

Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 21, 2020 via Zoom, 9:00 am Central Time

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

SC Members absent: Ed Buckler

Motions/votes in turquois.

1. Discussion of membership dues, ACCESS fees, and meeting registration
 - A meeting has been set up for January 4 with ACCESS to discuss membership system.
 - Discussion of the purpose of membership: a) we need to have a defined membership to be a 501(c)(3) because the BOD legally represents a group that needs to be recognizable; b) membership defines who the community is, who has voting power, keeps the community active and relevant.
 - Community surveys show that the community was overwhelmingly supportive of paying dues, assuming students can be members affordably.
 - The question is whether we should collect 2021 dues due to timing issues.
 - There was much follow-up discussion:
 - All agreed that we cannot let membership issues linger for another year.
 - Discussion of term of MGC membership and the “due date” for membership dues.
 - Topic tabled until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.