

Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 9, 2021 via Zoom, 2:00 pm Central Time

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

BOD Members Absent: Ruth Wagner

Other committee chairs present: Paula McSteen (ANC); Wojtek Pawlowski (Membership), Matt Hufford and Erin Sparks (MGMSC)

Motions in blue

Open Session with the community

- No community members joined the meeting

CODIE Updates

- Congratulations to Thelma Madzima and CODIE for the award of the NSF LEAPS grant
- Updates on RCN workshop
 - Looking for professional facilitator.
 - Probably need to postpone to January.

Membership Committee Updates

- Currently 9 committee members including representatives for students, postdocs, MaizeGDB, industry, international, and PUI
- Discussion of dues for a two tiered system for high versus low income countries, as well as varying dues for students, postdocs, junior career levels, and senior career levels.
- Discussion of membership benefits ranging from swag to networking to involvement in MGC affairs to Maize Meeting registration advantage
- Committee evaluated 4 different membership platforms for a range of desired features and costs
- Discussion of what we want hosted on the membership portal versus at MaizeGDB.

ANC Update

- Emerson Lifetime Award
 - Revisited the current wording for the award and the role of ANC vs BOD for this award.
 - Issues/Suggestions:
 - Current wording: “recipients of this award shall be leaders in the maize.” Is this for research or leadership? Or both?
 - The nominator should write up the 1-2 paragraphs as part of the nomination process.
 - Regarding the process, ANC should continue to conduct initial evaluations (e.g. provide competitive or not-competitive for research, and also for community service), then submit to the BOD for discussion and voting.

- Charge document updates
 - Transition plan discussed, based on a 3 year appointment.
 - Timing – changes should really happen now. ANC business starts in September-December.

Approval of July Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the July minutes. The vote passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm