

Maize Genetics Cooperation Board of Directors June 21 2022 on Zoom Meeting Minutes

Meeting convened 4pm ET

BOD members and MGC Committee Chairs present:

Jay Hollick (Chair)
David Braun
Lisa Harper
Jeff Ross-Ibarra
Andrea Eveland
John Fowler
Marna Yandean-Nelson
Natalie Nannas
Ruben Rellan-Alvarez
Thelma Madzima
Candace Hirsch
Matthew Hufford

BOD members and MGC Committee Chairs absent:

Laurie Smith

Motions in blue

1. Open Session with the community

No community members in attendance

2. Announcements

a. MGC leadership changes

James Schnable resigned his MGC duties (BoD at large member, ANC, MGAC Chair). Replacing him:

- Jeff Ross-Ibarra becomes a Member At Large based on election results
- Mark Lubkowitz will become Chair of Maize Genetics Advisory Committee
- Matt Hufford will rejoin Awards and Nominations Committee for a 1 year term

b. MGC Community Survey: distributed; responses currently being gathered.

c. May 2022 Financial Statement: MGC finances were reviewed and found to be in good shape.

d. Email to be distributed soon to participants re scheduling upcoming BoD/Committee Chairs meetings

3. Meeting Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 19th meeting; minutes unanimously approved

4. NSF Conference Proposal update

BoD members and other MGC leaders are finalizing a proposal to NSF for financial support of the 2023 Maize Genetics Conference. Will be submitted summer 2022.

5. Membership Committee report

In the past, there was a mentorship program with industry folks that was part of our NSF-funded RCN grant. That grant has ended but there is interest in continuing this program. Membership Committee plans to offer this activity as a member benefit, along with similar programming related to other careers as well.

Pending appropriate completion of a release form, videos from the career workshops and panels hosted by the Membership Committee in spring 2022 will be made available to MGC members at the MGC website.

6. CODIE (Committee on Outreach, Diversity and Inclusion) updates

Membership issues:

- Beth Thompson is now the chair of the Outreach, Recruitment, and Retention sub-committee
- Hank Bass is now the chair of the Programming, Participation, and Community Development sub-committee
- Carson Andorf and Thelma Madzima are maintaining their MaizeGDB and MGC liaison positions
- Looking for MGM Steering Committee and ECR members to join CODIE executive team

In July, CODIE will choose a speaker to talk about fostering diversity in our community at the 2023 Maize Genetics Conference

7. Maize Nomenclature Committee

Meeting participants discussed establishing a standing committee for oversight of nomenclature issues (currently it's an ad hoc committee), which would be part of MGAC (Maize Genetics Advisory Committee).

8. Maize Genetics Meeting Steering Committee

Members discussed varied input regarding considerations for selection of conference site in 2026. Many considerations need to be balanced including cost, logistics, and safety.

Committee Chairs departed ~5pm ET

10. BoD only

Adjustments to terms discussed for getting rotations for At Large Members back on track.

[A motion was made, seconded, and approved to hold a closed door session.](#)

Meeting adjourned 5:30pm ET