



2019

Texas Seed Trade Association

**POLICY,
PRODUCTION, RESEARCH,
& MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

March 3-6, 2019

**Doubletree Hotel
Austin, Texas**



Texas Seed Trade Association
Policy, Production, Research & Membership Meeting
Agenda — *Partial Listing*

March 3, 2019
1:00pm – 5:00pm — Board of Directors

March 4, 2019
7:30am — Coffee



General Session



8:00am – 12noon

Election and Installation of New Officers and Boardmembers

Chet Boruff, *Chief Executive Officer*

Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA)

Seed and Plant Certification Through a Crop Improvement Association

10:30 - 2:30

1st Lady's Topgolf Event — *Transportation Provided*

1st Lady, Sherri Drinnon, invites you to a special outing at Topgolf for golfers and observers alike. Enjoy the camaraderie of our seed ladies and lunch and even a little high tech golf if you choose.



Keynote Speaker



Kyle Kacal (invited), *Texas State Representative*

Richard Vierling, *PhD*

Director, Texas Foundation Seed Service — Update

ASTA — Update

Lunch on your own



Crop Divisions



1:30pm – 5:00pm

Small Grains & Grasses

David Ragsdale, *PhD*

Chief Science Officer, Associate Director of Research,
Texas A&M University/AgriLife Research,

“Investment by Texas A&M in Breeding Efforts in Small Grains, Forage Grass, and more”

Clark Neely, *PhD*

Small Grains Specialist, Texas A&M University/AgriLife Extension

“Uniform Variety Trial and Wheat Pick List”

Amir Ibrahim, PhD

Professor, Soil & Crops Science, Texas A&M University

“Certified Seed Sales in the Southwest and Their Effect on TAMU Wheat Program”

Dariusz Malinowski, PhD

Professor, Vernon Center

“Breeding for Summer Dormant, Cool Season Grasses”

Russell W. Jessup, PhD

Associate Professor, Soil & Crop Science, Texas A&M University

Forage Grass Breeding

6:15pm

President’s Reception

(Please Bring Donated Items for Fundraiser)

President & First Lady’s Dinner & TSTA Foundation Fundraiser

7:00pm – 10:00pm

Dinner — Scholarship Auction

March 5, 2019

8:00am – 12:00noon

Sorghum & Corn

Tony Watson, PhD

Farm General Manager, Sharp Brothers Seed Co.

“Implications of Climate Change on Sorghum Breeding & Production in Texas”

David Gibson, Executive Director

Texas Corn Growers

“Industry Update and Farm Bill Implications”

12:00noon – 1:00pm

Legislative Lunch Briefing

2:00pm – 5:00pm

Legislative Office Visits at the State Capitol — *Van available*

Meeting Room at Capitol Grill in Capitol Annex (Level E1)



Return to Hotel



Legislative Dinner Wrapup (Pappadeaux’s)