

# Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 10, 2021 via Zoom, 1:30 pm Central Time

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

BOD Members Absent: Ed Buckler

Other committee chairs present: John Fowler (CODIE); Marna Yandea-Nelson, Matt Hufford and Erin Sparks (MGMSC); Wojtek Pawlowski (Membership)

## Motions in blue

### Open Session with the community

No one attended.

### Updates from Committees

1. Each Committee reported on their succession plans
2. Timeline document for committee activities was reviewed
3. MGMSC Updates
  - Updated code of conduct language and decision tree document
    - Need to investigate Title IX reporting rules for BOD members' institutions and how they impact the code of conduct implementation.
  - Conference management report
    - Costs are comparable between Conference Direct (CD) and MU Conference Services.
    - **A motion was made and passed to commit to CD for conference management for 1 year.**
  - Potential for a hybrid model for 2022 Meeting
    - \$100K extra to make it hybrid, so a hybrid meeting would cost twice as much as a regular in person meeting.
    - SC will continue to explore options for a partial hybrid meeting.
4. CODIE - RCN:LEAPS proposal update
  - Proposal "ROOTS and SHOOTS" to be submitted to NSF – Broad array of plant science societies including APS, ASPB, ASPT, BSA, IS-MPMI, MGC, NAASC, and industry partners to broaden participation in plant sciences.
5. Membership Committee - Committee make up and committee charge
  - Wojtek Pawlowski is the inaugural chair, other members include Lisa Harper, Sarah Miller, Bob Meeley, Carson Andorf, Candy Hirsch
    - Charge: Find a mechanism/platform to securely collect dues and host database of members, make sure there are no barriers to being represented, create value for membership.

\*Committee chairs not on BoD logoff

## Announcements

- Letter of Work Agreement was signed with CD for 2024 site selection in North Carolina
- We received our 501(c)(3) status and are currently requesting state sales tax exemption in Missouri and North Carolina.
- Update from Ruth on tax filing; taxes due on May 15.
- Financial update from David
  - We need ~\$135K to get back to being comfortable after the losses incurred after cancelling 2020 meeting in Hawaii.
- Community deaths page for honoring at 2022 MGC
- [A motion was made and passed to approve the April minutes](#)

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm