



Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017
MGPUB grant proposal number 2017165

Overview

The following sections of this report highlight activities of the National Barley Growers Association for the period July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

Current Projects and Activities

NBGA focused on the following topics and activities for the above referenced reporting period:

- Current Projects
 - Opposing the implementation of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) / Supporting the March 6, 2017 EPA & USACE announcement to review and rescind or revise WOTUS.
 - Supporting and petitioning the rules making process for the national labeling standard for GMO products
 - Pesticide registrations
 - Continued implementation of the new Malt Barley Endorsement crop insurance policy; available in 2016. The new insurance product (which was proposed to USDA-FCIC by the North Dakota Barley Council) provides insurance coverage for malting barley based upon malt barley quality attributes. While growers are now able to insure their barley for the appropriate prices relative to the type of barley being produced on their farm and includes settlement data from the industry to assist in developing appropriate premium rates; additional revisions are needed to ensure adoption by growers.
 - Continued efforts to reform beer excise taxes through support of the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act of 2017.
 - Supported unsuccessful efforts to pass the Trans Pacific Partnership free trade agreement / Petitioning the Administration to not withdraw from the North American Free Trade Agreement.
 - Supporting as a member Field to Market and contributing to the development of sustainability metrics for barley production
 - Support of the \$2 million funding increase for the Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative in the final FY 2017 Omnibus bill, and continuation of the funding increase in the FY 2018 Appropriations bill.
 - Developed barley priorities and petitioning Congress for passage of the 2018 Farm Bill.
- Current Activities
 - NBGA board meetings (2 per year). NBGA met in February 2017 in Washington DC, and in June 2017 in Minneapolis MN.
 - Barley, Boots, and Brews. NBGA hosts this reception on Capitol Hill during the winter NBGA meeting in Washington DC. The reception is well attended and provides an opportunity for relationship building with Congressional staff and NBGA stakeholders.
 - NBGA revised its bylaws in February, 2015 to include industry representation on the Board of Directors. In June, 2016, in a continuing effort to encourage more participation from member states and to cultivate future barley grower leaders, NBGA adopted a budget that included \$22,500 to continue the policy of paying travel expenses for one representative from each state grower organization to attend NBGA meetings and \$15,000 for the continuation and expansion of the “Barley Industry Leaders of Tomorrow” (BILOT) program, bringing young growers from member states to attend the biannual meetings. A BILOT “AgVocate” all day training session, sponsored by

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Bayer Crop Science, is planned for February 4, 2018 in Washington DC, prior to the Feb 5-7 winter meeting. Member states are encouraged to send 2 BILOTs to this training and subsequent meetings, and other board members and staff are welcome to attend.

- Grower Board members from Colorado and Wyoming have joined the Board of Directors, with dues being paid by MillCoors. Attended meetings in Colorado and Wyoming in support of forming state barley grower organizations.
- Attended the Craft Brewers Conference in Washington DC to further relationships with the growing craft beer industry.
- Efforts to bring in additional Industry Members to the NBGA continue and have been successful. BNSF has joined this past year.

NBGA Members

Member States

Idaho Barley Commission
 Idaho Grain Producers Association
 MDGrain Producers Utilization Board
 Minnesota Barley Promotion Council
 Montana Grain Growers Association
 MT Wheat & Barley Committee
 North Dakota Barley Council
 Oregon Wheat Growers League
 Washington Grain Alliance
 Colorado
 Wyoming

Industry Members

AB-InBev
 Bayer CropScience
 Beer Institute
 BNSF
 Brewers Association
 Cargill Malt
 Central Life Sciences
 Integrow Malt
 MillerCoors
 Rahr Malting
 Syngenta

As of November 1, 2017			
NBGA Board of Directors / July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 * Executive Committee			
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	TITLE	REPRESENTING
Dwight	Little	President *	Idaho Grain Producers Association
Scott	Brown	Director	Idaho Barley Commission
Peter	Friederichs	Past President *	Minnesota Barley Growers Association
Rob	Rynning	Director	Minnesota Barley Growers Association
Milo "Buzz"	Mattelin	Vice President*	Montana Wheat & Barley Committee
Dan	Kidd	Director	Montana Grain Growers Association
Doyle	Lentz	Director	North Dakota Barley Council
Greg	Kessel	Director	North Dakota Barley Council
Robert	Newton	Director	Oregon Wheat Commission
Sandi	Swannack	Director	Washington Grain Commission
Steve	Claassen	Director	Washington Grain Commission
Brett	Deacon	Director	Colorado Barley Grower
Ric	Rodriguez	Director	Wyoming Barley Grower
Jennie	Thompson	Director	Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Bd.
Alan	Slater	Director *	AB-InBev
Wade	Malchow	Director *	MillerCoors
Jim	McGreevy	Director	The Beer Institute
Lee	Hall	Director	Bayer CropScience
Chris	Swersy	Director	Brewers Association
Loelle	Selinger	Director	Cargill Malt
Ronald	Volpi	Director	Rahr Malting
Richard	Alfred	Director	Central Life Sciences
NBGA Industry & Associate Members			
Ryan	Findlay	Industry	Syngenta
Eric	Gatlin	Associate	BNSF
Alan	Parkinson	Associate	Integrow Malt

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