

**Montana Wheat and Barley Committee**  
**Spring Board Meeting**  
**#108 Plant Bioscience Building, MSU**  
**Bozeman, MT**  
**March 13, 2017**

The following were present for either a portion of or the entire meeting:

**DIRECTORS**

Mike O'Hara, Chairman

Denise Conover, Vice Chairman

Bruce Myllymaki, Director

Buzz Mattelin, Director

Randy Hinebauch, Director

Chris Kolstad, Director

**EX-OFFICIOS**

Dr. Charles Boyer, Vice President - MSU College of Agriculture

Blake Malcolm, Columbia Grain

**STAFF**

Collin Watters, Executive Vice President

Kolleen Spurgin, Budget & Grants Coordinator

Steve Becker, Outreach Coordinator

Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS**

Kim Mangold, Deputy Director - Montana Department of Agriculture

Maia LaSalle, Ag Ombudsman, BNSF

Randy Wolenetz, Producer

Gary Broyles, Montana Grains Foundation

Kevin Brown, MSU Grants Foundation

Hikmet Budak, Endowed Chair

**Monday, March 13, 2017**

*Chairman O'Hara called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. He called for public comment and heard none. Introductions were made.*

Director Hinebauch made the motion to adopt the tentative agenda with changes and Director Myllymaki seconded it. The agenda passed unanimously.

Chairman O'Hara presented the minutes of the November 28-29, 2016 Board Meeting.

Director Mattelin moved and Director Myllymaki seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Grain Trade Member Confirmed**

Blake Malcolm introduced himself to the committee and gave background information.

Director Hinebauch made a motion to nominate Blake Malcolm the new Grain Trade Ex-Officio for the committee and Director Myllymaki seconded it. The nomination passed unanimously.

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**Financial Report and Collection Update**

Executive Vice President Watters presented the Financial Report in the new format. It included Sponsorships and refunders.

**MT Department of Agriculture Update**

Kim Mangold gave the report for the department, the new director of Agriculture, Ben Thomas will be at the next meeting this summer. The next hail board meeting will take place in Lewistown on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The Pulse Advisory Board has a bill in the legislature to change the board into a working board like the Wheat & Barley Committee.

**MSU Update**

Dr. Boyer reported that current enrollment is strong at the university. The Experiment Stations will be effected by the state budget this year. The university is working on several endowed chairs in different fields of study.

**Endowed Chair Update**

Kevin Brown gave the committee an update on the endowed chair fund raising, they found a 2-million-dollar donor which leaves only \$300,000 to reach the 5-million-dollar goal. That donor will name the chair.

Dr. Budak resubmitted his proposal to reflect the change in the amount requested, \$41,250.00.

Director Mattelin made a motion to approve the new proposal and make changes to the budget to reflect the new amount, and Director Myllymaki seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

**Break**

**“View from the Trade Report”**

Blake Malcolm talked to the board about the reduction of acres for malt barley and replacing those acres with spring wheat, durum and pulse crops. The winter was not good for the railroads.

**Wheat Foods Council Update**

Director Conover attended the Wheat Foods Council Board meeting in Arizona, where they discussed the campaigns they are involved in with personal trainers. She believes that the group is doing a good job for the wheat industry.

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**U.S. Wheat Association Meeting**

The USWA meeting was held in Washington DC and attended by Chairman O'Hara, Directors Kolstad, Schock and Conover and EV President Watters. Director Kolstad attended the auditors meeting where they receive a good report. Director Conover attended the Orientation and recommended that it is a great starting point for all new committee members.

**U.S. Wheat Board Trip**

Director Conover traveled to Thailand and the Philippines with USWA to tour several flour mills and meet with the companies that buy our wheat. She had a very eye-opening trip.

**UES Meeting**

Director Kolstad attended the USWA strategic plan meetings for Asia in Maymar. Each country represented at the conference presented reports, with after sales service and technical services. It was a lot of work.

**U.S. Grains Council**

Chairman O'Hara and Director Mattelin traveled to Panama for the USGC Board meeting, where they learned that the Latin America middle class is very large. They toured the renovated locks. The barley meeting talked about the demand for food barley in the Japanese market.

