

# Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES December 16, 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 and Erin Sparks (MGMSC), John Fowler (CODIE)

## 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 November minutes, vote passed unanimously.

### End of year donation requests

- Discussed sending out end of year donation solicitation email and what account to deposit the funds into.

### Membership committee

- Currently at 104 members with a total of \$8,610 in revenue since launching membership.
- Membership committee will offer a two-day career development workshop for MGC members in April/May. This workshop is being organized by postdocs on the membership committee.
- Still working on Membership charge document.

### ANC

- Call for nominees will be sent out soon. Please nominate people for the awards!
- Discussed what committee offices/positions that will need nomination requests

### CODIE

- Update on planning for the January RCN workshop, Jan 20-21. Currently have 106 registrants. Working on post workshop outcomes: surveys questions, breakout rooms
- Root-And-Shoot RCN looking to hire some Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Trainers and Consultants (<https://sites.google.com/uw.edu/root-shoot-consultant/home>)
- Suggestion to tweet the hot papers

### MGSC

- 2022 Meeting registration opened on 12/13/21.
- 2022 Virtual Platform Contract signed and paid. 2022 Liability Insurance contract has been signed and executed.

- Reported the current fundraising efforts for the 2022 meeting.
- 2024 Raleigh Contracts are now signed and returned to the hotels and RCC and the down payment to RCC was sent.
- Ribbons for name badges have been ordered.
- Discussed proposal to contract with Darwin Campbell for on sight A/V support and video processing.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Darwin Campbell's contract, vote passed unanimously.

#### **MGAC**

- Discussed low participation by in international representatives
- Discussed activities that MGAC is responsible for: Writing RCN, Communication with international members, Interactions with funding agencies and corn growers, Deciding on McClintock Award.

A motion was made and seconded to enter a closed door session, vote passed unanimously.

#### **Closed Door Session**

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm