

**Nebraska Crop Improvement Association**  
**Board of Directors Minutes**

**March 11, 2024**

**Kearney, NE**

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Jim Girardin, President.
- Board members present were Mike Boehm, Chris Cullan, Mike Fritz, Jim Girardin, Leon Kriesel, Duane Muhlbach, Conrad Nelson, Eric Nelson, and Ruben Wehnes.
- Staff present were Diane Brestel and Steve Pageler.
- **It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes from the January meetings. Motion carried.**
- The agenda was reviewed. **It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**
- The financial and audit reports were reviewed. **It was moved and seconded to approve the audit report. Motion carried.**
- Husa Seed Farm - A debtor exam is being conducted. Waiting to hear if we can garnish assets. No communication from Husa with lawyer or NCIA office.
- Mission and Vision Statements - Pageler reviewed old mission statement and new revised version. Changes and ideas were discussed. Changes will be incorporated and discussed at the next meeting. There was also discussion regarding the need for a strategic plan for the next 3-5 years.
- Past Due & Delinquent Accounts - A revised policy was reviewed. **It was moved and seconded to approve the policy presented. Motion carried.**
- Scholarship applications were reviewed. Each member rated their first and second choices. **It was moved and seconded to award Laura Albro the NCIA Upperclassman Scholarship with Dustin Andreasen as the alternate . Motion carried. It was moved and seconded to award the Dennis Thompson scholarship to Mia Malcom with Levi Cronk as the alternate. Motion carried.** There was discussion on reviewing the requirements for the Dennis Thompson scholarship and adding another freshman scholarship. These changes will be reviewed at the August meeting.
- The Seed Improvement Conference finances and evaluations were reviewed.
- The bids for the 2026 Seed Improvement Conference were reviewed. **It was moved and seconded to hold the 2026 conference at the Courtyard by Marriot in Lavista, January 12-14, 2026. Motion carried.**
- Pageler noted the dates for the upcoming AOSCA and AOSA meetings.
- Pageler gave an NGN report. Financial statements were reviewed. No new soybean seedstocks on order for this year. A letter will be mailed regarding the termination of the NuPride licence to collect wheat royalties. There was discussion regarding the future of Nupride and the structure of the Committee of Management. Pageler will have revised by-laws for the August meeting.
- The next board meeting will be held August 12 in Broken Bow.
- **It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned.