2026 USWBSI Steering Committee						
Area	**Representative 1**	**Representative 2**	**Representative 3**	**Representative 4**	**Representative 5**	
Wheat Millers (soft and hard)	Reuben McLean (Grain Craft, ID) - 2026 (EC)	North American Millers' Association (Molly Miller, VA)				
Wheat Growers	Bryan Jorgenson (South Dakota Wheat Commission, SD) - 2029	**Co-Chair:** Richard Magnusson (MN) - 2028 (EC)	National Association of Wheat Growers (Anthony Peña)			
Barley Growers	National Barley Growers Association (Mitch Konen, MT)	North Dakota Barley Council (Scott Nelson, ND)				
Durum Growers	Dustin Johnsrud (North Dakota Wheat Commission) - 2029	U.S. Durum Growers Association (Jordan Hawbaker, ND)				
Seed Industry	Ken Davis (Grow Pro Genetics, IL) - 2027					
Crop Protection	Terra Hartman (Bayer CropScience, MN) - 2028					
Malting & Brewing Industry	Ashley McFarland (American Malting Barley Association, MN) - 2029 (EC)	Paul Sadosky (MillerCoors, WI) - 2028	Jason McCann (Rahr Malting Co., MN) - 2027			
Plant Breeder Public - Wheat	Eric Olson (Michigan State Univ.) - 2029 (EC)	Steven Xu (USDA-ARS, CA) - 2026 (EC)	National Wheat Improvement Committee (Christina Hagerty, OR)			
Plant Breeder Public - Barley	Rich Horsley (North Dakota State Univ.) - 2027 (EC)	Kevin Smith (Univ. of Minnesota) - 2027				
Pathology - Barley	Alyssa Collins (Pennsylvania State Univ.) - 2027	Frankie Crutcher (Montana State University) - 2027				
Pathology - Wheat	**Co-Chair:** Andrew Friskop (North Dakota State Univ.) - 2029 (EC)	Carl Bradley (Univ. of Kentucky) - 2029 (EC)				
Food Safety/Toxicology	Open - 2027					
Pre-breeding and Germplasm Development	Gary Muehlbauer (Univ. of Minnesota) - 2027 (EC)					
Pathogen Biology and Genetics	Lisa Vaillancourt (Univ. of Kentucky) - 2029					
Pasta Industry	Alexis "Lexi" Freier-Johnson (Richardson International, MN) - 2029					
Ag. Experiment Station Directors	Frank Casey (North Dakota State Univ. - agInnovation North Central) - 2029	Meriem Aoun (Oklahoma State Univ. - agInnovation Southern) - 2028				
Research Area Committee (RAC) Chairs	**MGMT Chair**	**FST Chair**	**GDER Chair**	**PBG Chair**		
	Alyssa Koehler Betts (Univ. of Delaware)	Mark Busman (USDA-ARS, IL)	Harold Trick (Kansas State Univ.)	Guixia Hao (USDA-ARS, IL)		
Coordinated Project Committee (CPC) Chairs	**Barley CP Chair**	**Durum CP Chair**	**Hard Winter Wheat CP Chair**	**VDHR-SPR Chair**	**VDHR-NWW Chair**	**VDHR-SWW Chair**
	Mitch Elmore (USDA-ARS, MN)	Elias Elias (North Dakota State Univ.)	Sue Mondal (Montana State Univ.)	Jason Fiedler (USDA-ARS, ND)	Jessica Rutkoski (Univ. of Illinois)	Rick Boyles (Clemson Univ.)
USDA-ARS National Program Leader overseeing the USWBSI	Oswald Crasta, National Program Leader-Small Grains, USDA-ARS, MD (EC)					

Year term expires is indicated in red font.

SC terms for EC members and RA/CP Committee chairs are based on their committee terms.

Organizational Representation - Org appoints their reps - four year term

Organizational Representation - Org appoints their reps - no set term limit, determined by Org

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2026 USWBSI Executive Committee	
Representative Commodity	**Name (Organization)**
Winter Wheat	Carl Bradley (Univ. of Kentucky, KY) - 2029
Spring Wheat	Andrew Friskop (**Co-Chair**, North Dakota State Univ., ND) - 2029
Malting Industry	Ashley McFarland (American Malting Barley Assoc., MN) - 2029
Barley	Rich Horsley (North Dakota State Univ., ND) - 2027
All	Richard Magnusson (**Co-Chair**, Private Grower, MN) - 2028
Winter Wheat	Eric Olson (Michigan State Univ., MI) - 2029
Spring Wheat	Gary Muehlbauer (Univ. of Minnesota, MN) - 2027
Milling Industry	Reuben McLean (Grain Craft, ID) - 2026
Durum	Steven Xu (USDA-ARS, CA) - 2026
USDA-ARS	Oswald Crasta (USDA-ARS, MD) - non-voting
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2026 USWBSI Research Area Committees

