

Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2020 via Zoom, 11:00 am Central Time

BOD members present: David Braun, Ed Buckler, Natalia de Leon, Sherry Flint-Garcia (secretary), Candy Hirsch, Dave Jackson, Ruth Wagner

BOD members absent: James Schnable, Marilyn Warburton.

[Motions/votes in turquoise.](#)

Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2020

Meeting minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

[Business Updates](#)

Maize Genetics 2020 Virtual Meeting Update

Various aspects of the virtual meeting were discussed including current registration numbers, agenda, conferencing technology.

Maize Genetics 2021 Meeting Planning

The 2021 meeting was discussed including: the decision of in-person or virtual; options for virtual (or hybrid) conference; contracts and timelines for cancellations.

[Moving Forward](#)

MGC Website Review

- Update on Logo Design Contest.
- Discussion about location to host the new MGC website.
- Discussion about what to put on the site: 1) listing of the committees, brief descriptions, main responsibilities and 2) MGC membership info.

Review of Committee Charges documents

1 Maize Genetics Meeting Steering Committee (MGMSC)

- Suggestion to have a formalized connection between the BOD and MGMSC
- Discussion about how MGMSC is populated: based on nominations from the community and discussion within MGMSC (former model) or should the BOD play a role in approving selections?
- Which decisions are made by the MGMSC alone and which are made in consultation with and/or require approval by the BOD?
- Formal documentation is needed for the roles of the University of Missouri Conference Office and ACSESS.

2 Maize Genetics Advocacy Committee (MGAC)

- Tabled until next meeting; conversations will occur via email.

3 Awards and Nominations Committee (ANC)

- Tabled until next meeting; conversations will occur via email.

Planning Community Session at Virtual Maize Genetics Meeting (BOD + MGAC)

The BOD planned for the community session for the 2020 Virtual meeting:

- Recognition that Clint and Marna have organized essentially two separate meetings.
- Background information on incorporation process
- Recognition of members who have moved off and on the committees
- Financial update; consequences of cancelling the in-person meeting.
- Introduction to committees: BOD, MGMSC, ANC, MGAC
 - Acknowledge the award recipients; to be awarded at 2021 meeting
- 2020 RCN Survey Result Highlights & Themes
- RCN Activity Updates and RCN Renewal Efforts
- Funding Agencies: NSF, USDA-ARS, USDA-NIFA, NCGA

Discussion on diversity, support for under-represented groups, support for Black and/or African Americans.

- Awareness and taking action are two separate things. Need policies and metrics in place.
- Recruiting into the field is critical.
- Possibly hire a consultant to speak to MGAC to help develop activities/efforts.

Membership Dues Document Review

- Tabled until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 12:20 am.