

Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 14, 2020 via Zoom, 4:00 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)

MGSC Members Present for first part: Marna Yandea-Nelson, Carson Andorf, Erin Sparks

[Motions/votes in turquois.](#)

Discussion of Maize Meetings for the next few years

- Union Station agreed to postpone 2021 to 2022 without penalty, 2023 is the same as originally planned; just need to finalize 2025 contract.
- Sept 20 deadline to get 2021 Meeting termination letter and contracts all in one package to simplify. A company has been contacted for help with the legal issues.
- Discussion about whether numbers would go up or down if we offer a hybrid conference --- will this change 2025 meeting?
- Decided to revisit the virtual aspects of the 2025 meeting after 2022 meeting.

[A motion passed to NOT change the estimated attendee number for the contracts for next three meetings at Union Station in STL: 2022, 2023, 2025.](#)

Maize Meeting 2021

- Need to draft an announcement about 2021 meeting going virtual; send out as soon as contract is signed/terminated.

Membership Dues

- An in-depth discussion of membership dues, including: exemptions/waivers, dues amounts, and when they will be assessed/collected.

[A motion was passed to waive dues if they are prohibitive for any reason.](#)

[A motion was passed to adopt the following fee structure for the MGC membership dues:](#)

[Postdoc - \\$25](#)

[Student \\$10](#)

[Retirees - \\$10](#)

[Everyone else - \\$50](#)

[A motion was passed to allow PIs to pay for students to allow independent of meeting registration.](#)

CODIE

- Discussion of CODIE budget; it should come from RCN/NSF.
- Perhaps we can use the unused MAGNET travel funds from 2020 meeting funds to cover CODIE until RCN is renewed.

MGC website progress

- Needed for the tax exempt status; progress is being made on the website design.

- Link to meeting embedded within MGC website.

Awards Committee:

- Discussion regarding timing of the call for nominations and reconstitution of the Awards committee for better representation

Meeting adjourned 5:17 pm