**National Barley Growers Association**

Director Mattelin, Chairman O'Hara and EV President Watters attended the NBGA in Washington DC before going to the USWA Meeting later in the week. The meeting had a great turn out and there were a lot of industry people in attendance. They met with a group of Senators and talked about trade issues.

Chairman O'Hara, EV President Watters, Deputy Director Mangold, Director of Ag Thomas, and Director Conover met with the Japanese Agriculture representative for over 1 ½ hours. He had many questions about trade issues and the future of working with the state of Montana.

**National Barley Improvement Committee**

Director Mattelin traveled to Washington DC to attend the NBIC where they visited the representatives on Capitol Hill to give information on barley. He also learned there are at least 5200 brewers in the U.S.

**PGI & Wheat Quality Council**

Director Hinebauch and Cassidy Marn attended the meetings in Kansas City, the merger between PGI and Wheat Quality probably won't happen any time soon. Montana will be doing grow-outs in Havre with the help of Peggy Lamb. Peggy should be taken to the meeting next year.

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### **Outreach Coordinator Update**

Steve Becker gave an update on his activities for the past couple months:

- State Communicators meeting was excellent and should be done every year, he had a handout for the committee.
- Producer Tour to Portland a good group, lots of good questions and discussions.
- Young Ag Couples, attendance seemed to be down.
- Trade Shows the traffic was good.

### **Executive Vice President's Report**

EV President Watters gave an update on his activities:

- He talked at both the MSU Pest School and the Seed Association meeting.
- He met with the Ag Economist and the Tech Transfer office to ask questions and meet the staff.
- Variety Release meeting in Bozeman, no wheat or barley varieties were released. They will no longer be doing a varieties recommendation list.
- MT/WY Barley Symposium in Billings there were about 250 in attendance, he made a presentation.
- He attended the Pulse board meeting.
- The Canadian Agriculture Attaché visited and he took him to visit several different folks in town.
- He is still working on transportation issues and maybe conducting a survey with the help of MGGA.
- We are also looking to hire an intern for the summer to help with social media and the web site.

### **Approval of out-of-state Director & staff travel**

Director Mattelin moved and Director Kolstad seconded the motion to approve the travel with additions. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Mar. 22-24	9 <sup>th</sup> World Barley, Malt & Beer Conference – Vienna, Austria
Mar. 23-34	Wheat Marketing Center Board Meeting – Portland, OR
Mar. 28	NCI Board Meeting – Fargo, ND
Apr. 2-6	US Grains Council World Staff Conference – Dublin, Ireland
Apr. 3-4	Field to Market – Washington, DC
Apr. 4-11	USWA Winter Wheat Breeders Tour – Asia
Apr. 10-12	Canadian Global Crops Symposium – Calgary
Apr. 14-20	Japan Trade Mission - Japan
Apr. 19-20	State Executive Meeting – Denver, CO
Apr. 29-May 1	Japanese Executive Trade Team – Portland, OR
May 22-25	USWA World Staff Meeting – Estes Park, CO
May 29	Memorial Day – Office Closed
May 31-Jun. 1	Senator Daines' Ag Summit – Great Falls
Jun. 1-4	Z-Fun Team – Great Falls

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Jun. 15-16	<b>Wheat Foods Council – Manhattan, KS</b>
Jun. 19-21	National Barley Growers – Minneapolis, MN
Jun. 25-28	Canadian Barley Symposium – Winnipeg, Manitoba
Jul. 4	Independence Day – Office Closed
Jul. 7-12	USWA Summer Board Meeting – Annapolis, MD
Jul. 16-18	Korean Crop Survey – Great Falls
Jul. 20-21	<b>Transatlantic Agricultural Dialogue</b>
Jul. 23-27	<b>PNWER – Portland, OR</b>
Jul. 31-Aug. 2	USGC Summer Board Meeting – Vancouver, WA
Nov. 6-13	<b>Transatlantic Ag Dialogue - Germany</b>

### **New Business**

Northern Crops Institute will be holding their fall board meeting in Montana this year, Director Hinebauch decided that Great Falls would work the best for the meeting.

The summer board meeting will be held in Creston at the research station on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Call for Public Comment – none

**Chairman O’Hara adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.**

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Collin Watters, Executive Vice President

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Date