

2017 ANNUAL SEED MEETING AND UCIA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NEW MEETING FORMAT

CERTIFIED SEED MEETING – <u>February 1, 2017 Tremonton, Utah</u> Box Elder County fairgrounds UCIA will hold their Seed Certification and Membership meeting in conjunction with the Box Elder County Crops Management School. The Crops Management School begins at 9:00 am and has an extensive agenda addressing alfalfa hay pest management, chemicals, marketing, and stand health. The Certified Seed meeting will be held after the Crops School at about 1:30pm. We will host a joint lunch at 12:30 prior to the meeting and have a seed cleaning demonstration available during the Crops School. The agenda for the Certified Seed meeting will be: 1:30 pm – Welcome 1:35 pm – Forage and Range improvement – New variety releases from FRRL – Craig Rigby 2:00 pm – Reports - UDAF Seed Lab report, Utah Seed Industry report and other Information 2:15 pm - UCIA Membership Business Meeting – UCIA Acreage Reports, Foundation Seed Report Directors and Membership

Director nominations and voting

2:30 pm Adjourn

WILDLAND SEED COLLECTORS MEETING – April 26, 2017 Ephraim, Utah

This meeting will focus on the processes of seed bid contracts with the BLM. More information will be forthcoming.

The **WILDLAND SEED COLLECTORS MEETING** will be the official UCIA meeting where more detailed reports will be given in on foundation seed, acres certified, and other related reports.

UCIA DIRECTORS - Voting ballots for UCIA directors will be available at the meetings. UCIA Members will receive a ballot and meeting minutes from last year's meeting. If you cannot make it to either meeting and would like to vote, please return the ballot by mail by the date specified on the ballot.

UCIA Hosted the 2016 AOSCA Annual Meeting – The 2016 Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA) Annual meeting was hosted by UCIA in Park City last June. The attendees were treated to some great hospitality by the Utah seed industry. Seed companies throughout Utah also reached into their pockets and helped to sponsor this meeting. AOSCA members were grateful and we received many compliments on the venue, attractions, atmosphere, hospitality, and surroundings. While AOSCA meeting attendees were here, we treated them to an afternoon full of fun and entertainment at the Utah Olympic Park, a banquet mid mountain at Red Pine Lodge at Canyons Resort. And lively entertainment by a group of musicians from USU and some associated friends. Many UCIA member/seed growers came and helped to host this event.

The AOSCA Annual Meeting is for managers of all Seed Certifying Agencies throughout the world. UCIA has been closely involved assisting AOSCA members discuss many items related to seed certification. This meeting helps to make seed certification run smoothly throughout the year and to help coordinate seed certification efforts between states.

UCIA's 80th Year - 2017 marks 80 years since the Utah Crop Improvement Association was organized. UCIA was incorporated on April 19, 1937 and their first annual membership meeting was held on January 14, 1938. UCIA's first directors were: Selvoy J. Boyer (President) of Springville, George F. Stallings of Eden, V.H. Benson of Trenton, W. Wallace Holman of Delta, Wm. M. Kasworm of Murray, Ray E. Dillman of Roosevelt, and M.P. Whitesides (Secretary -Treasurer) of Layton.

UCIA's Purpose – When UCIA was incorporated, the association's directive was "To systemize, improve, and to make more efficient the production of seeds of all kinds and descriptions whatever and of all plants and ground-stock to be used in the production of crops; to aid in the marketing and distribution of all such seeds, plants and ground-stock and thus serve the interests of all producers of such seeds, plants and ground-stock and of all persons engaged in the production of products therefrom, and to act as a medium for and promote unity of effort amongst all producers of seeds, plants, ground-stock and similar products produced and/or handled by members hereof and others, and in the prosecution of said objects and purposes."

Long time personnel retiring - Stanford Young retired last September. Stan worked tirelessly to develop the Source ID Seed program that has benefited the Wild collected seed industry. Stan is known as a father of the Pre-Variety Germplasm (PVG) program throughout the U.S. and Canada and many look to him for guidance when dealing with questions or issues related to Source ID seed and the PVG program. Stan also has an extensive knowledge of conventional crop and seed production and is very good at helping to identify plant Stan was nominated as an diseases. honorary member of AOSCA at the AOSCA annual meeting in Park City, UT, June 2016. Stan began at UCIA in 1980 and served UCIA for 36 years. Wayne Andersen is planning on retirement in May 2017. Wayne began working for UCIA in October 2000. Wayne has worked closely with Stan in building the wildland seed industry. UCIA appreciates greatly their service to the seed industry and their unrelenting work in the seed industry. They have many friends within UCIA that they consider lifelong friends. We wish them well in all they do and hope to continue to have their association through coming years.

UCIA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Directors elected by mail ballot in 2016 were: District 1: David Harris, Bothwell, UT and Chris Reeder, Corinne, UT District 2: Ron Stevenson, Ephraim, UT and Mark Plummer, Ephraim UT.

UCIA members have received election ballots (2017) for two vacancies in District 1 (Utah north of I-80) and one vacancy in District 2 (Utah south of I-80).

Officers elected at the Board of Directors Meeting Dec. 6, 2016 in Kaysville, Utah were: President: Chris Reeder, Corinne; Vice President: Justin Dean, Lehi; Executive Committee Member: Ron Stevenson, Ephraim