

SWQC Meeting Notes - 03/18/2025

2025 SWQL Annual Research Review & Soft Wheat Quality Council Meeting

Location: Shisler Conference Center, Wooster, OH

Meeting Overview:

- **Meeting Called to Order:** 3:47 PM by Miriam Dubin
- **Attendees:** Perry Ng, Byung-Kee Baik, Jodi Cole, Christian Dengler, Lisa Godkin, Dave Green, Daphne Gullett, Ed Hansmann, Jim Schuh, Caroline Smith, Richard Kendrick, Fengyun Ma, Bryan Penning, Tiffany Sepanski, Michael Stein, Bryan Heffron, and the Board (Miriam Dubin, Teresa Johns, and Heidi Richardson)

Key Highlights:

- **Dave Green:**
 - Provided an overview of the Wheat Quality Council (WQC) and its role in improving the quality of different types of wheat, with a focus on soft winter wheat in Wooster.
 - The WQC hosts an annual meeting in Kansas City focused on spring and hard wheat, maintaining a stable and solid membership base.
 - Discussed financial status, noting a negative budget but adequate funds to continue operations. The Board has authorized \$16,000 for the Soft Wheat Quality Council.
 - Raised concerns about potential staffing cuts at government-funded research sites (e.g., ARS), emphasizing the need for advocacy. Attendees were urged to engage with their companies and congresspersons to support the continuation of this important program.
- **Nominations and Votes:**
 - **Hannah Howells (Ardent Mills)** was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer by Caroline Smith. The motion passed.
 - **Richard Kendrick** will step in as Vice Chair, replacing Heidi Richardson. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

- **Meeting Adjourned** at 3:54 PM.