

**Maize Genetics Cooperation Board of Directors/ Committee Chairs Meeting
November 14 2022 on Zoom
Minutes**

Meeting convened 3:30PM ET

BoD members present:

Jay Hollick
Laurie Smith
David Braun
Andrea Eveland
Candy Hirsch
Jeff Ross-Ibarra
Lisa Harper
Thelma Madzima
Marna Yandean-Nelson

Committee Chairs present:

John Fowler (CODIE Chair)
Mark Lubkowitz (Advocacy Committee)
Matt Hufford (MGM Steering Committee Chair)
Ruben Rellan-Alvarez (incoming MGMSC Chair)

Committee Chairs absent:

Paula McSteen (Awards & Nominations Committee)
Natalie Nannas (Membership Committee Chair)

Motions in blue

1. Open Session with the community: no community members present
2. Since our last meeting, a document outlining Maize Genetics Meeting site selection process and criteria was approved by online vote of the BoD and will be posted soon at the MGC Maize Meeting page (https://www.maizegdb.org/maize_meeting/).

Committee Updates

3. Maize Genetics Meeting Steering Committee
 - Solicitation of industry donations for 2023 meeting has commenced
 - Conference Direct working on building registration site in Square Space; going live later this month
 - Travel award announcements coming out this week; applications due Dec. 15th
 - Draft budget reviewed - registration fees will be similar to last year
 - Steering committee response to recent BoD feedback re meeting site ideas for 2026 and beyond was presented and discussed, focusing on potential international sites for 2026 and beyond.

Motion was made to support Steering Committee proposal to request bids from potential 2026 conference sites in Germany. Seconded and unanimously approved, with guidance to adhere to newly approved site selection criteria.

4. Committee on Outreach, Diversity, Inclusion and Education (CODIE)

Roots and Shoots Inclusive Conferences Workgroup is aims to produce guidelines to be distributed to seven participating plant science societies in winter 2023. Goal: promoting a safe and inclusive conference environment. Five sub-groups: (1) community agreements; (2) reporting structure; (3) transparent site selection; (4) conference accessibility; (4) speaker selection and equitable programming. Each society (including ours) will be asked to review and provide feedback on draft documents coming soon.

Committee Chairs departed 4:30pm ET

BoD Business

5. Motion was made to approve minutes of Oct. 11 2022 BoD meeting. Seconded and unanimously approved.

6. AV release form draft was discussed. This is needed to get speakers' permission to post recordings of their talks at our annual meeting. Problem identified: if hosting a virtual meeting, cannot make it optional for speakers to give permission for their talk to be made available asynchronously to registered meeting participants. MGM Steering Committee will discuss further and bring recommendations/ revisions back to BoD.

7. Motion made and seconded, and unanimously approved, to enter a closed door session.

Closed door session (BoD members only)

Meeting adjourned 5pm ET