

IDAHO CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2025, 9:00 AM MST
HYATT PLACE DOWNTOWN, BOISE

In Attendance

In person-Jason Stoddard, Vice President, Ray Mosman, Treasurer, Kathy Stewart-Williams, Executive Vice President/Secretary, Chris Mio, Director, Mike Kalisek, Director, Laura Pickard, Director, Tyler King, Mick Goff, Spencer Jewett, Sarah Plendl-Gardner, Alan Westra, Lisa Tran, Pauline Silvester, Riley Taylor, Kevin Osborne, Will Johnson, Karen Krych, Aaron Telford, Chris Caron, Todd Ungerecht
Zoom Attendees- Matt Powell

Call to Order

Vice President Jason Stoddard called the Board of Directors and Annual Membership Meeting to order at 9:01 AM on December 10, 2025.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed, with none opposed.

Approval of Minutes, Membership and Board Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed, with none opposed.

Association Annual Report

Kathy Stewart-Williams gave the Annual Report. Idaho Crop is divided into 4 areas, (North, Southwest, Southcentral, and Southeast) with local counties specific to each area. For FY25 (May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025) Kathy went over information that the Board had seen in July, when it was presented by the auditors. This is the last fiscal year the Potato Commission Assessment was at \$3 per acre. It is down to \$2 an acre this FY. Production income is from crops that do not pay tagging fees with their inspection fees, as well as tagging from seed that comes from other states for final certification in Idaho. Employee expenses include hourly/seasonal, and permanent staff. Please note there are a few open positions within ICIA at the moment. Advertising expenses are from potato ads, and legal notices. For Fees, some of the annual fees increased in the last year. Inspection category includes the costs from workers that are contracted per acre. Meetings are committee meetings, or Board Meetings. Rent is paid in Moscow, and Twin falls for those offices. Royalties are collected on behalf of Colorado Seed Growers, and a small percentage is kept before being paid out. Taxes are from property and use tax.

Acreage was down 13,000 acres from the previous year, but it was not a surprise. ICIA has grain in all four area offices of the state. Bean acres keep moving into Southeast Idaho. Alfalfa acres were up; Beans down; no clover was grown; Corn/Sorghum/Sunflowers were down; Grain was down; Grass was down more than expected; Miscellaneous crops, chickpeas and canola were up; Potatoes were down a little; NSHIP beans were down, and its acreage increased in the Treasure Valley; PVG was up. Malheur county accounts for 3.5% of ICIA acres. For final certification tagging, alfalfa, beans, grass, miscellaneous annuals, and PVG crops, all increased. Corn/Sorghum/Sunflowers, grain, and NSHIP were all down in tagging. Overall, total pounds tagged, and USA pounds tagged (crops grown in other states, but final tagging is in Idaho) were down. Potato tagging was down for the year. About 5,000 acres were rejected, of those applied for. Acres were rejected due to land history, lack of visibility during inspection, weed contamination, and viruses. No Regulated Diseases were identified during inspections.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Annual Report as presented. Motion passed with none opposed.

Committee Minutes & Reports

Alfalfa- Kevin Osborne gave the report. The committee met on 10/21/25. Acres were up 1,100. From the AOSCA audit this past year, it was recommended that the language in the ICIA General Standards regarding limitations of generations also be included specifically in the alfalfa standards under section F. of the Land Requirements portion. The committee is looking for replacements for the vacancies from retirements and moves. Kevin Osbourne was nominated for chair, and Jim Briggs was nominated for vice chair; both were elected.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the language as presented by the Alfalfa Committee. Motion passed with none opposed.

Beans- Will Johnson gave the report. The land requirements within IDAPA Rules for Planting Beans in Idaho have changed, and it is recommended that ICIA update its standards to match. Currently ISDA monitors requirements through a mapping system, and ICIA does by land history, and the agencies share information.

