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North American Export Grain Association

Outreach

April 6, 2023

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Member Notices & Opportunities:

February 2023 NAEGA Report

The February 2023 NAEGA Report, a look back at our work as well as a look forward to the next 12 months of collaboration, [is available to download](#). If you would like a hard copy of the report, a limited number are available. Please contact Patrick at phayden@naega.org.

IGTC Africa Grains Weeks – May 6-17, 2023

NAEGA member and associate member personnel are welcome to attend [Africa Grains Weeks Programs](#) from May 6-17 in Kenya (Nairobi) and South Africa (Pretoria, Johannesburg, and Bothaville). The International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) is coordinating business events and educational tours in both countries, with assistance of the Eastern Africa Grains Council (EAGC) and the South Africa Cereals and Oilseeds Trade Association (SACOTA).

Complete information, including registration information, the itinerary of planned activities and cost to attend, can be found [here](#).

The NAEGA Trade & Food Security Library is Now Available to Download as an App!

NAEGA members can now access the [NAEGA Trade and Global Food Security Library](#) via a progressive web app for both Android and Apple mobile devices. [Instructions on installing the app and connecting to your account can be found here](#).

The Library is constantly being updated with reports on initiatives related to food systems, trade, and global food security as well as outcomes from the UNFSS. Recent entries include an International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) paper submitted to 17th Commission on Phytosanitary Measures and a study from the FAO regarding global employment in agrifood systems.

If you need login credentials or are having any trouble using the app, please let Patrick know.

Current and Ongoing Actions

U.S. Soybean Standards

United States Standards for Soybeans are under consideration. USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) [Proposed Rule in the U.S. Federal Register](#) eliminates SBOC as a grading factor and retains SBOC as part of the Yellow soybeans class. AMS also proposes to revise the regulation related to “inspection of shiplot, unit train, and lash barge grain in single lots” by removing SBOC from the Grade Limits and Breakpoints for Soybeans table. If approved, the new standards would go into effect on September 1, 2023.

The Grades & Inspections committee is considering a response and your comments and input are welcome. The deadline for comments to USDA/AMS is May 1, 2023.

Recent Actions

NAEGA 2023 Annual Meetings

Thank you to all who joined us in person in La Quinta and virtually for NAEGA’s Annual Meetings on March 20th-22nd. We held a series of successful events, including meetings of the NAEGA 2 Contract Revision Subcommittee, Contracts Committee, and joint Grades and Inspections and Production Technology Committee meetings with NGFA. The meeting concluded with the Member luncheon and meeting followed by the Board of Directors meeting on March 22. Minutes will be available on the NAEGA Member’s Only site in the coming weeks. Actions taken during the meetings include:

Board of Directors Elected by Members

On Wednesday, March 22 the NAEGA Membership renewed the terms of three expiring Board Members – Carsten Bredin, Tyler Schultz, and Steve Strong– for an additional three-year period expiring in 2026.

Name	Company	Term Expiration
Tyler Schultz	Cargill, Inc.	March 2026
Kim Hawks	Louis Dreyfus Company	March 2025
Charles Colbert	Zen-Noh Grain Corp.	March 2024
Steve Strong	Bunge North America	March 2026
John Griffith	CHS, Inc.	March 2025
Matt Hopkins	ADM	March 2024
Carsten Bredin	Richardson International	March 2026

Holly Womack	CoBank	March 2025
David Smoot	Viterra	March 2024
Fuyuhiko Nakata	Mitsui & Co.	March 2025
Jason Hofer	Gavilon Grain, Inc.	March 2025
Kurt Haarmann	Columbia Grain, Inc.	March 2024
Augusto Bassanini	United Grain Corporation	March 2025
Kevin LaGraize	Southport Agencies, Inc.	March 2024
Chad Becnel	SGS North America	March 2025

Board of Directors Actions

Following the Members meeting, the new Board of Directors organized itself and elected a chairman and executive committee. Board leadership for 2023 will include:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>
John Griffith, Chairman	CHS Inc.
Matt Hopkins, First Vice Chair	ADM
Tyler Schultz, Vice Chair	Cargill, Inc.
Charles Colbert, Vice Chair	Zen-Noh Grain Corp.
Steve Strong, Vice Chair	Bunge North America
Carsten Bredin, Vice Chair	Richardson International
Kim Hawks, Vice Chair	Louis Dreyfus Company
Holly Womack, Treasurer	CoBank
Augusto Bassanini, Secretary	United Grain Corporation

The Board approved the NAEGA lists of Arbitrators and Special Grain Arbitrators for 2023. Both can be found on NAEGA.org. here:

- [List of Arbitrators \(effective March 22, 2023\)](#)
- [List of Special Grain Arbitrators \(effective March 22, 2023\)](#)

The Board also approved a Staff request to apply for Market Access Program funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for calendar year 2024.

