



## Important Dates

**December 15** - Distribution Reports and Bulk Retail Facility Reports Due

November 26-27 - KCIA closed for Thanksgiving holiday

## Other Important Dates

November 11 - Veterans Day

December 21 - Winter Begins

December 25 - Christmas Day, KCIA closed Dec 24, 25

**Please remember to submit your end-of-year reports by December 15 or earlier.**

If you would like to receive "The Seed Source" via email, please contact us at [kscrop@kansas.net](mailto:kscrop@kansas.net)

## Notification of Upcoming Board Elections

Three Board of Directors positions are up for election in early 2021.

North Central – incumbent Shane Ohlde, Linn

Southwest – incumbent Matt Lobmeyer, Garden City

South Central – incumbent Chris Boyd, Medicine Lodge

KCIA by-laws allow for three consecutive three-year terms but incumbents must stand for re-election. All three incumbents are eligible to serve an additional term. All three incumbents have expressed willingness to stand for re-election.

The KCIA Board of Directors is made up of 13 members: Ten positions representing seven Kansas Districts and three at-large positions elected from the general KCIA membership; one appointed position chosen by the Kansas Seed Industry Association (this appointee also serves as KCIA's representative on the KSIA Board); and two *ex-officio* positions, one held or appointed by the Head of the KSU Department of Agronomy and one held or appointed by the Director of Extension Services. All 13 Directors have full voting privilege on the Board.

Visit the *KCIA Staff and Board* page of our website to view the district map. Nominations for the three positions may be made to the KCIA office, or may be received from the floor during the KCIA annual business meeting, the time, place and manner of which will be announced at a later date.

## Winter Conference Cancelled, Plans For Smaller Annual Business Meeting Under Consideration

As was previously announced, faced with the uncertainty of the current pandemic and with regard for the health of our members, sponsors and exhibitors, the 2021 Winter Seed and Crops Conference, which was to have been held in February has been cancelled. We will look ahead to February 2022 for its return.

In the meantime we are considering our options for the KCIA annual business meeting, normally held during the conference.

KCIA has been in discussion with KSIA to hold scaled-down annual business meetings to allow the organizations to conduct important tasks such as Board elections and other issues while maintaining a safe environment for members. There is considerable overlap in membership for us and holding our meetings in conjunction with each other, as in the past, would enable members to more easily attend both.

If the pandemic situation makes such a meeting unwise, the KCIA Board will have the option of declaring an emergency and postponing the business meeting into the second quarter, or holding an electronic meeting.

We will keep our membership informed.

## Distribution Reports and Signed Forms Due

While it might be an unprecedented year in many ways, one thing is staying the same, distribution reports for seed and resale seed are due December 15.

You can submit your reports in advance of the deadline, even before the end of your sales season, and we will update your records if needed for late sales, so no need to wait for that one last sale before mailing in your reports.

As always as well, Resale/Transfer forms were to be completed and signed by both parties and submitted within 5 days of the seed movement. If you still have any forms not yet turned in, please do so by mail or email immediately. The listing of resale seed for distribution reports will go out soon. Please help us avoid added expense to the association to resend these end of year reports with corrections by submitting your seed movements right away.

Reach out to Erica in the office if you have any questions on your reports or forms.

**Bulk Retail Facility Reports Due December 15**

Bulk Retail Facilities are required to report certified seed sales activities by December 15 or face a rather substantial penalty (which we really don't want to assess). Inventory sheets and the KCIA copy of any Bulk Retail Certificates used for each variety handled and sold is really all that is required unless there are outstanding Resale forms that have not been previously submitted.

Your timely reporting is both appreciated and necessary for us to maintain the traceability component of seed certification as required.

The bulk facility page of our website should be of considerable aid should you have questions, but do not hesitate to give us a call if you need to. We're happy to assist.

**Seed Lot Management Dashboard**

KCIA and JNT Marketing continue work on the development of our seed lot management dashboard. We will be conducting enhanced beta testing with our team to fine tune the program and hope to have some type of training on the system this spring.

**Let Us Know What You're Thinking**

Your KCIA staff is here for you. Feel free to contact us and share your input on how you think your Association is functioning, ideas for new programs or business opportunities for our members or to just keep in touch. Call us, email us, write a letter or even drop in for a short visit if you're willing to wear a mask (pandemic, you know). We want to hear from you.

**Trivia, Anyone?****Who is Sarah Josepha Hale?**

Sarah Josepha Hale, a widowed mother, magazine editor and writer who authored the nursery rhyme "Mary had a little lamb", had lobbied since 1827 and through several Presidents for a national day of thanksgiving, thinking such a national day would promote unity. A letter written by Hale to President Abraham Lincoln, who was troubled by a terrible civil war, but thankful for the recent and important Union victory at Gettysburg, is believed to have been influential in his proclamation of the fourth Thursday of November as a national day of thanksgiving on October 3, 1863.

# Happy Thanksgiving!

*"We may not have it all together, but together, we have it all"* - unknown

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