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NOVEMBER

- 9 Minnesota Ag & Food Summit, Minneapolis
- 15 MCIA Board Meeting, St. Paul
- 17–18 South Dakota Local Foods Conference, Sturgis
- 23–24 MCIA Office Closed
- 26–27 Iowa Organic Conference, Iowa City

DECEMBER

- 5–8 ASTA Crop Seed Convention, Orlando, FL
- 13–14 Prairie Grains Conference, Grand Forks, ND
- 25–26 MCIA Office Closed
- 29 MCIA Office Closed

JANUARY

- 2 MCIA Office Closed
- 11–12 Minnesota Organic Conference, St. Cloud
- 15 MCIA Office Closed
- 17–18 MN AG EXPO, Mankato
- 24 MCIA Annual Meeting, St. Cloud
- 25–37 Northern Plains Food and Farming Conference, Aberdeen, SD

Test Before Conditioning

Given the variable growing conditions in 2023, seed producers should consider a preliminary germination test before conditioning. The MCIA lab test will help assess seed quality and identify potential problem lots. If you have questions or need sample bags or sampling reports, please contact the MCIA Seed Laboratory.

Roger Wippler Retires

After 34 years at MCIA, Roger Wippler, manager of Foundation Seed Services, has retired. Carl Anfinson will step up as department manager. Roger will be back for the MCIA Annual Meeting in St. Cloud, January 24, 2024. Plan to attend and wish him well!

Attend the 2024 MCIA Annual Meeting!

The MCIA Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, January 24, 2024, at the Holiday Inn & Suites in St. Cloud, beginning in the morning and concluding in the afternoon. The event will include our official business meeting, an awards luncheon, informational presentations, and a trade show. Invitations will be mailed to MCIA members later this month. For additional information please visit the Annual Meeting page of the MCIA website: www.mncia.org/annual-meeting.

Exhibitors and Sponsors Welcome: If you would like to participate in the trade show or be a sponsor of the Annual Meeting, please contact Selena Nelson at 612-625-7766 or 800-510-6242 or selena.nelson@mncia.org. Registration forms and information regarding sponsorship levels will be available shortly on the Annual Meeting page of the MCIA website: www.mncia.org/annual-meeting.

Call for Resolutions and Agenda Items: A draft of any resolution to be considered by the MCIA Legislative and Public Affairs Committee and forwarded to the floor of the 2024 MCIA Annual Meeting should be received by MCIA 14 days prior to the meeting. To propose agenda items or resolutions for the meeting, please contact Fawad Shah at 612-625-7766 or 800-510-6242 or fawad.shah@mncia.org.

Call for Award Nominees: Submit your nominations for the Honorary Premier Seed Grower, Premier Seed Grower, and Achievement in Crop Improvement awards by November 15 to Fawad Shah at 1-800-510-6242 or fawad.shah@mncia.org.

Call for Board Candidates: MCIA is seeking candidates for three positions on the MCIA Board of Directors. The following seats are open: Directors for Districts 2 and 3, and a director for one Related Industry position. The District 2 seat is currently vacant; two years remain on the term. The District 3 seat is currently held by Kelsey Henke, who is seeking re-election. The Related Industry seat is currently vacant. These positions are Category A Directors, who are elected by and from the members of MCIA at the Annual Meeting to serve 3-year terms. To nominate someone, or to inquire about serving on the board yourself, please contact MCIA President/CEO Fawad Shah at 612-625-7766 or or call 800-510-6242 or fawad.shah@mncia.org.

2024 Directory Published

MCIA's 2024 *Directory* will arrive soon in members' mailboxes. Also, a digital edition will be available shortly on the Publications page of the MCIA website: www.mncia.org/publications. To share your feedback, please contact Alan Makinen, MCIA's communications specialist, at alan.makinen@mncia.org.

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