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FEBRUARY

- 10** SFA Annual Conference, St. Joseph
- 19–26** UMN Extension: Small Grains Update Workshops—Le Center (Feb. 19), Rochester (Feb. 19), Cold Spring (Feb. 20), Slayton (Feb. 22), Benson (Feb. 23), Grand Rapids (Feb. 26)
- 22–23** Marbleseed Organic Farming Conference, La Crosse, WI

MCIA Board of Directors Election Results

A board of directors election was held January 24, 2024 during the MCIA Annual Meeting. Gabel Hoseth (District 2) and Anthony Cortilet (Related Industry) were elected to open positions. One incumbent director, Kelsey Henke, (District 3) was re-elected. Members also ratified UMN nominee Nancy Ehlke for an additional one-year 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
 Anthony Cortilet, St. Paul
 Nancy Jo Ehlke, UMN Twin Cities
 Gabel Hoseth, Ulen
 John Kapphahn, Elbow Lake
 Jake Noll, Breckenridge

Thank you, Sponsors and Exhibitors!

Thank you to all the sponsors and exhibitors who helped make the 2024 MCIA Annual Meeting a success. **Premier Sponsor:** Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council. **Foundation Sponsor:** Strategic Wealth Group and Strategic Tax Group. **Certified Sponsors:** Albert Lea Seed, Bjerke Brothers Inc, Minnesota Corn. **Achievement in Crop Improvement Award Sponsor:** *The Farmer* magazine. **Door Prize Sponsor:** Northern Excellence Seed. **Exhibitors:** AMVT LLC, Bratney, Grain Millers, Minnesota FFA Foundation, Profile Industries, SDSU Seed Testing Lab.

MCIA Honors Roger Wippler

with Achievement in Crop Improvement Award

On January 24, 2024, MCIA presented its highest honor, the Achievement in Crop Improvement Award, to Roger Wippler, who recently retired as manager of MCIA’s Foundation Seed Services. The award, presented annually since 1972, recognizes exemplary service to the seed industry as well as outstanding leadership in agriculture. During his 34-year tenure with MCIA, Roger Wippler led the Foundation Seed Program and was key to developing its Variety Licensing Program in partnership with the University of Minnesota. Through writing, speaking, outreach, and education, Roger raised public awareness of the purpose of the seed certification system and its importance to Minnesota’s seed industry. Roger accepted the Achievement in Crop Improvement Award with gratitude, saying, “I greatly appreciate this honor. It has truly been a privilege to work with members of MCIA and be a part of this great organization.”

Foundation Seed Orders

Foundation order forms and order updates were recently sent out to approved and registered seed growers. We are still accepting new 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. Please send payment with your order. *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

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| Barley: 7 days | Rye: 7 days | Wheat: 7 days |
| Corn: 7 days | Ryegrass: 14 days | |
| Oats: 10 days | Soybeans: 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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