

Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2021 via Zoom, 1:30 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

Other committee chairs present: John Fowler (CODIE); Erin Sparks (MGMSC); Wojtek Pawlowski (Membership), Paula McSteen (ANC)

Motions in blue

Open Session with the community

Updates from Committees

- MGMSC
 - MGMSC signed the Conference Direct conference management contract for 1 year.
 - The Missouri Tax exempt status paperwork is in process for 2022 meeting.
 - An invitation has been sent to the selected 2022 CODIE speaker; waiting on response.
 - Update from each BoD member was given regarding responsibilities from local Title IX offices.
 - Discussed the code of conduct and reporting procedure.
 - Discussion of the 2024 meeting; received two bids from vendors in Raleigh.
 - Still exploring hybrid options for 2022.
- CODIE
 - Discussed the charge document. Membership (larger list of volunteers), elected positions (chair and secretary), non-elected positions, and subcommittee structure.
 - Discussed options for CODIE to host the RCN fall meeting/workshop.
- Membership
 - Committee: Lisa Harper, Candy Hirsch, Bob Meeley, Sarah Miller, Wojtek Pawlowski (chair), seeking a grad student and post-doc members. Possibly add a PUI member and international member.
 - Discussed proposed breakdown of membership groups and rates:
 - Targeted income was based on MGC organization needs; annual costs and 2020 recovery.
 - Potential size of the due-paying MGC community.
 - Dues arranged in tiers based on position in a lab; based on higher vs lower income countries; based on type of institution.
 - Other ideas discussed: Mechanism for sponsoring student/postdocs in a lower-income country and possibility of lifetime memberships.
 - Discussion of the value of membership
 - Discussion of platforms being evaluated for collecting dues and storing membership information

Other Announcements

- Taxes have been submitted.

Approve minutes from previous meeting

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the May minutes

Meeting adjourned at 2:59 pm