



Nonprofit /Trade Organization Membership Petition

Nonprofit or Trade Organization Membership is reserved for nonprofit or trade organizations that have a vested interest in advancing the understanding and use of science and technology in the production, processing, and utilization of food, biofuel, feed, or fiber.

Nonprofit or Trade Organization Contribution Requirements

- Those contributing at a minimum **\$5,000** annual level may participate in CAST through a CAST Representative from their organization who serves a three-year term on the CAST Board of Representatives and participates as a member of one work group. CAST Representative responsibilities are outlined below.
- Those contributing below the minimum level may contribute financially at the annual level of their choice and will receive all membership benefits, however will not have a CAST Representative.

Please complete the following and return to CAST if petitioning board for first time membership or rejoining.

Membership Petition:

Organizations that want to participate in CAST through a CAST Representative must petition the CAST Board of Directors for membership. The petition for membership should include:

1. **The organization's mission/purpose:** (If needed, attach separate documentation)
2. **Scientific publications:** (If needed, attach separate documentation)
3. **Membership:** (If needed, attach separate documentation)
4. **Bylaws:** (Attach as separate document)
5. **A request for acceptance stating how the organization's membership would contribute to the fulfillment of CAST's mission** (*CAST assembles, interprets, and communicates credible, science-based information regionally, nationally, and internationally to legislators, regulators, policymakers, the media, the private sector, and the public.*) Attach as a separate document.

CAST Nonprofit/Trade Organization Representative

Background: Each Nonprofit/Trade Organization member will designate one representative to serve a three-year term on the CAST Board of Representatives. The representative is expected to attend an annual CAST meeting of the board each year, participate throughout the year as a member of one work group, and serve as a liaison between CAST and their organization. For CAST to be as functional as possible, it is paramount that nonprofit/ trade organization members consider the individual to be appointed and the following responsibilities before making their appointments.

Duties:

- **Attendance/Participation**
 - Attend an annual CAST meeting. In the event that the Representative cannot attend, it is his/her responsibility to arrange for an informed substitute to represent his/her organization. *The organization is responsible for all travel expenses related to attendance of the annual meeting.*
 - Participate actively in work group assignments, conference calls, etc. as appropriate. The representative may serve on one work group: Animal Ag and Environment, Food Science and Safety, or Plant Ag and Environment.
 - Be a current paid individual member of CAST during his/her tenure as a Representative. Membership categories include: Individual, Century Club, Friends of CAST, Presidents Club, Millennium Club, and Lifetime Membership.
 - Coordinate set up, take down, and staffing of the CAST display at member professional meetings as appropriate. CAST uses a tabletop display that explains the role of CAST and contains display copies of recent publications,
 - Communicate effectively and regularly with the organization he/she represents, including reporting to his/her board, executives, newsletter, and other avenues as available and appropriate.
 - Coordinate or facilitate efforts of the CAST staff to enhance communications between CAST and other organizational members.
- **Development Support**
 - Encourage colleagues to be members of CAST.
 - Assist with sustaining membership by identifying appropriate companies/ organizations to approach for membership and identifying appropriate contacts when possible.
 - Encourage financial contributions, both unrestricted and for specific purposes, from individuals, companies, nonprofit organizations, and academic and governmental entities.
- **Organization**
 - Understand the organizational structure of CAST and participate actively in a work group.
 - Ensure that the status of organizational strength and human resources available are commensurate with the requirements of the long-range goals.
 - Assess the effectiveness of the CAST organization and make recommendations to improve its performance.
- **Operations**
 - Critically assess results achieved by CAST in light of its philosophy, annual and long-range goals, and the performance of similar organizations.
 - Ensure that the finances of CAST are adequate for its current needs and its long-range strategy.
 - Provide CAST with candid and constructive criticism, advice, and comments.
- **Term**
 - 3 Years

For additional information, contact Executive Vice President John M. Bonner (515) 292-2125, ext. 25 or jbonner@cast-science.org.

CAST is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Therefore, your membership and any additional contributions may qualify as charitable contributions under IRS guidelines. CAST's Federal Identification Number is 23-718-6154. You will receive a verification of contribution.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NONPROFIT CONTRIBUTION STRUCTURE

AS ALWAYS, CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS ARE DISCRETIONARY.

WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- Budget of \$5 Million - \$7500/yr
- Budget of \$2.5 Million - \$5000/yr
- Budget of \$1 Million - \$2500/yr
- Budget of \$500,000 - \$1500/yr
- Budget of \$250,000 - \$1000/yr
- Budget of \$100,000 - \$750/yr
- Budget up to \$100,000 - \$500/yr

Become a member of CAST by visiting
www.cast-science.org
or complete this form, then mail or fax to:

CAST
4420 West Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50014-3447
Phone: (515) 292-2125
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Questions: Contact Melissa Sly
msly@cast-science.org
515.292.2125 ext 32

- Those contributing at a minimum **\$5,000** annual level may participate in CAST through a CAST Representative from their company who serves on a Work Group. Organizational membership is granted on application, which must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and payment of dues.
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Nonprofit Member's 1st Representative

Dr. Mr. Ms.

Name _____ Title _____

Organization/Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Email (Required to receive *Friday Notes* and announcements) _____

Nonprofit Member's 2nd Representative

Dr. Mr. Ms.

Name _____ Title _____

Telephone _____ Email (Required to receive *Friday Notes* and announcements) _____

Payment Information

- Please invoice me for \$ _____ Check enclosed for \$ _____ (Make checks payable to CAST)
- AmEx \$ _____ Discover \$ _____ MC \$ _____ Visa \$ _____

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration _____ Verification Code # _____ Signature _____