

Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting **MINUTES** November 15, 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, James Schnable, Ruth Wagner

BOD Members Absent: Thelma Madzima

Other committee chairs present: Ruben Rellan Alvarez and Matt Hufford (MGMSC), Wojtek Pawlowski (Membership)

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 October minutes, vote passed unanimously.

Membership Committee

- Membership platform launch was very successful. We are expecting a much bigger push when registration opens up for the Maize Meeting.
- Membership committee is starting to plan other member perks to incentivize people to sign up.

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- Call for award nominations will be sent out soon and they will be due on January 24. This email will include text that you must be a member to nominate someone (nominee doesn't need to be a member), and provide a link to our membership page.
- Awards have been purchased.

CODIE

- CODIE sent out a save the date message for the upcoming RCN Workshop and have developed a teaser webpage on MaizeGDB: <https://www.maizegdb.org/mgc/advocacy/2021/rcn.php>
- A draft overview/schedule for the workshop was shared with the BoD and Committee Chairs.
- CODIE thanked the BoD for the budget to offer honorariums for the RCN panelists, and is happy to report that nearly all of the panelist positions are filled for the Workshop. One panelist graciously deferred the \$250 honorarium. CODIE would like to request repurposing the honorarium (\$250) as discretionary funds to support the workshop.
 - A motion was made and seconded to use of the deferred funds for CODIE discretionary funds to support the workshop, vote passed unanimously.
- NSF LEAPS RCN Project is officially hiring a project facilitator/manager to be employed by ASPB. It is important to note that we will be hiring a DEI expert/consultant as a separate position. Link to job ad: <https://www.indeed.com/job/program-facilitator-f2357ed8dffaaebf>

Steering Committee

- RCN re-budget was submitted to NSF and approved. During communication with NSF, they suggested we request a supplement for the virtual component for 2022 meeting. MGMSC/RCN is pursuing the supplement for \$28,000.
- Virtual (asynchronous) platform will cost \$28,000. Based on the attendance survey from several months ago, the SC reports \$60,000 balance for the meeting.
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve spending on virtual platform and initiate signatures and payment, vote passed unanimously.
- Liability Insurance for meetings since we are no longer covered under MU Conference Center. \$711 for the 2022 meeting. This meets Raleigh Convention Center requirements. Committee sees no objections.
- Contracts for Raleigh 2024 have been approved by the BOD and signed. These will be sent to MGMSC to finalize with the venues.

Non-BOD members left the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to initiate a closed door session of the BOD. Vote passed unanimously.

CLOSED DOOR SESSION

Meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm