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# Innovations in Brewing and Distilling

October 10, 2019

- 11:00 **Welcome and Introduction** Shannon Schlecht, Executive Director, AURI  
Patrice Bailey, Assistant Commissioner, MN Department of Agriculture  
Janet Johanson, CEO, BevSource & The Lab
- 11:15 **Innovating for An Edge** Mark Schiller, President, MN Distiller's Guild & Co-Owner, Loon Liquor Co. (Moderator)  
Ryan Mihm, Master Brewer, Finnegan's  
Mike Swanson, Co-Owner & Head Distiller, Far North Spirits  
Chad Friese, General Manager, Chippewa Valley Ethanol  
Sandy Boss Febbo, Bang Brewing
- 12:15 **MN Grown & Networking Lunch** Karen Lanthier, Member Services, MDA MN Grown  
*Followed by lunch.*
- 1:00 **Brewing Up New Opportunities** Jason Robinson, Project Development Director, AURI (Moderator)  
Adam Wagner, Co-Founder, Vertical Malt  
Eric Sannerud, CEO, Mighty Axe Hops  
Sue Marshall, CEO, NETZRO  
Rob Davis, Director, Center for Pollinators in Energy, Fresh-Energy
- 2:00 **Unfurling Innovation Through Research** Jan Joannides, Executive Director, Renewing the Countryside & Artisan Grain Collaborative (Moderator)  
George Annor, Ph.D., Asst. Professor of Cereal Chemistry, Department of Food Science and Nutrition, University of MN  
Kevin Smith, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Agronomy & Plant Genetics, University of MN  
Christopher Abbott, Co-Founder, Sprowt Labs  
Matt Hall, Director of Innovation, The Lab
- 2:50 **Closing & Drawings** Janet Johanson, CEO, BevSource & The Lab
- 3:00 **Happy Hour Networking – Cheers!** *Cash bar.*
- 4:00 **Last Call – Session Ends**

