years experience as a crop consultant; or (c.) whose service on the staff of a public institution or agency preclude Voting Membership.

PROVISIONAL MEMBER

is an individual who wishes to support the mission and goals of the Alliance. It is possible, though not necessary, to move to other membership categories when specific requirements are satisfied.

STUDENT MEMBER

is an individual enrolled in an academic training program.

RETIRED MEMBER

is an individual who is retired from active crop consulting and/or contract research, and previously held Voting Member status in the Alliance for at least three years.