

Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes February 1, 2021 via Zoom, 8:30 am Central Time

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

Absent: James Schnable

Motions/votes in turquois.

1. The next MGAC Chair was discussed
 - Most BOD members have specific of responsibilities already, but we need someone to be dedicated to MGAC Chair.
 - Options for MGAC chair were discussed and decision was made that all members of the BOD are asked (excluding newly elected members due to less familiarity with the committees), but if no one volunteers, then it defaults to outgoing BOD chair.
2. Committee Nominations
 - Nomination period is still open; As of now there are many nominations for each position
3. MGC Membership Discussion
 - There are currently 690 active members of the MGC community, but 4000 historical/at-large members (prior to new MGC structure)
 - A motion passed that the MGAC community survey should be sent out to active members next week.
 - Discussion the timing of future surveys; before or after Maize Meetings? This would affect the community session and how we could report on BOD activities regarding the survey.
4. Nominations for Lifetime Award – various topics were discussed:
 - Numbers of nominations received vs. how many awards can/should be awarded each year
 - Urgency versus qualifications were discussed
 - Lifetime Award vs McClintock Award
 - Need to balance McClintock award for maize/non-maize recipients.
5. Community Session Planning
 - This year: 2 hours: history, financial situation and contract updates, MGAC updates (RCN+Survey), CODIE updates
6. MGAC community survey questions
 - Some questions are needed for NSF or reports. Some should be the same questions year-to-year to track community trends, e.g. diversity, demographics.
7. Discussion of the approving the minutes

8. BOD Meeting open-session format

- Discussion about announcing BOD meetings on the community calendar and adding an open session for the community.

9. Virtual 2021 Conference update

- Costs vs number of registrants

10. Awards preparation for 2021 MGC

- Need to order the plaques and prepare press release for the McClintock Award and potentially other awards

11. MGC tax returns

- Discussed logistics of filing annual tax returns

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am