



**2024 AOSCA Southern Region Meeting Agenda March 26-27, 2024
Embassy Suites by Hilton Raleigh Durham, Research Triangle, Cary, NC**

Host – Dustin Auman, North Carolina Crop Improvement Association

Scribe – Billy Skaggs, Georgia Crop Improvement Association

Note - *Tuesday breakfast will be provided beginning at 6:30 am. The meeting will begin at 8:00 am and conclude by 2:30 pm to participate in a farm tour and dinner. The meeting will reconvene at 8:00 am on Wednesday and will wrap up by noon.*

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 AM Call to order

- o Welcome from North Carolina Crop Improvement
- o Review AOSCA Anti-Trust Compliance Policy
- o Approve minutes of last meeting, March 28, 2023, Fort Myers, FL
- o Renewal of Regional Fund Agreement

AOSCA Board of Directors Report

- o Board of Directors President- ***Billy Skaggs***
- o Southern Region Representatives - ***Billy Skaggs and Matthew Young***

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, San Destin, FL – Host, Southern Seed Certification Association & Alabama Crop Improvement Association

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM Certification Requirements and Standards Council Report - *Tom Hardiman* – Council Chair

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

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Proposed Legislation and Bylaws Changes

Discussion topics submitted by each Region

- o **Northern-**
- o **Western-**
 - o BLM Seed Sampling-*Bouck*
 - o Wildland Collected Seeds-Seed Sampling-*Bouck*
- o **Southern-**How do agencies handle off-patent/PVP varieties regarding branding?

Foundation Seed Organization topics

Election of Regional Board of Directors' Representative – The two-year term currently held by Billy Skaggs is up for election.

Election of Certification Requirements and Standards Council Vice-Chair

Select & Confirm Location, Host, Chair, Scribe for 2025 Regional Meeting

- o 2025 – Georgia
- o 2026- Tennessee
- o 2027- Arkansas

Other Business

2:30 PM Recess – Reconvene Wednesday, March 27, at 8:00 AM

3:00 PM Depart for Farm Tour and Dinner-Transportation will be Provided.