



Soybean Committee Meeting

Agenda & Meeting Report

Virtual

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

10:00 AM, Central Time

Chair John Armstrong Vice Chair _____

The Soybean and Corn / Sorghum Committees met together remotely on June 9, 2021, since the membership for these committees are very similar. Roll was taken concurrently for both committees. Minutes for both meetings are included in this document.

- 1) Call to Order – the meeting was called to order by Chair John Armstrong at 10:30AM, Central Time.
- 2) Introductions / roll call – roll call was taken by Peggy Gromoll.
- 3) Review AOSCA anti-trust compliance policy – reviewed.
- 4) Review & adopt agenda – the meeting agenda was adopted, as amended to include two additional topics, new technology and service offerings and a committee restructuring.
- 5) Approve minutes from 2019 meeting – no meeting in 2020 – 21_AM_SB_02
Motion passed to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 meeting as distributed.
- 6) General discussion
A general discussion included how seed certification in the soybean industry has changed over the years. Quality assurance inspections replaced seed certification as many companies moved to branded varieties, but these have been declining in some states. Trait verification may be a potential service offering for some agencies to pursue.

Doug Miller shared his idea that perhaps it was time for the Soybean and Corn Committees to be combined and this led to a discussion about restructuring several AOSCA committees. There was general agreement with the concept and Billy Skaggs suggested that the Board of Directors will consider this as they go through the process of restructuring the AOSCA office and transitioning to new staff members. The Board will put this topic on its action list.
- 7) Other business – none.
- 8) Action items – develop list for presentation at the Council meeting – none.
- 9) Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 10:50AM, Central Time.



Corn Sorghum Committee Meeting

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Virtual

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

10:00 AM, Central Time

Chair Steve Knox Vice Chair _____

The Corn / Sorghum and Soybean Committees met together remotely on June 9, 2021, since the membership for these committees are very similar. Roll was taken concurrently for both committees. Minutes for both meetings are included in this document.

- 1) Call to Order – the meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Knox at 10:04AM, Central Time.
- 1) Introductions / roll call – roll call was taken by Peggy Gromoll.
- 2) Review AOSCA anti-trust compliance policy – reviewed.
- 3) Review & adopt agenda – motion passed to approve agenda as distributed.
- 4) Approve minutes from 2019 meeting – no meeting held in 2020 – 21_AM_CS_02
Motion passed to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 meeting as distributed.
- 5) General discussion
There were no specific agenda items to cover, but a general discussion included how actively companies were using seed certification for corn, what related services agencies might offer, and crop conditions at the current time. Three committee representatives from Chile participated in the meeting and this gave them and their counterparts in North American a good opportunity to become acquainted with one another that will assist when questions arise in the future.

Steve Knox has announced his retirement from the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association. Committee members recognized him for his service to AOSCA and wished him well in his retirement.
- 6) Other business – it was mentioned that with Knox's retirement, a Chair and Vice-Chair will need to be appointed to this committee.
- 7) Action items – develop list for presentation at the Council meeting – none.
- 8) Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 10:30AM, Central Time, to be followed by the Soybean Committee meeting.