

June 24, 2026 – University of Minnesota Crookston
Sargeant Student Center – Bede Ballroom ABC (2nd floor)

2900 University Ave, Crookston MN 56716

Joint Meeting of the Minnesota Corn Growers Association (MCGA) and Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council (MCR&PC)

Continental breakfast available at Crookston Inn

Dress code: Business Casual

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8:00 a.m. MCGA President Beck & MCR&PC Chairman Mages

1. **Call to order by MCGA President & MCR&PC Chairman**

- Recite MCR&PC/MCGA mission statement: Identify and promote opportunities for corn growers while enhancing quality of life
- Approval of April 8, 2026 MCGA and MCR&PC meeting minutes

2. Overview of today's agenda – Birr (2 minutes)

STRATEGIC PRIORITY UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

Goal: Shape and enhance public/influencer perceptions and the policy environment of corn farmers in a manner that ultimately protects and supports the economic viability of corn farmers in Minnesota.

3. **Membership & Consumer Engagement** (20 minutes)

- **Discussion** – led by Guentzel/Tate/Gilbertson
 - i. Team meeting recap
 - ii. Consent agenda
 - iii. August retreat

4. **Research, Utilization, and Profitability** (30 minutes)

- **Discussion** – Discovery & Development led by Peterson/Fast/Haggerty
 - i. Team meeting recap
 - ii. Consent Agenda items
- **Discussion** – Utilization led by Neumann/Vipond/Hoffarth

- i. Team meeting recap
- ii. Consent agenda items

5. Advocacy: Public and Policy (25 minutes)

- **Discussion** – led by Syverson/Kanten/Bilek
 - i. 2026 Candidate Engagement
 - ii. Corn Congress
 - iii. Consent agenda items

6. Bridge Non-Farm Influencers (30 minutes)

- **Discussion** – led by Gotlieb
 - i. Sellback update and next steps
 - ii. Farmfest preview
 - iii. Gophers/WCCO updates

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7. Sustainability (45 minutes)

- **Discussion** – led by Birr, Bilek, Bruner and Haggerty
 - i. MAWRC update – Warren Formo
 - ii. Discovery Farms Summary – Bruner and Formo
 - iii. Nitrogen Strategy – Birr and others

National Organization Updates and Reports

8. US Grains Council Updates (25 minutes)

- MAIZALL update – Willis
- A-Team Updates

9. National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) Updates (25 minutes total)

- Action Team Updates

10. Election of MCR&PC Officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary (10 minutes)

12:00 – Lunch and update from Anthony Kern, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs – Division of Agriculture, Natural Science, and Technology

11. Financials Update – Oyebamiji (60 minutes)

- Financials
- FY27 Budget Preview

12. Old and New Business (10 minutes)

- Appointments to other organizations

13. Consent Agenda (see next page)

14. Executive Director's Update (5 minutes)

15. **Chairman’s Report** (3 minutes)

16. **President’s Report** (3 minutes)

Adjourn by 3:30pm

3:30pm – Standing Executive Session as needed

Consent Agenda for June 24 (Updated on 06-17-26)

A. Member & Consumer Engagement (MCE) Focus Team

MN Alpha Tau Alpha (ATA) National Conclave \$ 1,000

B. Discovery & Development (D&D) Focus Team

Vomitoxin Committee Contribution \$ 5,000

University of Minnesota Extension Strip-Till Expo \$ 5,000

BioMADE Membership \$ 10,000

C. Utilization (UT) Focus Team

USGBC Export Exchange Sponsorship \$ 5,000

RFA Project Sponsorship

State Regulations Need Updating project at \$50K and the

Build Demand in Guaranteed E15 Markets at \$25K

RFA TOTAL \$ 75,000

USFRA Biofuel Research Campaign \$ 50,000

University of Minnesota BioInnovation Accelerator Joint RFP \$ 175,000

MN Nutrition Conference \$ 800

UT TOTAL \$ 305,800*

**Amount Includes a request for new funding of \$32,375 to cover expenses*

D. Policy & Priority (PP)

Citizens League organizational membership \$ 3,000