

Dr. Fawad Shah, New MCIA President/CEO

I am pleased to announce to the membership, staff and friends of MCIA, the appointment of Dr. Fawad Shah as the new President/CEO of the association effective June 1, 2015.

Dr. Shah received a Bachelor and a Master of Science from the University of Ag, Pakistan in 1989 and 1991, respectively. He received a PhD in Seed Technology – Agronomy in 1997 and obtained a Masters in Business Administration in 2001 from Mississippi State University. Most recently, Dr. Shah served as the Director of the Seed Regulatory and Testing Division at the USDA. Previously, he served as Grain and Seed Administrator for the Commodity Inspection Division at Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA); as Seed Certification Program Manager, WSDA; and various other positions.

His experience working with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) program, Federal Seed Act enforcement, seed and variety testing, seed certification, phytosanitary inspections, and regulatory services as well as fiscal, strategic and operational leadership will benefit MCIA as the organization moves forward.

I would like to thank the members of the search committee: Duane Dahlman, Cokato; Paul Kjolhaug, Willmar; Nancy Ehlke, St. Paul; Mac Ehrhardt, Albert Lea and Brent Benike, Williams for their efforts to review the credentials of the applicants and to



identify Dr. Shah as the best candidate to assume the President/CEO role. A number of qualified candidates applied for the position. Your board is confident that Dr. Shah will provide great leadership as MCIA continues to fulfill its mission of serving the needs of its clients.

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Dr. Fawad Shah to his new position as President/CEO of MCIA.

Paul Adams, Chair
MCIA Board of Directors

U of MN Upcoming Field Days

Visit our website for updated locations and information

- June 23 - 2015 Agronomy Field Tour, SROC, Waseca - 8-11:30 AM, lunch to follow
- June 23 - Southern Small Grain Field Days, Dave Lochen Farm, Marty - 10 AM, contact Joe 320-980-2915
- July 7 - Crop Management Field Tour, Rochester
- July 10 - Summer Field Day, WCROC, Morris - tours and presentations on various agricultural topics
- July 13 - Southern Small Grain Field Days, John & Chad Walkup Farm, Campbell - 5 PM, contact Doug 218-770-4396
- July 15 - Organic Field Day, SWROC, Lamberton
- July 15 - Crops and Soils Day, NWROC, Crookston
- July 29-30 - Field School for Ag Professionals, U of M St. Paul Campus, to register call 651-480-7732 or go to extension.umn.edu/agriculture/ag-professional
- August 11 - Organic Dairy Day, WCROC, Morris



Chairman's View

Paul Adams, Board Chair

Big Shoes



As many farmers look back, they usually knew they wanted to farm at a very young age. Sometimes, the task of taking over the family farm and doing it successfully can be a bit unnerving. More than once, I have heard "You have some big shoes to fill young man!" Those "big shoes"

always refer to some successful person such as a parent, grandparent, or mentor of some kind. This change or filling of the big shoes is necessary for any business to succeed.

The big shoes that I have filled in my life have been of my father, Alan Adams. Alan, along with my uncle, Merwin Adams, started Adams Seed in the late 1950's selling flax, oats, and wheat. Over the years and many bags of seed later, I was given a chance to run the operation and it is where I hang my hat today. Along with growing, conditioning, and selling certified seed, farming, and raising three girls with my wife Crystal, I feel we have filled those big shoes pretty well so far.

More recently I was given an opportunity to serve as chairman of the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association board of directors and try to fill the big shoes of our past chairman, Duane Dahlman. I was honored and a bit scared at the same time, due to our CEO, Ben Lang, announcing his retirement. After an extensive search, our board and search committee did an excellent job to find our new CEO, Dr. Fawad Shah. Dr. Shah has a strong history in the seed industry and we are very excited to have him join the MCIA organization. I am very optimistic about the future of MCIA under the leadership of Dr. Shah and confident he will fill those big shoes of Ben's.

As you can see, change is always happening and big shoes always need to be filled. It has truly been an honor to serve on the board with Ben as CEO. I have learned so much from him and look to him as a mentor for my own business. On behalf of the board, staff, and membership, I would like to thank Mr. Ben Lang for his 35 years with MCIA. Ben's leadership and service are a large reason the MCIA is the successful and growing organization that it is today. Ben will be missed throughout the industry and we wish him a very happy retirement. Thank you Ben.

Bolles A New Minnesota Wheat Variety

Provided by the University of Minnesota Ag Experiment Station

'Bolles' is a promising hard red spring wheat released by the University of Minnesota's Agricultural Experiment Station. The variety's outstanding characteristic is its very high grain protein content with above average yield potential, a difficult combination to achieve. Seed producers are increasing Bolles this year and it will be available to farmers for 2016 planting.

Bolles is a mid-to-late maturity variety with high baking quality. Bolles also has excellent preharvest sprouting resistance. Its test name was MN08165-8 and over the last three years it showed excellent leaf rust resistance and moderate resistance to Fusarium head blight and bacterial leaf streak.

University of Minnesota wheat breeder Jim Anderson says, "Bolles sets a new standard for protein content and grain yield among modern varieties. It is a percentage point - or more - higher in protein than all varieties that yield better. And, its yield is higher when compared to all varieties within a percentage point of its region-leading protein level."