To encourage applicants to get their applications and documents in on time, the late fees for Beans need to be updated and increased. The meeting was well attended, and the group was receptive to the idea. It is not a grower issue that is warranting this change, but a company issue. The change would be modelled after the grain late fee structure, which works well.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the language change. Motion passed with none opposed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the late fee change. Motion passed with none opposed.

Grain- Mick Goff gave the report. The committee met on 10/30/25 via Zoom, as the growers are spread out throughout the state. The committee had a lengthy discussion about the amount of Triticale allowed in small grain seed fields under Idaho Standards, compared to other states. They recommended lowering the tolerance in the field from 1 per 3000 heads to 1 per 10,000 heads, and from 2 per pound in seed down to 1 per pound in Certified class seed. Mick will be compiling numbers for next year's meeting, as there will be further discussion, but this recommendation is a good start for this year.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed language change for Triticale in Small Grains Standards. Motion passed with none opposed.

Grass- Karen Krych gave the report. The committee met on 10/22/25. Proposed seed standards for Quality Timothy Seed were discussed. Seed lots that meet Certified class standards may be examined in a separate, more rigorous lab test on a 50-gram sample. If the lot meets requirements, the seed may be tagged with both a Certified blue tag *and* an orange Quality Timothy Seed tag. The orange tag identifies higher quality seed lots, which commands a higher market price.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the standards for Quality Timothy seed. Motion passed, with none opposed.

Potato- Aaron Telford gave the report. The PAC recommendation that PCR be adopted as an official post-harvest testing method has been sent back to the committee, which will meet in January.

A motion was made and seconded to send recommendation back to the PAC and clarify the motion. Motion passed, with none opposed.

Old Business

Database Evaluation

The Board had a meeting earlier this fall to discuss contracting with Andrew Brown of Ezerlight to evaluate the database that had been in development. Todd Ungerecht has reviewed the contract, added wording, and both sides' lawyers are working out the final details. Once the contract is good with both parties, and signed, work will start on the evaluation immediately. Part of the evaluation is to determine if development can move forward, and if so, a timeline and budget will be presented.

Direct Tuber Testing

Lisa gave an overview of how ICIA currently tests potatoes (ELISA) and how direct tuber testing is done. Direct tuber testing would get results sooner to growers/companies. At this point she has only tested 34 lots. Direct tuber testing can read 1.5% lower than ELISA, which means the uncertainty in the results is large enough to change the yes or no decision on if a sample passes, especially near the 1% PVY reading. 300 lots are needed to have strong precision for regulatory validation. ICIA needs to know if the direct tuber testing will be precise enough before moving forward.

Leaf and Direct Tuber Lab Test Cost Comparison

The cost of direct tuber testing could be less than ELISA testing leaves grown out in Hawaii. However, costs are ever changing and there would be large upfront costs for initial supplies and equipment. The cost of the testing also is dependent on how the samples are pooled. As Alan and Lisa work on this project overall, they will update the Board on the costs, and their need for funding. Grants and other funding sources will be looked into.

Direct Tuber Testing Transition Plan

As ICIA's ability to plant in Hawaii is never guaranteed, and relationships among island cooperators are becoming more difficult, Alan and Lisa are working on getting the information for a transition to some or all of the winter testing be completed through direct tuber testing. Alan was in Washington DC last week at the PAA meeting and was able to learn about what other states are currently doing with direct tuber testing, which is good knowledge of what is and is not working.

Alan stated that he would like to do the following-

- Refocus SCL Manager duties on R&D, and QC

- Hire a Lab Tech by Summer 2026 to supervise the day to day lab activities, and the testing data needs to be examined

- More data is needed for ELISA and PCR testing protocols effectiveness

- Evaluate for 2026 Winter grow out, so ICIA is prepared for what unknowns that may bring.

- Evaluate equipment we may need and alternatives (i.e. Kingfishers)

- Evaluate facility needs for testing process, waste, and labor

- Evaluate logistics of direct tuber testing, and labor

- Visit other labs to evaluate their methods, facilities, equipment, etc.

