

Job Description Strategic Ag Innovation Committee (SAIC)

Committee Mission: The “strategic forward thinker” for the almond industry, supported by specialty-area research working groups. Identify and initiate a broad-based research program, addressing ag and environmental challenges, which will ultimately ensure the long-term sustainability of almond growing, meeting the needs and expectations of stakeholders globally.

Member/Alternate Responsibilities:

- Two all day in-person meetings per fiscal year, anticipated monthly conference calls, and periodic review of materials, proposals, and budgets
- Strategic planning, oversight and program development for:
 - Accelerated Innovation Management (AIM)¹
 - Traditional ag and environmental research
 - Crop of Choice (COC) capabilities and aligned working groups
- Guide working group research program development
- Prepare recommendations to Board on research needs and funding priorities
- Participate in one or more working groups as a member or observer
- Annually review working group structure and focus

Member/Alternate Target Skill Sets/Expertise:

- Strategic thinking and array of experiences that connects the wide range of factors that influence almond production and handling
- Farm management, marketing and/or regulatory experience
- Understanding of the role research plays in ensuring almonds continue to be a Crop of Choice for California
- Ability to think about and review a wide range of scientific and technical research topics
- Ability to comprehend research, and its short and long-term implications for the needs of almond growing
- Ability to “brainstorm” and work in a group/committee setting

For further information, contact Bob Curtis (rcurtis@almondboard.com, 209-604-0385) or Gabriele Ludwig (gludwig@almondboard.com, 209-765-0578).

¹ Advisory to the ABC Board Task Force through FY 17/18, then assuming oversight.



Committee Membership Statement of Interest
Strategic Ag Innovation Committee (SAIC) Member/ Alternate

Name: _____ Company: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Industry Affiliation: Grower Handler Allied Industry Other _____

The Strategic Ag Innovation Committee (SAIC) regularly seeks experience and expertise in the following areas. Please check all that apply to you and provide relevant detail:

- Farm management: _____
Research: _____
Food safety: _____
Variety and rootstock breeding: _____
Plant diseases: _____
Entomology/Integrated Pest Management: _____
Outreach programs: _____
Sustainability/ CASP: _____
Irrigation, Nutrients and Soil Health: _____
Harvesting: _____
Pollination: _____
Regulatory knowledge: _____
Cross-industry production/environmental expertise: _____
Stats analysis expertise: _____
Broad manufacturing/processing expertise: _____
Supply chain/ handling/marketing expertise: _____
Global trade: _____

Please indicate previous volunteer/leadership positions you have held with the Almond Board of California:

Please indicate previous volunteer/leadership positions you have held other than with the Almond Board of California:
