

2019–20 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

AGRONOMIC STANDARDS

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

Chair: Jim Kukowski
Staff Liaison: Jody Prudhomme
Paul Adams
Jim Anderson
Kevin Capistran
Nat Forster
Richard Magnusson
Mory Rugg
Ray Swenson
Michael Zabel

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

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: Bob Ehlers
Staff Liaison: Roger Wippler
Brian Jensen
Bryant Haugrud
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: Seth Dagoberg

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: Chase Mowry
Ken Graeve
Mark Gulllickson
Garth Kaste
Wes Olmschenk
William Olson
Mike Ratzlaff
Ruth Shaw

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
Bairet Eiter
Dennis Fronning
Oluf Johnson
Kevin Knoblach
Roger Keskey
Bob Masselink
Jonathan Olson
Mike Schneider
Keith Speltz
Rick Tamm
Courtney Tchida