

**Maize Genetics Cooperation Board of Directors and Committee Chairs**  
**December 12 2022 on Zoom**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting convened 2:30PM ET**

BoD members present:

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

Absent:

Lisa Harper

Committee Chairs present:

John Fowler (CODIE Chair)  
Mark Lubkowitz (Advocacy Committee Chair)  
Matt Hufford (MGM Steering Committee Chair)  
Ruben Rellan-Alvarez (incoming MGMSC Chair)  
Paula McSteen (Awards & Nominations Committee Chair)  
Natalie Nannas (Membership Committee Chair)

1. Open Session with the community: no community members present

2. Announcements:

- a. 2023 BoD meeting schedule under construction.
- b. Letters recognizing service of BoD and MGC committee members will be distributed soon.

3. Awards and Nominations Committee (ANC) report:

- a. New and continuing ANC members reviewed. New membership needs for various MGC committees also reviewed.
- b. Message soliciting award nominations will be distributed this month (nomination deadline Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>). BoD nominations solicitation will go out in January (nomination deadline Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>). Deadline for community vote on BoD members will be Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Award processes were reviewed from nomination to selection to announcement.

4. Maize Genetics Steering Committee report:

- a. Registration platform development and update: final review in progress.
- b. Travel award applications due Thursday of this week. Selection process reviewed (see below under CODIE; decisions to be made by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>).
- c. Industry support for 2023 MGM reviewed. Final total will likely be similar to last year.

5. Committee on Outreach, Diversity, Inclusion and Education report:

- a. CODIE subcommittee will select recipients of for MGM Travel Awards.
- b. Three MGC members have been appointed to provide feedback on draft recommendations from the Inclusive Conferences Work Group. Feedback due in January.
- c. Roots & Shoots Travel Awards for SACNAS/MANRRS members will be \$3000 per award for a mentor/mentee pair. Goal is to get people to the meeting who wouldn't have come otherwise. Announcement: <https://rootandshoot.org/root-shoot-nsf-rcn-travel-award-application-for-members-of-sacnas-or-manrrs/>. Discussion of how to help support and publicize this opportunity.

**Committee Chairs departed 3:30pm ET**

**BoD Business**

6. Motion to approve November meeting minutes was made and seconded; unanimously approved.

7. Treasurer's report: funds in MGC bank account plus projected income from registration fees and industry donations are expected to cover costs of 2023 conference. Letter will go out soon soliciting donations from the community, which will be added to the MU Maize Genetics endowment.

7. \$500 requests for funds from Membership committee approved (no formal vote required).

9. MGM AV release form nearing completion. Proposed language requires conference speakers to agree to have their talk recorded and made available (password-protected) to registered conference participants for 6 months. Optional after that.

**Meeting adjourned 4pm ET**

**Addendum added Jan. 3 2023:**

A motion was made and voted on via email the last week of December 2022 on the following two issues:

1. Shall MGC subsidize recipients of Roots & Shoots travel awards for SACNAS or MANRRS members to attend the 2023 Maize Genetics Conference at a level of \$500 per mentor-mentee pair, for up to two pairs (up to \$1000 total support)? Outcome: approved by a majority.

2. Should the following AV release form be adopted that invited speakers at MGMs will need to sign, making their recorded talks available for viewing by registered meeting participants at a password-protected, Society-hosted website for at least 6 months: Outcome: approved unanimously.