

# NCRA Officers and Standing Committee Members

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## NCRA Officers and Standing Committees

### NCRA Officers (normal term length: 1 year)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Past-chair	Hector Santiago	<a href="mailto:hsantiago@unl.edu">hsantiago@unl.edu</a>	NE	10/1/2022	9/30/2024
Chair	Gary Pierzynski	<a href="mailto:pierzynski.3@osu.edu">pierzynski.3@osu.edu</a>	OH	6/1/2023	9/30/2024

### NCRA Executive Committee (EC; normal term length: 3 years)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Past-chair	Hector Santiago	<a href="mailto:hsantiago@unl.edu">hsantiago@unl.edu</a>	NE	10/1/2022	9/30/2024
Chair	Gary Pierzynski	<a href="mailto:pierzynski.3@osu.edu">pierzynski.3@osu.edu</a>	OH	6/1/2023	9/30/2024
Chair-elect	Shibu Jose	<a href="mailto:joses@missouri.edu">joses@missouri.edu</a>	MO	6/1/2023	9/30/2024
MRC Chair	Shibu Jose	<a href="mailto:joses@missouri.edu">joses@missouri.edu</a>	MO	6/1/2023	9/30/2024
Member	Tala Awada	<a href="mailto:tawada@unl.edu">tawada@unl.edu</a>	NE	6/1/2023	9/30/2024
Executive Vice Chair	Jeanette Thurston	<a href="mailto:jthurston@ksu.edu">jthurston@ksu.edu</a>	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA

### NCRA Multistate Research Committee (MRC; term length is 3 years for members, 1 year for chair)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Chair	Shibu Jose	<a href="mailto:joses@missouri.edu">joses@missouri.edu</a>	MO	6/1/2023	9/30/2024
Member	Derek McLean	<a href="mailto:derek.mclean@unl.edu">derek.mclean@unl.edu</a>	NE	10/1/2023	9/30/2026
Member	Carolyn Lawrence-Dill	<a href="mailto:triffid@iastate.edu">triffid@iastate.edu</a>	IA	10/1/2023	9/30/2027
Member	Joleen Hadrich	<a href="mailto:jhadrich@umn.edu">jhadrich@umn.edu</a>	MN	10/1/2023	9/30/2028
Member	Troy Runge	<a href="mailto:trunge@wisc.edu">trunge@wisc.edu</a>	WI	10/1/2023	9/30/2029
Ex-Officio (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	<a href="mailto:jthurston@ksu.edu">jthurston@ksu.edu</a>	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA
Ex-Officio (AD)	Christina Hamilton	<a href="mailto:chamilton@wisc.edu">chamilton@wisc.edu</a>	NCRA/WI	8/1/2007	NA

### Nominations and Awards Committee (NAC; normal term length: 3 years total, 2 of which are as chair)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Chair	Carolyn Lawrence-Dill	<a href="mailto:triffid@iastate.edu">triffid@iastate.edu</a>	IA	10/1/2023	9/30/2026
Member	James Averill	<a href="mailto:averillj@msu.edu">averillj@msu.edu</a>	MI	4/1/2024	9/30/2027
Member	Lingying Zhao	<a href="mailto:zhao.119@osu.edu">zhao.119@osu.edu</a>	OH	4/1/2024	9/30/2024
Ex-Officio (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	<a href="mailto:jthurston@ksu.edu">jthurston@ksu.edu</a>	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA
Ex-Officio (AD)	Christina Hamilton	<a href="mailto:chamilton@wisc.edu">chamilton@wisc.edu</a>	NCRA/WI	8/1/2007	NA

### Resolutions Committee (term length is 3 years, renewable)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Resolutions	Jeanette Thurston	<a href="mailto:jthurston@ksu.edu">jthurston@ksu.edu</a>	NCRA/KS	10/1/2022	9/30/2026
Ex-Officio (AD)	Christina Hamilton	<a href="mailto:chamilton@wisc.edu">chamilton@wisc.edu</a>	NCRA/WI	8/1/2007	NA

## National Committee Appointments

### BAA (Board on Ag Assembly)/PBD (Policy Board of Directors) CLP (Committee on Legislation and Policy)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
agInnovation Alternate	Shibu Jose	<a href="mailto:joses@missouri.edu">joses@missouri.edu</a>	MO	6/1/2023	?
Ex-Officio (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	<a href="mailto:jthurston@ksu.edu">jthurston@ksu.edu</a>	NCRA/KS	10/1/2022	9/30/2026

**agInnovation NRSP Review Committee (NRSP-RC; 4-year term)** <https://escop.info/committee/nrsp-rc/>

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
NCRA Member	Carolyn Lawrence-Dill	<a href="mailto:triffid@iastate.edu">triffid@iastate.edu</a>	IA	10/1/2023	9/30/2026

**agInnovation ESCOP Committee (3-year term)** <https://escop.info/committee/the-escop-committee/>

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
agInnovation Chair	George Smith	<a href="mailto:smithge7@msu.edu">smithge7@msu.edu</a>	MI	10/1/2023	9/30/2024
NCRA Past-chair	Hector Santiago	<a href="mailto:hsantiago@unl.edu">hsantiago@unl.edu</a>	NE	10/1/2022	9/30/2024
NCRA Chair	Gary Pierzynski	<a href="mailto:pierzynski.3@osu.edu">pierzynski.3@osu.edu</a>	OH	6/1/2023	9/30/2024
NCRA Chair-elect	Shibu Jose	<a href="mailto:joses@missouri.edu">joses@missouri.edu</a>	MO	6/1/2023	9/30/2024
Perm. Alternate (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	<a href="mailto:jthurston@ksu.edu">jthurston@ksu.edu</a>	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA

