

# Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

## April 5, 2021 via Zoom, 1:00 pm Central Time

BOD Members Present: Candy Hirsch, David Braun, Ed Buckler, Sherry Flint-Garcia (secretary), Lisa Harper, Jay Hollick, Thelma Madzima, James Schnable, Ruth Wagner

Steering Committee members present for first part: Matt Hufford, Marna Yandea-Nelson, Erin Sparks.

Motions in blue

### 1. Open Session with the community

- No one from the community joined today.

### 2. Update from Steering Committee (MGMSC; SC) representatives

- Report on Conference Direct (CD) experience for 2021 meeting
  - 2021 Conference survey is still open.
  - Overall, a great success. CD was very professional and good with dealing with problems as they occurred.
- MGMSC recommends exploring hybrid meeting options for the future. Also suggestion to broadcast the McClintock Award presentation.
- Requests from MGMSC:
  - Approve requesting CD do the site selection for 2024 (we are not obligated to proceed with their recommendation). A motion was made and seconded that we approve site selection with CD. Passed unanimously.
  - Approve contacting CD for quotes for 2022 conference. A motion was made and seconded to delegate to the steering committee BOD approval to obtain quotes for meeting costs. Ed seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - Approval of MGMSC charge document. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended MGMSC charge document. Substantive changes: 1) The Steering Committee will redefine terms of membership from 3 to 4 years per career scientist member, 2) Co-chairs will be selected from members who are either in their 1st or 2nd years of service to the committee, 3) Postdoc and graduate student members will serve 1 year terms. Passed unanimously.

### 3. Miscellaneous Announcements:

- Insurance policy was renewed.
- Taxes are due May 15.
- A GoogleDrive folder linked to the BOD email account was created to hold all documents.
- A timeline document was created to better track activities and due dates for all the committees.
- Need to get new committee members updated on the website.

### 4. Minutes

- A motion was made and seconded to approve previous minutes (Feb 1, 2021 through March 4, 2021). Motion passed.

5. Updates from representatives of other committees - ANC, MGAC, CODIE

- Need to request each committee prepare a succession plan for their committee
- Need to request each committee review the timeline document as it pertains to their committee and make changes as needed.
- Discussed internal leadership communication plan between committees

6. Membership committee chair

- Discussion of identifying a chair
- Various members of the BOD and community are in groups that recently went through a similar process of membership.
- Discussion about the potential role of MaizeGDB in managing aspects of the membership process.
- Discussion of the purpose demographic information collected during membership registration and surveys; MGC must be transparent about the purpose and explore ways to dissociate the demographics and identity.
- A tentative committee was formed, and suggested members will be contacted.
- Member benefit options were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:14 pm