Bolles can be previewed during field days at the University's Northwest Research and Outreach Center (NWROC), Crookston and at on farm trials in northwest Minnesota. Visit nwroc.umn.edu in June for a schedule of mid-summer events.

Its name remembers the first flour mill in Minnesota, built in the winter of 1845-46 by Lemuel Bolles in Afton. It was on a stream known as Bolles Creek, now more commonly called Valley Creek, which enters the St. Croix River about a quarter mile away. Grinding corn and wheat, the Bolles mill had a nine-foot water wheel and could produce 50 barrels of flour a day. There is now a historical marker on Washington County Road 18 near the site.



Researchers at the University of Minnesota have been evaluating and developing wheat varieties since 1889. 'Bolles' will be distributed through Minnesota Crop Improvement Association members; a list of seed producers will be available in September at www.mncia.org.

Diversity, Quality of Work and Commitment to Serve is What MCIA is all About



It is with great pleasure that I am writing my thoughts as the new President/CEO of Minnesota Crop Improvement Association. Having been just a few days on the job, I am being constantly reminded of the diversity in types of services performed by MCIA through inspection, review and administration of

various segments. I am truly amazed by the quality of work done by just a hand full of people resulting in an immense impact on MN Agriculture.

Work performed by MCIA contributes directly to the State's agricultural economy and helps further improve quality of life for our residents. The staff is committed to serve the needs and expectation of our clients and going the extra mile, which is just a routine matter and not the exception. These and many other values directly correlate with my background in private and public arenas.

My work in the Washington State Department of Agriculture not only focused on seed inspections, certification and regulatory services, but also to ensure accuracy, efficiency, and cost competitiveness all combined with distinguished customer services. At the USDA Seed Regulatory and Testing Division as Director and OECD Program Manager, I was able to work with a diverse group of people both in the U.S. as well as other countries to uphold the Federal Seed Act (FSA) and facilitate seed trade in domestic and foreign commerce.

My background in education goes to completing my doctoral program in Seed Technology – Agronomy and a Master of Science in Business Administration, each from Mississippi State University. Prior to joining the Washington State Department of Agriculture, I worked as seed analyst at Hulsey Seed Lab in GA, in the quality assurance department at Monsanto's soybean facility in Stuttgart, AR, and as Research Associate in the Variety Testing and Foundation Seed Development Programs at Mississippi State University.

As you know Ben is enjoying his retirement, but I want to recognize his contributions over the years to MCIA. Through his leadership and inspiration, MCIA is in a great position to serve the needs of the Minnesota seed and agricultural industry. I and the entire MCIA staff is committed to building upon Ben's legacy of hard work, integrity and ability to work with all stakeholders.

As I continue in my role, I plan to spend ample time with staff, board members and our stakeholders to learn about our operations, services offered and to gain insight on what we need to do as an organization to help meet your challenges and acquire short and long term success for all parties.

I am greatly encouraged by the leadership of the MCIA Board as well as the general membership and their efforts to propel MCIA to become a vibrant organization, a value added resource, and a one-stop shop for current and future services.

Last but certainly not the least; I would like to remind you that MCIA gravitates toward its members for innovative ideas. I welcome your input on how we can maintain and grow MCIA as a relevant, competitive and solution oriented organization.

In Memorium

Dr. John A. Goodding of Roseville, passed away May 18 at the age of 93. John was a Professor Emeritus at CFANS; his 17 year career at the University included academic administration and classroom teaching in the Department of Agronomy & Plant Genetics. As coach of the University of Minnesota Crops judging team from 1980-1988, Goodding's teams won many team and individual competitions.

Bert Enestvedt of Sacred Heart, MN, passed away May 8 at the age of 95. Bert lived on the farm homesteaded by his grandfather his entire life. He went into the seed business with his brothers Odean and Johannes known as Enestvedt Brothers Seed Corn Company, which was his passion. Bert was a lifelong member of MCIA. He served on the Board of Directors of both MCIA and the Minnesota Seed Producers and Promotion Association. Along with other MCIA members he was a founding member of the Minnesota Soybean

Growers Association. In 1991 the Minnesota Ag Experiment Station released a soybean variety named "Bert," and in 1994, Bert was the first recipient of the Siehl Prize for Excellence in Production Agriculture.

An advocate for agriculture Bert did his part, for over 50 years, you could find him visiting with fairgoers at the Enestvedt Seed Corn booth at the Minnesota State Fair.





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CALENDAR

June

- 21-24 AOSCA Annual Mtg, Vancouver, British Columbia
- 29-30 MCIA Board Meeting, Alexandria

July

- 3 MCIA office closed
- 22-24 Northern Seed Trade Assn Mtg, Manitoba, Canada
- 29-30 U of MN Ag Professional Field School, St. Paul

August

- 4-6 Farmfest, Gilfillan Estates, Redwood County
- 27 Minnesota State Fair begins

September

- 7 MCIA Office Closed
- 9-11 Midwest Specialty Grains Conf., Minneapolis
 www.grainconference.org

See the MCIA website for more upcoming events at www.mncia.org

SAVE YOUR SEED SAMPLES

Registration for the MN State Fair Certified Seed Show is now open. For more info contact Roger at MCIA or contact the MN State Fair Competition Dept., at 651-288-4417 or competition@mnstatefair.org or 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55108.