



Important Dates

March 15
Field applications
Due

Other Dates

March 13 -Daylight Savings
Time Begins

March 20- Spring Begins

April 17 - Easter Day

The Seed Source

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

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Tom Lutgen, Maurice Miller Recognized as Honorary Members

Tom Lutgen (left in photo) and Maurice Miller were recognized as honorary members of KCIA at the annual business meeting. The honor was actually bestowed by the members in attendance during the 2020 annual business meeting but formal recognition was delayed with the cancellation of the 2021 meeting due to pandemic restrictions.

The honor was in recognition of the many years of service to KCIA but also for contributions to the seed industry through the Kansas Seed Industry Association. Their expertise not only influenced certification standards but also served to protect our industry during state and national legislative review of seed law.

While Maurice unfortunately couldn't join us, due to unforeseen circumstances, Tom was present to receive a commemorative plaque from Mike Sieck, KCIA Board President.



Members Introduced to New Seed Lot Management Program at Seed and Crops Conference

KCIA members were introduced to the new seed lot management program that will be launched this spring. A video was presented that demonstrated how to use the program through its various functions such as conducting retail sales and bulk re-sales, creating blends and consolidating seed lots.

Once review of 2021 distribution reports is completed, carryover seed lots will be entered for each member as appropriate. For those who did not attend the conference, but utilize our seed test dashboard, you will see a very familiar feel for the seed lot management program and you will access both programs with your current user ID and password.

We are improving our training videos and will notify members when we get them posted on our website.

It is not a difficult program to use and while we think the video will suffice for most, we will of course also be available by phone to answer questions. We can also schedule meetings if necessary, based on member feedback.

KCIA Will Host Western Region AOSCA Meeting in April

Representatives of sister certifying agencies from the AOSCA (Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies) Western Region, of which KCIA is a part, will converge on Manhattan April 5-6 to convene our annual regional meeting. Meeting locations rotate among the agencies and 2022 is our turn.

Other members of the western region include Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Issues in seed certification such as proposed changes to standards will be presented and recommendations forwarded to the standards council for discussion at the national meeting.



Seed Clinic attendees listen to Randy Luken on conditioning



Attendees enjoy lunch provided by AgriPro

Seed Clinic Successful

Over 60 persons were in attendance to discuss seed conditioning equipment and techniques. Personnel from Bratney Company provided the instruction and demonstrations using their self-contained trailer which included an air/screen cleaner, length grader and a color sorter. The gravity table was also discussed. AgriPro sponsored the lunch for the clinic.

KCIA Board Of Directors Elections - Evan Lesser, Plainsman Seed New Northwest District Director

Board elections were held during the annual business meeting February 16. Incumbents Alex King, Northeast District and Dustin Miller, Central-at-Large were re-elected to additional terms. Evan Lesser, Palco, was nominated from the floor and was elected Director of the Northwest District filling the position held by outgoing Director Mike Sieck.



(Left) Dustin Miller presents Mike Sieck with a plaque for his service as Northwest Director during the annual business meeting. Mike also received a plaque for serving as Board Present.



(Right) Dustin also presented a plaque to Marvin Tischhauser in recognition of his service as Southeast Director.

Both Mike and Marvin left the Board after serving the maximum full terms.

Southeast District remains open: There were no nominations from the floor to fill the Southeast District board position. Therefore, the position will remain open until a person is appointed by the Board.

If you are a member of KCIA and wish to be considered for a Board position, please contact our office.

Area Construction may soon leave us without our normal access off of Kimball Ave. We will keep you apprised of the situation through email as things develop.

“Life calls the tune...we dance” - unknown

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