

agInnovation North Central Officers and Standing Committee Members

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agInnovation North Central Officers and Standing Committees

agInnovation North Central Officers (normal term length: 1 year)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Past Chair	Gary Pierzynski	pierzynski.3@osu.edu	OH	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Chair	Shibu Jose	joses@missouri.edu	MO	10/1/2024	9/30/2025

agInnovation North Central Executive Committee (EC; normal term length: 3 years)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Past Chair	Gary Pierzynski	pierzynski.3@osu.edu	OH	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Chair	Shibu Jose	joses@missouri.edu	MO	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Chair Elect	Derek McLean	derek.mclean@unl.edu	NE	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
MRC Chair	Derek McLean	derek.mclean@unl.edu	NE	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Member	Tala Awada	tawada@unl.edu	NE	6/1/2023	9/30/2025
Executive Vice Chair	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	agInnovation North Central/KS	1/1/2023	NA

agInnovation North Central Multistate Research Committee (MRC; term length is 3 years as member + 1 year as chair)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Chair	Derek McLean	derek.mclean@unl.edu	NE	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Member	Joleen Hadrich	jhadrich@umn.edu	MN	10/1/2023	9/30/2026
Member	Troy Runge	trunge@wisc.edu	WI	10/1/2023	9/30/2027
Member	Jane Schuh	jmschuh@ksu.edu	KS	10/1/2024	9/30/2028
Member	Tala Awada	tawada@unl.edu	NE	10/1/2024	9/30/2028
Ex-Officio (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	agInnovation North Central/KS	1/1/2023	NA
Ex-Officio (AD)	Christina Hamilton	chamilton@wisc.edu	agInnovation North Central/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	triffid@iastate.edu	IA	10/1/2023	9/30/2025
Member	James Averill	averillj@msu.edu	MI	4/1/2024	9/30/2027
Member	Lingying Zhao	zhao.119@osu.edu	OH	4/1/2024	9/30/2024
Member	Héctor Santiago	hsantiago@unl.edu	NE	10/1/2024	9/30/2027
Ex-Officio (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	agInnovation North Central/KS	1/1/2023	NA
Ex-Officio (AD)	Christina Hamilton	chamilton@wisc.edu	agInnovation North Central/WI	8/1/2007	NA

Resolutions Committee (term length is 3 years, renewable)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Resolutions	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	agInnovation North Central/KS	10/1/2022	9/30/2026
Ex-Officio (AD)	Christina Hamilton	chamilton@wisc.edu	agInnovation North Central/WI	8/1/2007	NA

National Committee Appointments

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

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
agInnovation Alternate	Shibu Jose	joses@missouri.edu	MO	6/1/2023	TBD
Ex-Officio (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	agInnovation North Central/KS	10/1/2022	9/30/2026

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

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
agInnovation North Central Member	John Blanton	john.blanton@sdstate.edu	SD	10/1/2024	9/30/2028

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

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
agInnovation Past Chair	George Smith	smithge7@msu.edu	MI	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
agInnovation North Central Past Chair	Gary Pierzynski	pierzynski.3@osu.edu	OH	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
agInnovation North Central Chair	Shibu Jose	joses@missouri.edu	MO	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
agInnovation North Central Chair Elect	Derek McLean	derek.mclean@unl.edu	NE	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Perm. Alternate (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	agInnovation North Central/KS	1/1/2023	NA

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

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
agInnovation Past Chair	George Smith	smithge7@msu.edu	MI	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
agInnovation North Central Past Chair	Gary Pierzynski	pierzynski.3@osu.edu	OH	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Perm. Alternate (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	agInnovation North Central/KS	1/1/2023	NA

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

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
agInnovation Past Chair	George Smith	smithge7@msu.edu	MI	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Perm. Alternate (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	agInnovation North Central/KS	1/1/2023	NA

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

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
agInnovation North Central Member	Gary Pierzynski	pierzynski.3@osu.edu	OH	2021	TBD
agInnovation North Central Member	Derek McLean	derek.mclean@unl.edu	NE	2023	TBD
Perm. Alternate (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	agInnovation North Central/KS	1/1/2023	NA

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

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
agInnovation North Central Representative	Tala Awada	tawada@unl.edu	NE	2021	TBD

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

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
agInnovation North Central Member	Frank Casey	francis.casey@ndsu.edu	ND	2021	TBD
agInnovation North Central Member	Shibu Jose	joses@missouri.edu	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	buck.210@osu.edu	OH		TBD
Agricultural Education	Mike Retallick	msr@iastate.edu	IA		TBD
Agricultural Economics	Corinne Valdivia	valdiviac@missouri.edu	MO		
Human Sciences	Cayla Taylor	cayla@iastate.edu	IA		
Co-Executive Vice Chair	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	agInnovation North Central/KS	1/1/2023	NA
Assistant Executive Vice Chair	Christina Hamilton	chamilton@wisc.edu	agInnovation North Central/WI	1/1/2023	NA

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

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Lead AA/Perm Alternate	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	agInnovation North Central/KS	2023	TBD
agInnovation North Central Member	Christina Hamilton	chamilton@wisc.edu	agInnovation North Central/WI	2014	TBD

agInnovation National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee (NPGCC)<https://escop.info/committee/national-plat-germplasm-coordinating-committee-npgcc/>

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
agInnovation North Central Member	TBD		IA	2024	TBD

agInnovation Research Infrastructure

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Member	Shibu Jose	joses@missouri.edu	MO	2/9/2024	TBD

Other Appointments**North Central Rural Development Board (4-year term)**

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Purdue Rep (perm)	Ron Turco	rturco@purdue.edu	IN	2023	NA
AES Rep	Mary Emery	memery2@unl.edu	NE	2022	2026

North Central Regional Aquaculture Center Board of Directors (agInnovation North CentralC)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
agInnovation North	TBD		IA	2024	TBD

Central Member					
agInnovation North Central Member (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	agInnovation North Central/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	Doug Buhler	buhler@msu.edu	MI	2014	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	TBD		IA	2024	TBD
Member	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	agInnovation North Central/KS	2023	TBD
Member	Marty Draper	maddr@ksu.edu	KS	2022	TBD