

Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes February 17, 2022 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: Erin Sparks and Matt Hufford (MGMSC), Paula McSteen (ANC)

Motions in blue

Open Session with the community

- No community members joined the meeting

Updates

- Paperwork was submitted to renew the insurance policy at the same coverage.

Meeting Minutes

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

Community Session Agenda

- Discussion of the content for the Community Session: BoD activities from the last year and goals for the coming year, treasurer's report, ANC report, CODIE report, Membership report, MGAC report, MGMSC report, funding agencies (NSF, USDA, NCGA).
- Discussion about how to get more of the membership to attend and participate.
 - It's not just a high level session, that we want to hear from all career stages
 - Make a way to get feedback from the community to leadership
 - Market it better
 - Moderators from the previous session(s) announce that the community session is open to everyone and that we want everyone's input.
 - Maybe have people surfing the poster session area to get people to migrate to the community session.
- Each chair should have a list of 3 or 4 items for feedback, and remind people to chat with their colleagues during the meeting.

Membership Committee

- Current membership numbers were reported. As of Monday (2/14) at 9:00 AM CST there were 279 members
- Members-only professional development workshop will be taking place later this spring. Two half days on preparing for different career paths (academic vs non-academic) and question/answer session.
- Quarterly newsletter is under development
- We need to work on the timing of the formal transition to the yearly membership cycle.

- Proposal from Membership Committee to change committee from 9 to 6 member committee was discussed.
- A motion was made and seconded to change the Membership Committee charge document reflecting a reduction from 9 to 6 committee members, vote passed unanimously.

ANC

- 2022 awardees for the cooperator, leadership, early-career, and mid-career awards were voted on and finalized.
- Discussion about the need to seek more nominations for many awards, increase industry nominations, increase diversity in the nominees for many awards.
- ANC goal for the year is to write a short description or rubric used by the committee to identify awardees.
- Position nominations for non-elected positions have been sent to the current committee chairs
- Nominations for elected BoD positions were discussed and prepared for community voting
- ANC has provided MGAC with top 2 nominations for the McClintock that will be discussed and voted on at the March 3 MGAC meeting
- Presentation of awards at MGM was planned

Steering Committee

- As of Monday (2/14) at 9:00 AM CST there were 329 (+5 guests) people registered for the in person meeting and 96 people registered for the virtual meeting
- In memoriam - Dave Weber, Larry Darrah, Jim Brewbaker
- Discussion of extending the contract for Tricia/Conference Direct for conference management.
- A motion was made and seconded to extend the contract for Conference Direct for conference management for three years, vote passed unanimously.

CODIE

- Report was given on the outcomes from the Building Better Together RCN workshop
- Update provided on Roots and Shoots RCN governance moving forward.

Non-BOD members signed off.

BOD vote on Lifetime Award

- Discussion the conflict between Lifetime and McClintock Awards
 - We can have a conditional vote: if a nominee is selected for both, then that nominee is given the McClintock Award as priority.
- Recommendations from ANC for the 2022 Lifetime awards were discussed and voted on.
- A motion was made and seconded to give the Lifetime Award to 2 people this year, vote passed 7-2.
- A motion was made and seconded to award the Lifetime Award to Major Goodman and Sarah Hake, vote passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 2:35 pm.