	Position		Term Ending (December 31 of year indicated)
FHB Management (MGMT)	Chair	Alyssa Koehler Betts (Univ. of Delaware)	2027
	Vice Chair	Briana Whitaker (USDA-ARS, IL)	2027
	Member	Christina Cowger (USDA-ARS, NC)	2027
	Member	Erick DeWolf (Kansas State Univ.)	2026
MGMT's Integrated Management Coordinated Project (IM-CP)	Chair	Pierce Paul (The Ohio State Univ.)	No term
	Member	Alyssa Koehler Betts (Univ. of Delaware)	No term
	Member	Kiersten Wise (Univ. of Kentucky)	No term
Food Safety and Toxicology (FST)	Chair	Mark Busman (USDA-ARS, IL)	2027
	Vice Chair	Zhao Jin (North Dakota State Univ.)	2027
	Member	Dave Kendra (Cibus, CA)	2026
	Member	Sarah Whitcomb (USDA-ARS, WI)	2027
Gene Discovery & Engineering Resistance (GDER)	Chair	Harold Trick (Kansas State Univ.)	2026
	Vice Chair	Nidhi Rawat (Univ. of Maryland)	2026
	Member	William Hay (USDA-ARS, IL)	2028
	Member	Matthew Helm (USDA-ARS, IN)	2028
Pathogen Biology & Genetics (PBG)	Chair	Guixia Hao (USDA-ARS, IL)	2026
	Vice Chair	Christopher Toomajian (Kansas State Univ., KS)	2026
	Member	Santiago Mideros (Univ. of Illinois)	2026
	Member	Milton Drott (USDA-ARS, MN)	2026
	Member	Gazala Ameen (South Dakota State Univ., SD)	2027

2026 USWBSI Commodity-based Coordinated Project (CP) Committees

	Position		Term Ending (December 31 of year indicated)
Barley Coordinated Project (BAR-CP)	Chair	Mitch Elmore (USDA-ARS, MN)	2026
	Vice Chair	Belay Yimer (USDA-ARS, ID)	2026
	Member	Max Fraser (Anheuser-Busch InBev)	2028
	Member	Rong Di (Rutgers Univ., NJ)	2029
	Member	Andy Read (USDA-ARS, MN)	2029
Durum Coordinated Project (DUR-CP)	Chair	Elias Elias (North Dakota State Univ.)	2027
	Vice Chair	Shaobin Zhong (USDA-ARS, MN)	2027
	Member	Greg Miller (Winland Foods)	2028
	Member	Xuehui Li (North Dakota State Univ.)	2029
Hard Winter Wheat Coordinated Project (HWW-CP)	Chair	Sue Mondal (Montana State Univ.)	2027
	Vice Chair	Sunish Sehgal (South Dakota State Univ.)	2027
	Member	Shaukat Ali (South Dakota State Univ.)	2026
	Member	Shuyu Liu (Texas A&M Univ.)	2029
Variety Development - Spring Wheat (SPR)	Chair	Jason Fiedler (USDA-ARS, ND)	2027
	Vice Chair	Karl Glover (South Dakota State Univ.)	2027
	Member	Jim Anderson (Univ. of Minnesota)	2029
	Member	Vikas Belamkar (Corteva)	2029
Variety Development - Northern Soft Winter Wheat (NWW)	Chair	Jessica Rutkoski (Univ. of Illinois)	2028
	Vice Chair	Clay Sneller (Ohio State Univ.)	2026
	Member	Mohsen Mohammadi (Purdue Univ.)	2028
	Member	Jana Murche (KWS)	2028
	Member	Lauren Brzozowski(Univ. of Kentucky)	2029
Variety Development - Southern Soft Winter Wheat (SWW)	Chair	Rick Boyles (Clemson Univ.)	2026
	Vice Chair	Noah Dewitt (Louisiana State Univ. Ag Center)	2026
	Member	Allen Becker (Grow Pro Genetics, LLC)	2027
	Member	Nicholas Santantonio (Virginia Tech)	2028