

Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 14, 2021 via Zoom, 1:00 pm Central Time

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

Other committee chairs present: Ruben Rellan Alvarez, Matt Hufford and Erin Sparks (MGMSC)

Motions in blue

Open Session with the community

- No community members joined the meeting

Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the September minutes, vote passed unanimously.

Missouri Sales and Use Tax Exemption

- Our application was approved on September 17, 2021

Awards and Nominations Committee (ANC)

- The ANC committee has been finalized and MGC website will be updated.
- Website has been updated to reflect changes to the McClintock prize description:
<https://www.maizegdb.org/mgc/awards/mcclintock.php>

Committee on Outreach, Diversity, Inclusion, and Education (CODIE)

- RCN Workshop planning is continuing and the committee plans to do a public announcement in late October. All other CODIE activities are moving forward nicely with no urgent updates for this meeting.
- CODIE would like to provide \$250 honorariums to facilitators and panelists for RCN workshop.
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve \$2000 for RCN honorariums. Approved unanimously.

Membership Committee

- Membership committee has been added to the [maizegdb.com/mgc](https://www.maizegdb.com/mgc). These changes will be pushed when membership launches on 10/18/21.
- Carson prepared a draft charge document. The membership committee will review the charge document in more detail and make any changes/additions, and submit to BOD for approval.
- Membership code of conduct was drafted by the membership committee, and approved by the BOD on 9/30/22.
 - Comments back from community were fairly positive. The committee discussed two comments sent in from CODIE.

- A motion was made and seconded to make the change the third point about “plagiarism is a violation of the code of conduct”, vote passed unanimously.
- Membership website is public at <https://mgcmembership.org>
- Membership signup has been tested by all members of the membership committee without any bugs identified
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the data privacy policy with the qualifier that tiny wording changes regarding policy vs statement can be made. Vote passed unanimously.

Maize Genetics Meeting Steering Committee (MGMSC)

- During the September meeting, the committee approved general requirements for the 2022 meeting covid policy. The group discussed fine details today.
 - A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2022 covid policy, and the vote passed unanimously.
 - Reminder to update the MGMSC site with nearest hospital, testing sites, etc. immediately before the 2022 Maize Conference
- MGMSC is requesting suggestions for additional corporate sponsors
- 2024 meeting contracts for Raleigh meeting were briefly discussed.
 - Conference Direct has looked at everything already, and has made a list of concerns/red flags to be aware of.
 - Committee will discuss via email and approve by end of October.

CLOSED DOOR SESSION

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm