

Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 17, 2020 via Zoom, 2:30 pm Central Time

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

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

Motions/votes in turquois.

1 2021 Meeting cancellation update

- Union Station Hotel is willing to let us out of 2021 contract without penalty fees, and postpone the contract to 2022. This is a renegotiation of our current contract, not a cancellation. We currently also have 2023 contract with them. They suggested that we sign 2025 and 2027 contracts with them.
- The lack of 2020 and 2021 in person meetings really affects our students' and postdocs' networking abilities. So maximizing student and postdoc participation the next couple years is warranted; Midwest meetings are typically cheaper for students and post-docs to attend.

Motion was passed to explore option of not signing a 2027 contract with Union Station at this time.

Motion was passed to support two years in a row in Midwest in 2022 and 2023.

2 Membership Fees

- Discussed amount of membership, methods for joining/renewing and paying dues
- Suggestion to allow advisors to pay for students.

3 Other Business

- Committee chairs asked to create an annual budget for their committees.
- Discussed No Cost Extension for the RCN.
- CODIE needs to organize and should try to come up with ideas of how to improve their efforts at the 2021 meeting. Be sure to include CODIE ideas in the RCN renewal.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.