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## FEBRUARY

**12** SFA Annual Conference, St. Joseph

**24–27** MOSES Organic Farming Conf., La Crosse, WI

## MARCH

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

### MCIA Board of Directors Election Results

A board of directors election was held January 12, 2022 during the MCIA Annual Meeting. John Kapphahn, of Elbow Lake, was elected to an open director position for District 2. Jason Larsen, of Jackson, was elected to an open director position for District 3. Incumbent director for District 1, Brad Barth, was re-elected. Members also ratified Nancy Ehlke's nomination to the board, by the UMN, for an additional term as a Category B director.

Subsequently, the board directors re-elected Brad Barth as chair and elected Brent Benike as vice chair.

A full list of the current members of the MCIA Board of Directors follows:

#### OFFICERS

Brad Barth, Thief River Falls—Chair  
Brent Benike, Baudette—Vice Chair  
Duane Dahlman, Cokato—Secretary  
Darius Thiel, Wendell—Treasurer

#### DIRECTORS

Matt Bohn, Breckenridge  
Nancy Jo Ehlke, UMN Twin Cities  
Kelsey Henke, St. Peter  
John Kapphahn, Elbow Lake  
Jason Larsen, Jackson  
Grant Mehring, Fargo, ND  
Denise Thiede, St. Paul

## Thank you, Sponsors!

Thank you to the following sponsors who helped make the 2022 MCIA Annual Meeting a success: AgriGrowth, Bjerke Brothers, *The Farmer* magazine, Minnesota Corn Growers Association, Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council, Profile Industries, Richland IFC, Running Wealth Management Group, SDSU Seed Testing Laboratory, Soyko International, Specialty Soya and Grains Alliance, and the University of Minnesota Bookstore.

## Congratulations, Awardees!

MCIA has presented its highest honor, the Achievement in Crop Improvement Award, to **Wayne Capistran**, whose family-owned and operated business, Capistran Seed Company, is located in Crookston, Minnesota. Wayne is committed to producing high quality certified seed, provides honest information to his customers, and has a long record of service to the seed industry. The award recognizes exemplary service to the seed industry as well as outstanding leadership in agriculture. MCIA also recognized five Premier Seed Grower awardees, **Duane and John Pazdernik** of Waubun, **Larry Rivard** of Grand Forks, North Dakota, **Richard (Dick) Stangler** of Kilkenny, and **Harmen Tande** of Moorhead. Journalist **Andrea Johnson** and University of Minnesota professor **Kevin Smith** were the recipients of MCIA's Honorary Premier Seed Grower Award. The awards were conferred January 12, 2022, during MCIA's Annual Meeting.

## Foundation Seed Orders

Foundation confirmation and orders forms were recently sent out to certified seed growers. We are currently accepting orders for foundation seed on a first come, first served basis. Seed supplies are good but can change quickly, so order soon for best availability. 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.

## Field Supervisor Update

Tom Keskey, southeast Minnesota field supervisor has left MCIA for another opportunity. Questions from seed growers and conditioners can be directed to Dan Krenz and Kris Folland, whose contact information is noted below.

## MN-Rothsay—New Wheat Variety Distribution

MN-Rothsay is a hard red spring wheat that combines yield and straw strength. A very limited amount of seed will be distributed by MCIA through your local County Seed Distribution Committee. Additional information has been mailed to eligible members.

## 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 2021 crop year samples, which will add at least 5 days to the Germ Test

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