

Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes March 4, 2021 via Zoom, 1:30 pm Central Time

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

BOD Members Absent: James Schnable

Motions in blue

Action items in red.

1. MGAC meeting planning
 - Invitations sent to: current and new MGAC members, new BOD members, funding agencies (NSF, USDA-ARS, USDA-NIFA), Carson Andorf, Corn Growers Association
 - We will meet immediately after the community session.
2. McClintock Award
 - Univ Wisconsin is going to do the press release for John Doebley.
 - We will discuss the voting process during the MGAC meeting.
3. Financial Update
 - Draft slides for the community session were discussed
 - Meeting plans for the next three years, costs for 2021 (Conference Direct is new and being tested), current financial situation, down payments for each of 2022 and 2023 contracts with Union Station, annual costs for ACSESS services.
 - Shortages due to 2020 Hawaii hotel contract
 - Discussion of options to recover financially were discussed.
4. Lifetime Achievement Award Discussion
 - Discussion of the process for evaluating nominations; nominees were discussed
 - A motion was made and seconded to award Ron Phillips; Motion passed.
 - A motion was made and seconded to award Bill Sheridan; Motion passed.
5. Finalize community session
 - Will be done by email.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm