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Greetings from your Executive Director. I want to thank everyone who attended this year's Annual Mid-Winter Meeting, which took place January 15 in Salem. We had great turnout this year, and from the comments we have received, it seems like everyone enjoyed the format, activities and exhibits, as well as the international shipping seminar presented by Steve Mickelson of the Port of Portland.

One of the major positions affirmed by the OSA membership at the meeting has to do with the rule amendment by the ODA to allow the propagation of a limited amount of canola in the current exclusion zone in the Willamette Valley. OSA opposes the current rule for three specific reasons:

- The new rule proposal is not based upon science, but market forces which is outside of the purview of the ODA in rulemaking.
- The proposed rule does not adequately address the issue of crop management if an inadvertent escape should occur.
- The Oregon Seed Association supports co-existence of crops, but in a responsible manner that is mindful of regions which are appropriate for certain crops and established industries that have a worldwide reach.

Scholarships Recipients

The highlight of the meeting was the award of over \$3,000 in scholarships. Larry Dean, Oregon Seed Services Inc., presented scholarships with Pat Miller, American Seed Trade Association.



The recipients were: Shay Nolan \$1,000.00, Tiffany Harper \$800.00, Christy McCarthy \$800.00 and Ann Bernert \$500.00. In addition, Sarah Wright (pictured here with Pat Miller of ASTA) was awarded the William Kent Wiley Jr. Fellowship.

New Associate members who were welcomed were CH Robinson Worldwide, Inc., Phoenix Logistics Supply Chain Solutions, Inc., and Pro-Western Plastics. The membership also voted to upgrade John Deere Landscapes' membership status to an Active, voting member.

Congratulations to the winners of our Summer

Convention drawing. The winner of the free round of golf at Salishan Resort was Kyle Stone of Matson Logistics. John Cochran, Turf Merchants; and Brenda Landis, Allied Seed both won a free night's stay at Salishan.

If you have any feedback about this year's winter meeting, feel free to email me at miller@pacwestcom.com.

2013 Summer Convention

Make plans to join us at Salishan Resort on June 26-29. We begin the convention on Wednesday, June 26, at 11:30 am, and conclude Friday evening, June 29, with a banquet dinner and what is sure to be a highlight of the convention—dueling pianos. In between, you will enjoy several presentations and workshops, fun and educational seminars, golf, a scavenger hunt, and fireside gatherings on the beach.



Registration forms will be mailed on April 1. Exhibit space and sponsorships will also be offered. In the meantime, contact Salishan Resort directly to make reservations at 1-800-452-2300, and make sure to mention the block of rooms held for Oregon Seed Association.

For more information, contact OSA at 503-685-7555, or blacker@pacwestcom.com.

Ethics Reporting Procedures

Many of you may be wondering what the procedure is to report an OSA ethics violation. If you have knowledge of an individual or company in violation, please email a member of the board. The board will then investigate and take action. Please refer to Article XV – Ethics Standards in the membership roster (page 30) for a full list of those actions, which if in violation, will result in the suspension or termination of the member from the Association.

OGSBA Annual Meeting: February 22

The OGSBA annual meeting will be held on February 22 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Chemeketa Community College Viticulture Center, 215 Doaks Ferry Road in west Salem. OSA members who wish to attend should RSVP to Jenny at 503-371-4948 or email jenny@ostlund.com. Lunch will be provided, and there is no charge to attend.

Speakers include a representative from the United Potato Growers Association who will discuss using data to increase industry profits, and Chris Mertz from USDA NASS who will deliver the results of the grower acreage survey that went out to growers last fall.

PSA Spring Seed Workshop: March 13

The 2013 PSA Spring Seed Workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 13 at the Northern Quest Resort & Casino in Spokane, Washington. See [attached](#) for more information, including [schedule](#) and [registration](#).

SAVE THE DATE: April 20

Oregon Women for Agriculture Auction & Dinner at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center. We will pass along more information when available.

Harward Seminar

OSU's Department of Crop and Soil Science sponsored the second annual Harward lecture series on January 29. Dr. Peter M. Groffman, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook NY, spoke on the topic of "Ecological Homogenization of Urban America." His lecture is available at this site at this site: http://media.oregonstate.edu/index.php/show/?id=0_114u8unu. The lecture is about 45 minutes, and deals with "urban grasslands," which he defines as ecosystems dominated by turf-forming species. He identifies a number of environmental benefits accorded to lawns... and does so from the unique perspective of an ecosystems scientist.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES: Summer Convention - June 26-29, 2013

