

Maize Genetics Cooperation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2022 via Zoom, 11:00 am 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, Ruben Rellan-Alvarez, and Matt Hufford (MGMSC), Paula McSteen (ANC)

Motions in blue

Open Session with the community.

- No community members joined the meeting

Business Updates

- Insurance policy is fully renewed
- 2021 taxes have been filed.

Membership Committee

- As of 3/13 there are 351 members that brought in a net ~ \$21K in revenue
- Update on student-led members-only workshop on academic and non-academic careers
- Natalie Nannas has agreed to serve as the next chair of the Membership committee.

MGAC

- Voted on 2023 McClintock awardee. Ruth will notify the individual at the meeting this year and see if they accept and agree to give a talk at the 2023 meeting.
- Update from the community survey sub-committee.
- James Schnable has agreed to serve as the next chair of this committee.

MGMSC

- Lightning talks have been selected and there has been a high rate of acceptance (25 of 31 invited) to give the talk.
- Membership and MGMSC have worked together to identify those who registered as members, but were not members and they are being invoice for the difference in their registration rate.
- Brief budget report based on current (nearly final) registration.
- Identified three BoD members who will serve as Code of Conduct designees plus one alternate.
- Discussion of the the welcome slides or rotating slide deck for MGM.

CODIE

- Roots and Shoots DEI training opportunity; 2 1-hour sessions on April 13 and 14.
- Magnet mentors and RCN workshop panelists will receive a thank-you gift.

Community Session

- Reviewed slide content from each committee and provide any suggestions.
- Discussion about how to provide a mechanism for people to give feedback during the community session in a more anonymous fashion.
- Have a final slide with “We know we didn’t have time to answer all questions, submit questions, comments, concerns by visiting this link” and provide a QR code. And mention that BOD and CODIE have posters.
- Make the community session recording available for virtual people and find a way to get feedback and receive questions from virtual audience and be able to give answers back in a timely fashion.

ANC

- All awardees have been notified including the two Lifetime Achievement awards.
- Paula is getting wooden awards made for previous year Lifetime Achievement awardees and will have these at the meeting.
- Award ceremony coming together. Some recipients are attending virtually; they are making acceptance videos for awards session at MGM.
- BoD election results - the following people were elected and accepted to serve on the BoD. All other individuals on the ballot that were not elected to serve have been notified of the results.
 - Incoming Chair: Marna Yandea-Nelson
 - Secretary: Laurie Smith
 - Member At Large: Andrea Eveland

Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the February minutes; vote passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 12:28 pm.