

## 2016-17 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 – Jim Kukowski  
Staff Liaison – Jody Prudhomme  
Paul Adams  
Jim Anderson  
Jesse Berg  
Kurt Price  
Kevin Capistran  
Nat Forster  
Richard Magnusson  
Bill Meyers  
Ray Swenson

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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 – Scott Habstritt  
Staff Liaison - Kris Folland  
Brent Benike  
Mike Friederichs  
Kurt Flegal  
Dave Lunning  
Glenn Rivard  
Calvin Spronk  
Darius Thiel  
Christine Wietzki

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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 – Mike Zabel  
Staff Liaison - Roger Wippler  
Crystal Dahmes  
Bob Ehlers  
Brian Jensen  
Bryant Haugrud  
John Kapphahn  
Larry Riopelle  
Paul Werner

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## 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 - Jim Boots

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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 – Joe Schafer  
Staff Liaison – Jennifer Pernsteiner  
Judy Schulte  
Ken Graeve  
Garth Kaste  
William Olson  
Rich Perrine  
Ruth Shaw  
Mark Udstuen  
Dwayne Vosejka

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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  
Bea James  
Heather Hoshaw  
Bryan or Theresa Kerkaert  
Kevin Knoblach  
Matt Leavitt or Elia Romano  
Bob Masselink  
Jonathan Olson  
Drew Pogones  
Mike Schneider  
Rick Tamm  
Courtney Tchida  
Lee Thooft  
Rachel Young