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**FEBRUARY**

**13** SFA Annual Conference, Virtual

**22–27** Growing Stronger: Collaborative Conference on Organic and Sustainable Farming, Virtual

**MARCH**

**25** MCIA Board Meeting, MCIA Office, St. Paul

**MCIA Board of Directors Election Results**

A board of directors election was held January 13, 2021 during the 2021 MCIA Annual Meeting. Kelsey Henke, of Anderson Seeds, St. Peter, Minnesota, was elected to an open director position for District 3. As well, incumbent directors Nat Forster, Denise Thiede, and Nancy Ehlke were all re-elected. Subsequently, the board directors elected Brad Barth as their new chairman and re-elected Duane Dahlman as secretary. A full list of the current members of the MCIA Board of Directors follows:

**OFFICERS**

Brad Barth, Thief River Falls  
—Chairman

Bob Ehlers, Barrett—Vice Chair  
Duane Dahlman, Cokato—Secretary  
Darius Thiel, Wendell—Treasurer

**DIRECTORS**

Brent Benike, Baudette  
Matt Bohn, Breckenridge  
Nancy Jo Ehlke, UMN, Saint Paul  
Nat Forster, Hastings  
Kelsey Henke, St. Peter  
Grant Mehring, Fargo, ND  
Denise Thiede, St. Paul

**REMINDER: Seed Lab—Include Untreated Samples**

To assure timely test results, please remember to include an untreated sample along with your treated corn and soybean seed samples.

**Congratulations, Awardees!**

MCIA has presented its highest honor, the Achievement in Crop Improvement Award, to Dr. Don Wyse, Professor of Agronomy and Plant Genetics at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Wyse has made significant contributions to grass seed production and is a well-respected teacher, researcher, and leader. MCIA also recognized four Premier Seedsman awardees, Bob Ehlers of Elbow Lake, Clyde Kringle of McIntosh, and Dean Tarning and Dennis Tarning of Cokato for their excellent service to the seed industry. University of Minnesota research scientist Donn Vellekson and veteran MCIA field inspector Randy Krzmarzick were the recipients of MCIA's Honorary Premier Seedsman Award, which recognizes individuals not directly involved in seed production but who have actively supported the seed industry, MCIA, and their local community. The awards were conferred January 13, 2021, during MCIA's Annual Meeting.

**Thank You, Sponsors!**

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**Foundation Seed Orders**

Foundation confirmation and orders forms were recently sent out to certified seed growers. We are currently accepting orders for foundation seed. Demand for MN-Torgy wheat is strong and supplies are limited so be sure to order soon. Seed supplies are good for other wheat and oat varieties. If you are interested in a variety not on our price list, give us a call and we will try to locate it from another state. Payment should be sent with any orders.

**No New Small Grain Varieties in 2021**

MCIA will not have any new wheat or oat varieties to distribute this year. Information on three conventional soybean lines from the University of Minnesota was included in the Foundation mailing. Contact MCIA if you want more information.

**Seed Lab FYI: Days Required for Germ Tests**

**Barley\*** (no prechill): 7 days  
**Corn:** 7 days  
**Oats\*** (no prechill): 10 days  
**Rye\*** (no prechill): 7 days  
**Ryegrass** (no prechill): 14 days

**Soybeans:** 7 days  
**Wheat\*** (no prechill): 7 days  
\*A prechill is required for all 2020 crop year samples, which will add at least 5 days to the Germ Test

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