



A COORDINATED EFFORT BY BREEDERS AND PROCESSORS TO IMPROVE WHEAT QUALITY

2023 Annual Meeting Summary by Dave Green Exec Vice President

The Wheat Quality Council held its Annual Meeting in person again this year. Feb 22-24, 2023 were the dates. We moved to a newer hotel this year to the Embassy Suites Olathe. The meeting site got good reviews. We had about 138 people registered but due to blizzards in the northern US in attendance we lost about 15 people that couldn't travel.

The Executive Board and Board of Trustees elected a new full slate of officers and members to guide the Council this year. They are all listed on our website. The council is in good financial condition and we welcomed two new members this year. We also lost a few members. Our two hard wheat technical boards met to discuss improvements and check varieties. The changes are to continue improvements in our growout system to better compare variety performance across regions. Their minutes and board members can be found on the website.

Our speakers were Rodney Wallace for the Coalition for grain fiber, Jane Demarchi and Lee Sanders gave industry updates for the respective millers and bakers. Nick Weigel and Reuben McLean from GrainCraft Gave our group an update on what they are doing for tracability, sustainability and preferred varieties. Scott Simon of Corbion and Detlev Roesler gave talks on milling and baking additives being used in the US and around the world. Mary Guttieri discussed wheat genetics and Anne Osborne gave an update on the Wheat Yield Contest and their quality goals. Our dinner speaker was Dennis Patton from Johnson County Extension who gave a history of extension and discussed the role of extension in an urban county.

We continue to get support from the wheat breeders. Our systems are at capacity again this year with maximum entries. All of our test results are on the website. Our soft wheat group will meet in person for the first time in three years on March 14, 2023 in Wooster Ohio. We continue to provide industry feedback on new lines with the breeders and cooperators. Our meetings continue to be well attended due to the value our members place on quality and the knowledge gained from our program.

We are making plans for wheat tours this year and another annual meeting in 2024 in Kansas City.