

## Calendar

- Nov 7-10** Western Seed Assn. Annual Mtg, Kansas City, MO
- Nov. 12** AgriGrowth Mtg & Conf., Mpls
- Nov. 20** MCIA Board Mtg, St. Paul
- Nov. 26-27** MCIA Office Closed - Holiday
- Dec. 7-11** ASTA Corn, Sorghum & Soybean Seed Research Conf., Chicago
- Dec. 9-10** Prairie Grains, Grand Forks, ND
- Dec 24-25** MCIA Office Closed - Holiday
- Jan 1** MCIA Office Closed - Holiday
- Jan. 8-9** MN Organic Conf., St. Cloud
- Jan. 12-13** **MCIA Annual Mtg, Fergus Falls**
- Jan. 27-28** MN Ag Expo, Mankato

## Board of Director Nominations

Nominations are open for the MCIA Board of Directors. The following seats are open: Paul Adams, District 2 and Jim Kukowski, District 1. Jim is eligible to serve another term. Send nominations to Fawad S. Shah at [fawad.shah@mncia.org](mailto:fawad.shah@mncia.org).

## 2016 MCIA Annual Meeting

The 113th Annual Meeting, will take place **January 12 and 13**, at the Bigwood Event Center in Fergus Falls. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Contact Fawad S. Shah at MCIA if you have agenda items that should be addressed at the Annual Meeting.

## We Need Your Help!

We highly value the input of our members. Is there someone you do business with or someone who has been a longtime supporter of MCIA and the seed industry who deserves recognition? MCIA members are invited to nominate individuals for the Achievement in Crop Improvement Award and the Premier and Honorary Premier Seedsman Awards. Not sure if someone has previously been recognized? Contact Roger Wippler at the MCIA office for more information.

## Royalty Fee Changes

### SDSU

Beginning July 1, 2015, the royalty rate for South Dakota State University (SDSU) varieties changed. A notice has been sent out and information is available on the MCIA website.

### Wisconsin

As of July 1, 2015 the royalty rate increased to \$.30/bu for University of Wisconsin varieties. This includes Badger, BetaGene<sup>TM</sup>, Esker and Ron oats. Growers who produced these and any Wisconsin varieties have been notified. A full list of Wisconsin varieties can be found on the MCIA website.

## Royalty and Variety Development Fund Fees

Billing for the various variety assessment fees were mailed to the appropriate members and were due October 1. Please complete the forms and return to MCIA as soon as possible. As a reminder, even if you have discarded or carried over seed and the balance due is \$0.00, please indicate the disposition of the seed and return the forms to MCIA.

## 2016 MCIA Directory

Watch your mail for the latest MCIA Directory this month. If you need additional copies please contact the MCIA office. The online version will be available on our website at [www.mncia.org](http://www.mncia.org) soon. Please contact MCIA if you notice any incorrect information.

## Early Order Deadline

The deadline for early orders of Foundation Seed is December 15, 2015. Contact MCIA if you have any questions about variety availability from MCIA and/or other states.

*Please join us for the MCIA Annual Meeting, January 12-13, 2016 in Fergus Falls*

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