- Evaluate a phased approach to any implementation

Priorities are-

- Winter grow-out retests and low emergencies
- Lab samples processed
- Dormant varieties
- On farm coring for early generations
- Regular WGO samples

Issues to be considered throughout-

- Needed rule changes
- Hybrid system of testing
- Rethinking pool testing
- Costs
- Tipping point of when Hawaii is no longer viable

Alan and Lisa will test, evaluate, do R&D, and report to the Board. They will report to the Board at least once a year.

Break for Lunch 11:45 am

Restart 1:31

More discussion was had about the above 3 topics regarding Winter Grow Outs and Direct Tuber Testing. People on the PAC and Board will reach out to any industry people regarding funding. Grants at the state and federal level will be looked into.

ICIA Bylaws Review

Both the filed 2018 version and the draft version, with the lawyer's changes, were given to the Board. It was suggested that the Board look them over, write down any questions, comments or concerns, and that a Board working session be held in early February via Zoom. Kathy will ask all Board members about their availability for dates, so that the most Board members can be present.

A motion was made and seconded to table the bylaws until further notice. Motion passed, with none opposed.

Administrative Processing Fee

This issue should be resolved with the previous Bean Late Fee change already approved by the Board earlier in this meeting. It is not suggested to make changes across all crops, as a whole. If there are any other issues, they will be brought to the Board's attention.

New Business

Preliminary FY 2027 Budget

The preliminary budget presented will be voted on at the March 2026 meeting. This budget does include a raise of 5% for all full-time staff. Professional Fees category has been increased due to consulting with the ICIA lawyer more. One vehicle has been budgeted for the year. The Board would like Direct Tuber testing to be tracked with its own line item in the budget. Current FY26 revenue and costs were presented through October 2025.

March 2026 Board Meeting Date and Location

The March Meeting will be held in Twin Falls on Tuesday March 10th at 10:00am MDT.

Old Business

Ex-Officio ICIA Board Member

The Ex-Officio position has been vacant since David Hoadley retired last year. Kathy spoke with Chad Jackson, who has expressed a strong interest in serving, and has a good background to complement the knowledge needs of the Board. She also spoke with Alex Karsev. He is willing to help in an advisory way but does not feel he has the time to be on the Board. Kathy recommended the Board elect Chad to the Ex-Officio position.

A motion was made and seconded to elect Chad Jackson. Motion passed, with none opposed.

New Business

Contingency Fund Savings Account

An overview of the Contingency Fund was given to the Board by Sarah Plendl-Gardner. The current Wells Fargo account no longer earns a good interest rate, and the bank is not willing to work with ICIA. Various options were given to the Board, from other Money Market accounts to CDs, both with different interest rates.

A motion was made and seconded to move the contingency fund to DL Evans Bank in a 12-month CD at a rate of 3.85%. Motion passed with none opposed.

Election of Board Members Districts 1, 3, 5, 7

Raymond Mosman was nominated for District 1, Brad Chambers was nominated for District 3, Gina Lierman was nominated for district 5, and Laura Pickard was nominated for District 7. There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion was made and seconded to collectively nominate the nominees. Motion passed, with none opposed.

Election of Board President, Vice President, Treasurer

Gina Lierman was nominated for Board President. A motion was made and seconded to elect Gina Lierman as Board President. Motion passed, with none opposed.

Jason Stoddard was nominated for Board Vice President. A motion was made and seconded to elect Jason Stoddard as Board Vice President. Motion passed, with none opposed.

Ray Mosman was nominated for Board Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to elect Ray Mosman as Board Treasurer. Motion passed, with none opposed.

Summer 2026 Board Meeting Date

The Summer Meeting will be held via Zoom Wednesday, July 8th at 9:00am MDT. The date can be changed, but that will need to be agreed upon at the March meeting.

Adjourn

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 2:36pm. Motion passed, with none opposed.

An Executive Session followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Plendl-Gardner