



## **Science & Technology Committee**

**Committee Objective:** The Science & Technology Committee serves PMA membership by identifying critical industry issues in science and technology, determining how they impact the produce supply chain domestically and globally and working with PMA staff to develop strategies to address those issues.

### **Committee Member Prerequisites:**

- Should have either scientific or business expertise in produce science, food safety, emerging technologies that can impact the produce and floral industries, crop production, processing technology, industry data standards, the collection and analysis of data, case- pallet- and item-level identification and tracking tools, supply chain transportation, logistics and distribution
- Can be from across the global supply chain, e.g. growers, shippers, processors, service providers, foodservice or retail professional segments

### **Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Translate complex science and technology issues into viable business applications for the produce and floral industries
- Provide practical technical expertise and strategic direction to help staff evaluate key food safety, technology, data, product coding, regulatory or legislative requests or opportunities where industry input is required to shape policy, regulation or best practices
- Advise PMA staff and Board of Directors on emerging technology trends and research that may impact the industry
- Assist PMA business plans to develop educational, web and event content to support PMA's technology portfolio development, supply chain logistics efforts and food safety initiatives

### **Estimated Time Commitment and Meeting Format:**

- Two in-person meetings; conference calls and webinars as needed

### **Term Limits:**

- Chair and vice chair appointed to one-year term
- Committee members may be appointed for up to three consecutive one-year terms; Terms are structured to ensure sufficient continuity

### **Relationship with Other Leadership Groups:**

- Reports directly to the Board of Directors

### **Volunteer Expenses:**

- Travel and lodging expenses (such as airfare, ground transportation, lodging, etc.) associated with attending committee meetings will be the responsibility of the committee member