

## 2023–24 MCIA Committees

MCIA currently has six committees:

1. Agronomic Standards
2. Approved Facilities
3. Foundation Seed
4. Legislative and Public Affairs
5. Native Seeds
6. Organic Certification

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### AGRONOMIC STANDARDS

*Purpose:* To monitor and review certification standards and procedures and to make recommendations to the Board and management about proposed changes.

Chair: Brad Barth  
Staff Liaison: Jody Prudhomme  
Jim Anderson  
Nat Forster  
Ben Haugrud  
Brent Johnson  
Richard Magnusson  
Ray Swenson  
Michael Zabel

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### APPROVED FACILITIES

*Purpose:* To recommend and review standards and procedures for approving plants to condition certified seed, and to make recommendations regarding the Approved Conditioners Program.

Chair: Brent Benike  
Staff Liaison: Kris Folland  
Michael Backman  
Mike Friederichs  
Scott Habstritt  
Brian Jensen  
Dave Lunning  
Calvin Spronk  
Darius Thiel  
Jeff Ziller

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### FOUNDATION SEED

*Purpose:* To review the Foundation Seed Program and to recommend policies and procedures, including proposed seed sale prices and prices to be paid to contract growers.

Chair: Bryant Haugrud  
Staff Liaison: Carl Anfinson  
Bob Ehlers  
Brian Jensen  
Paul Johnson  
John Kapphahn  
Larry Riopelle  
Paul Werner  
Jim Wichmann

## LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

*Purpose:* To monitor the processes of government that affect MCIA and its members and to influence that process to the benefit of the Association.

Chair: Mac Ehrhardt  
Staff Liaison: Fawad Shah

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## NATIVE SEEDS

*Purpose:* To monitor and review certification standards and procedures and to make recommendations to the Board and management about proposed changes.

Chair: Mark Udstuen  
Staff Liaison: Seth Dagoberg  
Ken Graeve  
Mark Gullickson  
Garth Kaste  
Wes Olmschenk  
William Olson  
Ruth Shaw  
Trent Youngstrand

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## ORGANIC CERTIFICATION

*Purpose:* To monitor and review the development of the MCIA Organic Certification Program and to make recommendations to the Board and management about the implementation of the program.

Chair: Jim Falk  
Staff Liaison: Michelle Menken  
Chris Byron  
Dennis Fronning  
Vince Gorder  
Ben Hinueber  
Kevin Knoblach  
Menno Lambricht  
Carolyn Middendorf  
Nancy Middendorf  
Jonathan Olson  
Mike Schneider  
Keith Speltz