

About MOA



The Montana Organic Association is a 501 (c) 6 non-profit organization dedicated to supporting, advocating and promoting organic agriculture for the highest good of the people, the environment and Montana's economy.

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The Montana Organic Association (MOA) brings together people, businesses, organizations, and agencies who are working to develop Montana's organic industry. MOA is proud of its legacy that has led Montana to be a national leader in organic production. MOA advocates for policies that protect the environment, promote healthy living, and support individuals, farms and businesses who are actively engaged in developing sustainable businesses and communities.

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Membership Level (select one):

Basic Membership		Premium Memberships	
Individual - \$30		Organic Business - 2 memberships, discount on conference registrations, & ads, website directory listing - \$250	
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Tell us more about what you do. Farm? Ranch? Researcher? Student? Supplier?

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Return form (s) with membership dues to: **Montana Organic Association, 3312 Hollis Street, Missoula, MT 59801**

If you have questions, call Jamie Lockman at (406) 546-6572 or email her at: moamembership@gmail.com OR to pay online, visit www.montanaorganicassociation.org

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Nominations and Notice of MOA Board of Director Elections

The direction of the Montana Organic Association is only as strong as its leadership. MOA welcomes energetic, committed dynamic leaders to join us to ensure the continued success of MOA.

The Board of Directors election will take place as part of MOA activities this Fall 2021. Members will be notified of voting instructions and they will be posted on the MOA website in mid-Fall.

Directors serve three year terms and can be re-elected for subsequent terms. The Board of Directors usually meets in person one to two times each year and as needed by conference calls. Other volunteer committee work, including leadership, is expected. Since MOA is not in a position to provide monetary compensation for Board work, Directors will receive board experience advising a growing, statewide organic organization. Directors may be reimbursed for travel and communications expenses, if they choose.

Current directors who are up for re-election for the 2021 Business Meeting are:

- **JESS ALGER, Alger Ranch, Stanford**
- **CLIFF MERRIMAN, 4M Farms, Malta**

Directors seeking re-election, or anyone interested in serving as a new Director, should contact the MOA Nominations and Election Committee Chair Sam Schmidt at sam@montanamilling.com. It is encouraged that anyone seeking a nomination to the board spend time volunteering on one of MOA's committees.

Because the business meeting may be virtual, all 2021 Director nominations must be submitted no later than one month prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

Candidate profiles will be posted on the MOA website and published in the Fall Newsletter. The Election will take place electronically with results will be published in the Winter issue of **Organic Matters**.



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MOA Policy Proposal Submission Process

As a trade association, part of MOA's mission is to lobby for issues relevant to organic. The MOA Policy Sub-Committee has been busy since the start of the year refining procedures, documenting passed resolutions, and publicizing its positions and processes.

Co-chaired by Doug Crabtree and Nate Powell-Palm, the committee has established guidelines for submitting policy proposals for consideration of adoption by the MOA membership at the annual meeting. In the recent past, the Policy Sub-Committee has striven to move pro-posals forward, only to learn that membership frequently did not have enough information to pass a resolution.

It is hoped that with 90-days lead time before the December meeting, MOA can provide sufficient background information for a given proposal so that the membership is well-informed about the issues put before the membership. The proposals will be published in October in the Organic Matters Fall Issue. Proposals should be submitted by **September 6, 2021** to the MOA Policy Sub-Committee Co-Chairs, the MOA Executive Director, or via the MOA website.

All MOA members are welcome to attend Policy Sub-Committee members. Contact moamembership@gmail.com for more information about attending.

To view the complete list of MOA Policy Positions, visit the MOA website. www.montanaorganicassociation.org



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Dear MOA Members: MOA works with organizations like the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC), the Organic Trade Association (OTA), and more on policy issues. Many times questions are asked about how farmers are interacting with federal programs; are sign ups going well? Are you being sufficiently notified of programs for your farm? What programs do Montana's organic farmers use? Are there problems with requirements for organic farmers?

Help MOA know what works for you and what doesn't work for you, at any time, by dropping a line. The squeaky wheel really does get the grease. These organizations have the capacity to amplify MOA members concerns with research, collaboration with other organizations, and with excellent contacts in Washington, DC. moamembership@gmail.com

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This year, MOA had a virtual field tour and needed a place to post the videos. Thus, MOA gained a YouTube Channel.

In addition to videos of the farm tour at Mark and Jane Smith's Aspen Island Ranch, you'll find recorded presentations from this Fall.

Make sure to subscribe to the MOA Channel to stay up-to-date with the latest videos.

Do you have a video you'd like to share on the channel? Let's do it! Reach out to Jamie at moamembership@gmail.com

Click Montana Organic Association YouTube Channel [here](#) to connect to MOA's videos.

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