Rome, Italy – March 27-31, 2023

NAEGA Geneva Envoy Mariya-Khrystyna Koziy travelled to Rome, Italy as a part of the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) delegation to the 17th Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures of the International Plant Protection Convention (CPM-17). The week-long agenda was led by the IPPC's 184 governmental Contracting Parties, chaired by Cote d'Ivoire and vice-chaired by the U.S. The overarching objective focused on furthering the IPPC's objectives to protect the world's plant resources from the spread and introduction of pests and promote safe trade. The IGTC delegations also met with representatives from the U.N Food and

Agriculture Organization and the World Food Program. A trip report will be available on the NAEGA Member's Only website soon.

News:

European Market Policy Assessment

The U.S. Sustainability Alliance (USSA), of which NAEGA is a member, [has published a European Market Policy Assessment for the first quarter of 2023](#). The report summarizes key developments in the European agricultural sector and their impact on USSA goals, with a focus on the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on the EU's agricultural trade position, analysis of the EU's Green Deal initiatives, and the implementation progress of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy, among other topics.

Geneva Update – March 2023

World Trade Organization (WTO) events of interest are detailed in [this March 2023 Geneva update](#) from our Geneva Envoy Mariya-Khrystyna-Koziy:

- On March 9th, in advance of the extension of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, the UN Conference on Trade and Development published a report on the impact of the initiative, highlighting its contribution to global food security.
- WTO members discussed how to enhance the organizations' work amid the rising use of trade measures for environmental objectives.
- Discussions at the regular meeting of the Committee on Agriculture (March 27-28) testified to the need to strengthen efforts to ensure global food security. At the meeting, Members heard updates on food markets and the current outlook for global food security.
- WTO's Director General Ms. Okonjo-Iweala announced her decision to create the Transformation Office that would work on developing a vision and an overarching strategy/mission statement for the Secretariat.

Information Services:

Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange (PBIE)

There are currently 2,778 transgenic products from approximately 415 unique transgenic events and 502 gene edited products in the [NAEGA PBIE](#).

Developed by and at the request of membership, the PBIE contains detailed information on commercialized and pre-commercialized gene-edited and transgenic seeds used to produce the crops you use and market. Currently, only NAEGA members have access to this unique tool. As part of membership, your company is allowed up to five unique users for the PBIE at no cost. To gain access NAEGA Member representatives send the names and email addresses of designated company users to Patrick at phayden@naega.org. Each designated person is provided unique login information and instructions on the use of the platform. Please let us know if you have any questions!

U.S.-Canada Grain Trade Website

Your comments and advice are welcome in response to the U.S.-Canada Grain Trade Resources website: <https://uscanadagrains.com/>. The public website is intended to facilitate trade between Canada and the U.S. and inform future NAEGA actions. The site contains regularly updated question-and-answer modules for [American](#) and [Canadian](#) grain producers, as well as the [commercial grain trade](#). Users are encouraged to review the modules and submit additional questions, which may be included in future updates.

Calendar & Member Notices:

[Click here](#) for a copy of the IGTC Calendar

2023

April

10 – IGTC Management Council Meeting

May

9-17 – IGTC Africa Grains Weeks – Kenya and South Africa

15-17 – GrainCom Geneva – Geneva, Switzerland

15-17 – DBTG Operational & Technical Conference – Tampa, Florida

June

TBD – NAEGA-NGFA Regional Grain Industry Workshop – New Orleans, LA

13-14 - IGC Grains Conference – London, United Kingdom

14-16 – APPAMEX-NAEGA Forum – Cancun, Mexico

19-20 – Global Food Security and Grain Trade Forum – Geneva, Switzerland

July

12-13 - USAEDC Global Attache Seminar – McLean, VA

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