



**To: USGC Members**

**From: Jim Raben, USGC Chairman**

**Date: May 3, 2021**

**Re: U.S. Grains Council To Hold Hybrid 61st Annual Board Of Delegates Meeting In Des Moines**

While international travel restrictions due to COVID-19 have required the U.S. Grains Council to postpone its Board of Delegates meeting in Calgary, Canada, until 2023, I am very pleased to announce we've moved the 2021 summer meeting to Des Moines, Iowa, July 28-30.

My theme of *Building Relationships, Building Trade* has taken on new meaning during the pandemic and in how we accomplish these tasks to keep trade moving around the world.

The Council has decided to offer its 61st Annual Board of Delegates Meeting in a hybrid format – so attendees can choose either an in-person or virtual experience.

Registration for the event will open the week of May 17, and the Council will offer a virtual townhall meeting on May 12 at 9:00AM Eastern Time to go through what you can expect from our first-ever hybrid meeting and to answer any questions you may have before you register for the summer meeting. To register and get joining details for the townhall, follow this [link](#).

In Des Moines, the Council will follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's continued guidance of masking and social distancing as a precautionary measure and will require adherence by all in-person attendees.

The Council's goal is to keep you as safe as possible while continuing to offer the caliber of programming you've come to expect from us.

As Council staff continue to work on the agenda for this unique event, you can check [online](#) for details as they evolve.

We look forward to seeing you online or in person in July!

Sincerely,

Jim Raben  
Chairman  
U.S. Grains Council