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**FEBRUARY**

**20–24** UMN Extension: Small Grains Workshops—Rochester (Feb. 20), Le Center (Feb. 21), Cold Springs (Feb. 22), Slayton (Feb. 23), Benson (Feb. 24)

**23–25** Marbleseed Organic Farming Conference, La Crosse, WI

**MARCH**

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

**MCIA Board of Directors Election Results**

A board of directors election was held January 12, 2023 during the MCIA Annual Meeting. Ryan Anderson (District 3), Jake Noll (Related Industry), and Wes Olmschenk (District 2) were elected to open positions. Two incumbent directors, Brent Benike (District 1) and Grant Mehring (Related Industry), were re-elected. Members also ratified UMN nominee Nancy Ehlke for an additional term.

Subsequently, the new board elected its officers. A full list of the current members of the MCIA Board of Directors follows:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Brad Barth, Thief River Falls—Chair  
 Brent Benike, Baudette—Vice Chair  
 Duane Dahlman, Cokato—Secretary  
 Grant Mehring, Fargo, ND—Treasurer  
 Kelsey Henke, St. Peter

**DIRECTORS**

Ryan Anderson, Jackson  
 Nancy Jo Ehlke, UMN Twin Cities  
 John Kapphahn, Elbow Lake  
 Jake Noll, Breckenridge  
 Wes Olmschenk, Foley  
 Denise Thiede, St. Paul

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**MCIA Honors Paul Kjolhaug with Achievement in Crop Improvement Award**

Paul Kjolhaug, of MayerSeed Line in Willmar, has spent most of his life involved in agriculture. As a youth in Springfield, Minnesota, he worked on area crop and livestock farms. With a degree in agronomy from the University of Minnesota, he joined Northern Farm and Garden (Norfarm Seeds). He later worked for Interstate Payco, managing seed production of hybrid corn, sunflowers, and soybean. For the last 21 years, Paul has been part owner of the MayerSeedLine, a seed production and brokerage company. Paul has been involved in many seed trade organizations—nationally, regionally, and locally, including as past chair of the MCIA Board of Directors. Upon receiving the award Paul said, “I have enjoyed my years in the seed industry and being able to work with many great people,” adding, “I am truly humbled and honored to receive this award.”

**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.

**Note:** The University of Minnesota will not be releasing any new wheat or oat varieties this year.

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

<b>Barley:</b> 7 days	<b>Rye:</b> 7 days	<b>Wheat:</b> 7 days
<b>Corn:</b> 7 days	<b>Ryegrass:</b> 14 days	
<b>Oats:</b> 10 days	<b>Soybeans:</b> 7 days	

**Note:** The Seed Laboratory has stopped prechilling samples for the season, unless required in the *AOSA Rules for Testing Seeds*. If you would still prefer to have a prechill done, please indicate so in the remarks section of the Sampling Report.

**Reminder:** You can rely on the Seed Laboratory to perform germination updates on carryover seed and/or seed lots whose test dates have expired. This includes service samples, not just certified seed.

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