

Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2020 via Zoom, 9 pm Central Time

BOD Members Present: Ruth Wagner, Marilyn Warburton, Candy Hirsch, Dave Jackson, David Braun, Natalia de Leon (note taker), James Schnable, Sherry Flint-Garcia (late; secretary)

BOD Members Absent: Ed Buckler

MGCS Members Present: Marna Yandea-Nelson, Carson Andorf, Erin Sparks

Motions/votes in [turquoise](#).

Update about planning the 2021 Maize Meeting

- MGMS believes that 2021 meeting will more than likely be virtual
- Discussion of the financial consequences of cancelling the 2021 in-person with Union Station. Deadline of August 21 to avoid further cancellation penalties.
- [Motion was passed to consult with an attorney due to concerns that it might not be possible to hold in person meeting in 2021.](#)

2020 Virtual Meeting survey results

- Discussion of the 2020 Virtual meeting survey suggested that the talks were well received, but the poster sessions had mixed reviews.

Financial situation moving forward:

- Discussion of the 2021 Meeting cancellation:
 - Not a matter of IF we cancel the in-person meeting, but WHEN we cancel.
 - Discussion of the penalties for cancellation, how to pay for services for the 2021 virtual meeting, options for virtual meeting, and possibility of negotiating with Union Station.

Education, Outreach, and Diversity Committee (EODC) of the RCN

- [Motion was approved to replace current EODC with a new committee called CODIE \(Committee for Diversity, Inclusion, and Education\) and make this an official committee within the framework of the Maize Genetics Cooperation administration directly under the BOD, and not only part of the RCN.](#)
- The former-EODC additionally recommends the following two items:
 - The MGAC/BOD participates in the 21 Day Racial Equity Challenge.
 - Bring in a diversity speaker for the next meeting.
- BOD needs to consider:
 - How communication and resources and activities are made available.
 - Chair of diversity committee should overlap with BOD.

MGC Logo for the new website

- Top 3 choices identified by BOD, invite the community to make the final decision

Adjourned at 10:25 pm