**agInnovation Executive Committee** <https://escop.info/committee/executive-committee/>

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
agInnovation Chair	George Smith	<a href="mailto:smithge7@msu.edu">smithge7@msu.edu</a>	MI	10/1/2023	9/30/2024
NCRA Past-chair	Hector Santiago	<a href="mailto:hsantiago@unl.edu">hsantiago@unl.edu</a>	NE	10/1/2022	9/30/2024
Perm. Alternate (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	<a href="mailto:jthurston@ksu.edu">jthurston@ksu.edu</a>	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA

**agInnovation Chair's Advisory Committee (CAC)** <https://escop.info/committee/cac/>

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
agInnovation Chair	George Smith	<a href="mailto:smithge7@msu.edu">smithge7@msu.edu</a>	MI	10/1/2023	9/30/2024
Perm. Alternate (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	<a href="mailto:jthurston@ksu.edu">jthurston@ksu.edu</a>	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA

**agInnovation Budget and Legislative Committee (BLC)** <https://escop.info/committee/blc/>

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
NCRA Member	Gary Pierzynski	<a href="mailto:pierzynski.3@osu.edu">pierzynski.3@osu.edu</a>	OH	2021	TBD
NCRA Member	Derek McLean	<a href="mailto:derek.mclean@unl.edu">derek.mclean@unl.edu</a>	NE	2023	TBD
Perm. Alternate (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	<a href="mailto:jthurston@ksu.edu">jthurston@ksu.edu</a>	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA

**agInnovation Diversity Catalyst Committee (DCC)** <https://escop.info/committee/dcc/>

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
NCRA Representative	Tala Awada	<a href="mailto:tawada@unl.edu">tawada@unl.edu</a>	NE	2021	TBD

**agInnovation Science and Technology Committee (STC)** <https://escop.info/committee/stc/>

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
NCRA Member	Frank Casey	<a href="mailto:francis.casey@ndsu.edu">francis.casey@ndsu.edu</a>	ND	2021	TBD
NCRA Member	Shibu Jose	<a href="mailto:joses@missouri.edu">joses@missouri.edu</a>	MO	2021	TBD

**agInnovation Science and Technology Committee Social Science Subcommittee (SSSc), NC Members**

<https://escop.info/committee/social-sciences-subcommittee-sssc/>

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Agricultural Communication	Emily Buck	<a href="mailto:buck.210@osu.edu">buck.210@osu.edu</a>	OH		TBD
Agricultural Education	Mike Retallick	<a href="mailto:msr@iastate.edu">msr@iastate.edu</a>	IA		TBD
Agricultural Economics	Corinne Valdivia	<a href="mailto:valdiviac@missouri.edu">valdiviac@missouri.edu</a>	MO		
Human Sciences	Cayla Taylor	<a href="mailto:cayla@iastate.edu">cayla@iastate.edu</a>	IA		
Co-Executive Vice Chair	Jeanette Thurston	<a href="mailto:jthurston@ksu.edu">jthurston@ksu.edu</a>	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA
Assistant Executive Vice Chair	Christina Hamilton	<a href="mailto:chamilton@wisc.edu">chamilton@wisc.edu</a>	NCRA/WI	1/1/2023	NA

**agInnovation NRSP1 Management Committee** <https://escop.info/committee/nrsp-1-management-committee/>

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Lead AA/Perm Alternate	Jeanette Thurston	<a href="mailto:jthurston@ksu.edu">jthurston@ksu.edu</a>	NCRA/KS	2023	TBD
NCRA Member	Christina Hamilton	<a href="mailto:chamilton@wisc.edu">chamilton@wisc.edu</a>	NCRA/WI	2014	TBD

### agInnovation National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee (NPGCC)

<https://escop.info/committee/national-plat-germplasm-coordinating-committee-npgcc/>

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
NCRA Member	Carolyn Lawrence-Dill	<a href="mailto:triffid@iastate.edu">triffid@iastate.edu</a>	IA	2023	TBD

### agInnovation Research Infrastructure

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Member	Shibu Jose	<a href="mailto:joses@missouri.edu">joses@missouri.edu</a>	MO	2/9/2024	TBD

### Other Appointments

#### North Central Rural Development Board (4-year term)

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Purdue Rep (perm)	Ron Turco	<a href="mailto:rturco@purdue.edu">rturco@purdue.edu</a>	IN	2023	NA
AES Rep	Mary Emery	<a href="mailto:memery2@unl.edu">memery2@unl.edu</a>	NE	2022	2026

#### North Central Regional Aquaculture Center (NCRAC)

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
NCRA Member	Carolyn Lawrence-Dill	<a href="mailto:triffid@iastate.edu">triffid@iastate.edu</a>	IA	2023	TBD
NCRA Member (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	<a href="mailto:jthurston@ksu.edu">jthurston@ksu.edu</a>	NCRA/KS	2023	TBD

#### FFAR (Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research Board)

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Member	Carolyn Lawrence-Dill	<a href="mailto:triffid@iastate.edu">triffid@iastate.edu</a>	IA	2023	TBD
Member	Doug Buhler	<a href="mailto:buhler@msu.edu">buhler@msu.edu</a>	MI	?	TBD

#### North Central IPM Center – Steering Committee

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Member	Carolyn Lawrence-Dill	<a href="mailto:triffid@iastate.edu">triffid@iastate.edu</a>	IA	2023	TBD
Member	Jeanette Thurston	<a href="mailto:jthurston@ksu.edu">jthurston@ksu.edu</a>	NCRA/KS	2023	TBD
Member	Marty Draper	<a href="mailto:maddr@ksu.edu">maddr@ksu.edu</a>	KS	2022	TBD