



Dear OSA Members,

I want to thank everyone who was able to attend the OSA summer convention in Salishan on June 26-28, 2013. This was one of the most productive meetings that I have attended in my 25 years in the industry and want to give a big round of applause to Duane Klundt for the direction and flow of the conference.

The town hall format that was introduced at this year's meeting brought forth several great ideas that will be worked on over the upcoming year, and I see this format as a staple in future summer conventions as well. Some of the resolutions that came out of the town hall were:

Assigned to Domestic Committee; Chair: Jeff Martin:

- To start a workgroup to require continuing education, including rules and regulations, as part of the seed dealer license application process, within Oregon with the cooperation of ODA.

- To create a workgroup to look into standardizing of testing interfaces.

Assigned to Science and Tech Committee; Chair: Scott Harer:

- To create a workgroup to make it mandatory to state on the original test a variety name, or list as common all seed samples submitted (not allow VNS at this point). All seed labs would carbon copy the owner of the variety (Intellectual Property) on the original test as recorded on the varietal ownership list with OSA. No changes of variety name could happen unless determined by the owner of the variety. The determination VNS would be allowed but only by the owner of the variety (Intellectual Property).

- Motion passed to direct the Dean of Agriculture to use any approved seed lab (approved and governed by OSU for outsourcing) to be used for submitting samples for certified seed from the beginning of the harvest year, not having to go through OSU seed lab to start the process. The proposed is to help the Oregon seed industry with the expediting of shipments and eliminating rush fees.

Also, we decided to take the next step forward with the stewardship sub-committee. This group has already worked up the definitions of terms used in the breeding and producing of seed genetics that were presented at last year's winter meeting. They now will start working on OSA proposed guidelines on how we, as an industry, can co-exist with GE production. Greg Loberg will be heading up this committee and should have a rough draft in place by the 2014 winter conference.

There are other things in the works as well, and I am sure several more items will be added as the year progresses. Our association is only as strong as its members and we need individuals to step up and volunteer and get involved. Please contact any of the board members or committee chairs listed above

to get involved. We can make a difference and choose the direction that we want our industry to go, and not leave it up to someone else who does not have our best interest in mind.

Please mark your calendars for November 12, 2013, and January 14, 2014, the dates of our next two meetings:

The November 12th meeting will be held at OSU's LaSells Stewart Center and will be a workshop format. We will have 2 to 4 workshops during the day. Possible presentations could include: ODA labeling; OSU website overview and instructions on how to use; OECD protocols; demonstration on seed variability and seed quality management system. Agenda and sign-up information will be available by the end of September 2013.

The January 15th meeting will be our Mid-Winter Meeting at the Salem Conference Center. The agenda and format on this meeting is still open. If you have an idea on any topics that you want to discuss or possible speakers, please let me or Angie Blacker know.

Once again, I want to thank everyone who has contributed in making OSA a stronger and more recognized association.

Bryan Muntz  
President

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