



**2024 AOSCA Northern & Western Region Business Meeting Agenda
April 9-10, 2024
Custer State Park, Custer, SD**

Host – Dr. Neal Foster, South Dakota Crop Improvement Association &
Michael Bouck, Utah Crop Improvement Association
Scribe – Oregon Seed Certification Service

Note - Breakfast will be provided beginning at 6:30 am Tuesday, April 9th & Wednesday, April 10th.

Tuesday, April 9th

8:00 AM Call to order

- o Welcome from our hosts
- o Review AOSCA Anti-Trust Compliance Policy
- o Approve minutes of last Northern Region Meeting, Lincoln, NE, April 6, 2023
- o Approve minutes of last Western Region Meeting, Winters, CA, April 4, 2023
- o Renewal of Regional Fund Agreement

AOSCA Board of Directors Report

- o Board of Directors President- **Billy Skaggs**
- o Northern Region Representatives – **Jim Rouse** and **Neal Foster**
- o Western Region Representatives – **Michael Bouck** and **Andrew Altishin**

AOSCA Report - Sarah Wilbanks

- o AOSCA Finance and Operations
- o Variety Review Boards
 - o Proposed changes to the Alfalfa VRB Application
- o US Agency Evaluation Update
- o 2024 Annual Meeting Update – June 16-19, Sandestin, FL – Host, Southern Seed Certification Assoc. & Alabama Crop Improvement

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM Certification Requirements and Standards Council Report – Doan Schmidt – Council Chair

- o Review submitted standard change proposals
- o Present working group proposals for Phase 2 Standards Book Review

12:00 PM Lunch

1:30-2:30 PM Guest Speaker Kevin Gunnell, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

2:30-3:30 PM Legislation & Bylaws' Proposals

3:30-4:30 PM Guest Speaker Greg Cargin, Preparing for a Financial Audit

4:30 PM Discussion topics submitted by each Region

- o Northern-
- o Western-
- o Southern-How do agencies handle off-patent/PVP varieties regarding branding?

Election of Northern Region Board of Directors' Representative – The two-year term currently held by Jim Rouse is up for election.

Election of Western Region Board of Directors' Representative – The two-year term currently held by Andy Altishin is up for election.

Select & Confirm Location, Host, Chair, and Scribe for Upcoming Northern Region Meetings

- o 2025 - Illinois
- o 2026 - Iowa
- o 2027 - North Dakota

Select & Confirm Location, Host, Chair, and Scribe for Upcoming Western Region Meetings

- o 2025 - Oregon
- o 2026 - Wyoming
- o 2027 - Idaho

Other Business

5:30 PM Recess until Wednesday, April 10th

Wednesday, April 10th

8:00 AM Foundation Seed Meeting

9:00-11:30 AM Pow Wow.

Guest Speaker, *Brandon Brown*, BLM-National Seed Warehouse

- o BLM Seed Sampling-*Bouck*
- o Wildland Collected Seeds-Seed Sampling-*Bouck*

10:00 AM Break

11:30 AM-12:30 PM Guest Speaker, *Dave Ollila*, NRCS/SD Soil Health

12:30-1:30 PM Box Lunch

1:30 PM Mt. Rushmore & Crazy Horse Tour (Optional)

6:30 PM Dinner at Custer Beacon Restaurant (Optional)