



Important Dates

Due Dates

March 15 - Field applications for small grains due.

May 15 - Payment for summer-inspected crops due.

Virtual Annual Meeting

March 16 - 9:30 to 11:00 am via Zoom. Additional Information at www.kscrop.org

NOTE!!!

2021 certification services will not be permitted for those that have failed to submit final paperwork for 2020.

Virtual KCIA Annual Business Meeting March 16

KCIA will hold its annual business meeting via Zoom video conference March 16, 2021 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Meeting information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

At this time we are not planning an elaborate meeting. Basically, we will be taking care of business responsibilities. It is anticipated that the meeting will follow our typical agenda. A general discussion session will be held before final adjournment to hear member comments and concerns.

A key component of the annual meeting will be board elections. We will have a voting procedure in place that will ensure that voting members can cast ballots in a manner confidential from other members. This will be used if there are multiple nominees for a position.

Dr. Rajiv Khosla, new KSU Agronomy Department Head, and ex officio member of the KCIA Board of Directors will be introduced and will address the attendees.

If a member has an item they wish addressed at the meeting, they are asked to contact their board representative or the KCIA office by March 10 so that proper attention may be given to addressing the question during the meeting.

A notification was sent to members earlier outlining the open Board positions and asking for nominations. It would assist us in preparation of the ballots to know if any nominations beyond the incumbents wish to stand for election.

A virtual annual business meeting will be a new experience for KCIA. While we would like to hold an in-person meeting, going virtual is the right thing to do at this point in time. It will be nice to see familiar faces again, even if only on a computer screen.

We have meeting information including agenda and minutes of the last meeting, and we could post some Zoom instructions if requested at our website www.kscrop.net. Click on the annual meeting link.

Please plan to join us and support your association.

Board Elections During The Annual Meeting

Members attending our virtual annual meeting will have the opportunity to cast ballots for the three board positions up for election should a contested ballot arise. Members must have renewed membership for 2021 to vote.

The Board nominating committee will present the three incumbents standing for re-election and will make a call for nominations from the floor, in this case the Zoom attendees with voting privilege.

The three incumbents standing for re-election are: Southwest District, Matt Lobmeyer, Garden City; South Central District, Chris Boyd, Medicine Lodge; North Central District, Shane Ohlde, Palmer.

In the next couple of weeks, KCIA members of record will receive an email verifying their voter status. If errors are found, we request that KCIA be notified for correction. Likewise if you feel you should be a voting member but received no notification, please contact us by March 10.

If you would like to receive "The Seed Source" via email, please contact us at kscrop@kansas.net

Mickey Ransom Ends Tenure on KCIA Board of Directors

As Interim Department of Agronomy Head, Dr. Ransom also inherited the *ex officio* director position of KSU Department of Agronomy representative to the KCIA Board of Directors. He has served the members of KCIA since 2018.

With the hiring of Dr. Rajiv Khosla as Department Head, Dr. Ransom can proceed with his plans to retire sometime in the near future after a long and successful tenure at KSU.

Mickey has been a valuable and much appreciated member of our Board of Directors as well as to KSU and we wish him a long, happy and productive retirement.



KCIA Welcomes Dr. Rajiv Khosla to Board of Directors

Dr. Rajiv Khosla, formerly with Colorado State University, joins KSU as the new Head of the Department of Agronomy. Historically, this means that Dr. Khosla will also sit on the KCIA Board of Directors as the *ex officio* Director representing the Department of Agronomy. He replaces outgoing Director Dr. Michel Ransom.

Dr. Khosla is well-known and respected for his work with precision agriculture in managing soil spatial variability. He had been with the CSU Department of Soil & Crop Sciences for 21 years before coming to K-State.

We are excited to have Dr. Khosla join our board of directors and we wish him well during his tenure at KSU.



Alex King Steps Down As KSU Foundation Seed Manager

Alex King has taken a job in private industry and will no longer be manager of KSU Foundation Seed. Alex will continue to serve on the KCIA Board of Directors. He has been with Foundation Seed since 2011 and manager since 2015.

Addie Clary will be the main contact for KSU Foundation Seed for the immediate future.

We wish Alex all the best in his new career.

Membership Renewals

If you have yet to renew your membership with KCIA for 2021, it is very likely that Erica has inserted a renewal form in this newsletter mailing. Please take the time to complete the membership form and return it to us so we can update our records.

Members failing to renew membership will be charged non-member rates for services rendered including inspection and testing. In addition, non-members are not allowed to vote during the annual meeting.

Field Applications Due March 15

Please endeavor to make your field applications via *myfields* prior to the due date of March 15. Doing so will enable us to better plan for the upcoming inspection season and will get that monkey off your back. Not procrastinating will also give you additional time should you have difficulties and help prevent late payment penalties later on.

Remember to enter all your fields now. You will have the opportunity to cancel fields on your statement or anytime up to when the inspector enters the field.

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