



# The Seed Source

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

March-April 2018

## Important Dates

**March 17** - Field applications due in KCIA office

**May 1** - Payment for Certification of Summer Inspected Crops Due.

**May 28** - Memorial Day, KCIA Office Closed

**Year-End Reports and Membership Dues are PAST DUE**

### Other Important Dates

March 11 - Daylight Savings Time begins  
March 20 - Spring  
March 25 - Palm Sunday  
March 30 - Good Friday  
April 1 - Easter

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### *Tim Oborny 2017 Premier Seed Grower*

Tim Oborny (left in photo), Bison, was presented the 2017 Premier Seed Grower award during the 2018 Seed and Crops Conference in Manhattan February 21. The award is presented to the man or woman that has built a reputation for quality consciousness in certified seed production and sales, is actively involved in public service and seed industry activities, and is well-known among his/her peers. Selection of the Premier Seed Grower is performed by ballot vote by previous recipients of the award. Presentation of the award was made by Marvin Tischhauser, KCIA VP Research.

Tim is the third generation of Obornys to be involved in the certified seed business. His grandfather, Edward Oborny and his father, Edward Jr., were recognized as Premier Seed Growers in 1951 and 1975 respectively.

Tim holds a degree in Agriculture from Kansas State University. He and his wife Patricia farm around Bison. Tim and Patricia have four children; Audra, Wyatt, Cordell and Isaac. Active in Kansas Crop Improvement Association, Tim served on the Board of Directors from 2002 to 2011 and was President from 2008 to 2011. He has also served on association committees.

Tim has served on his Church Parish Council and has been President for 6 years. He is also involved in the kids program and in fundraising activities at his church.

Tim prides himself on being a very dedicated seedsman who realizes the importance of good genetics and high quality seed. We are proud of his association with KCIA.



### *Chris Boyd elected to KCIA Board of Directors*

Chris Boyd, Medicine Lodge, was elected to represent the South Central District 5 during the KCIA Annual Business Meeting, February 21 in Manhattan. Chris replaces Jesse Blasi who chose not to seek an additional term due to time constraints. Shane Ohlde, Palmer, and Matt Lobmeyer, Garden City, both incumbents, were re-elected to an additional term.

Your KCIA Board of Directors are: Mike Sieck, Edson, Board President and Northwest District; Marvin Tischhauser, Wilsey, VP Research and Southeast District; Dustin Miller, Haven, VP Standards and Central-At-Large; Alex King, Manhattan, Northeast District; Howard Behnke, Lyons, Central District; Steve Ahring, Girard, East-At-Large; Tyler Ediger, Meade, West-At-Large; Chris Boyd, Medicine Lodge, South Central District; Shane Ohlde, Palmer, North Central District; Matt Lobmeyer, Garden City, Southwest District; Durango Schmidt, Hutchinson, KCIA/KSIA liaison; Dr. Gary Pierzynski, *ex officio* KSU Agronomy. The *ex officio* KSU Extension position, formerly filled by Dr. Gregg Hadley is currently open pending appointment. Dr. Hadley was promoted and no longer able to serve.

### *Late End-of-Year and Distribution Reports*

There are a few that have not sent in their distribution reports. Those people need to understand that we will not proceed with certification for a member in 2018 until 2017 paperwork has been completed. You can enter fields in *myfields*, and you should, but we will not approve them until 2017 is finalized. This is a pretty basic requirement of the certification program. If we don't receive these soon, administrative actions may be taken.

### *Field Applications due March 15*

If you have not yet made your field applications in *myfields*, please do so by March 15. I realize that with the dry conditions and the shape that some of the fields are in; one may be hesitant to make application on those fields. We ask that you make applications on all eligible fields. Remember that you will be able to cancel any fields, without cost, on the "Form B" statement sent to you. (continued next page)

***Field Applications*** (continued from page one)

We need field information in order to plan for the inspection season. Although we strive, as always, to get fields inspected in a timely manner, please note that late fields are given last priority so as not to penalize those who have made application in a timely fashion.

***myfields Electronic Field Application Portal***

We have received very few calls requesting assistance using our myfields electronic field application dashboard, and that is a good sign. However, feel free to give us a call if you need assistance.

We would also like to remind you that we have a myfields help page on our website [www.kscrop.org](http://www.kscrop.org).

Key points to remember are:

1. Have your field information ready and any seed source documents (tags, labels, certificates) on your computer or tablet so they can be uploaded in your application. If you are using your own seed, you do not need to upload a document, just include the certification number or in some instances where appropriate, the field number of the eligible field. It is just so much easier to prepare beforehand.
2. Use **Chrome** or **Firefox** as the browser. These are capable of handling some of the mapping features whereas internet explorer is not.
3. Make sure you have your latitude and longitude in decimal degrees (39.20478, -96.5916) format. If you use Google Earth to obtain these, you can choose “options” under the “tools” menu to change lat long format if it is not correct.
4. There is redundancy built into the application to ensure we inspect the correct field. Whereas the GPS coordinates should get us to the field, we request legal description and written directions as a backup should we need them. It is to insure we can get to the proper field and not waste time looking for it should we have a failure in the GPS system. If written directions are not included, you will receive a call requesting them prior to acceptance of the field.
5. If you make an application for a crop other than wheat, i.e. triticale you will need to check the experimental box before entering the name of the variety. The same is true for a wheat variety that may not be in the drop-down list because it is new or an experimental.

A couple of changes from last year are the addition of a “completed” tab on your home page. This is where you will find your previous years applications. A “delete” button has also been added under your “fields” tab that will allow you hide fields you will not longer be using. This button will appear by clicking on the “operations” bar.

Finally, the field summary page has been reformatted to allow field information to be printed on a single page.

***Membership Dues***

***Notices were sent out last December for membership renewal. Membership fees are due at the first of the year. Membership in KCIA is not required for certification. However, we will charge non-member level fees for services rendered if you are not current in your membership.***

***KCIA Standards Committee has several openings for members wishing to serve***

The KCIA Standards Committee, Dustin Miller, Chair is looking for members wishing to participate in the process of reviewing and improving our certification program through activity on the committee that is tasked with making recommendations to the Board of Directors. If you are a member in good standing and would like to have more information, give Steve Schuler a call at the KCIA office.

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