

**Maize Genetics Cooperation Board of Directors and Committee Chairs**  
**Feb. 23 2023 on Zoom**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting convened 12:00 PM 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

Note: no MGC committee chairs this month, also no community session.

1. Announcements

- a. BoD elections underway now.
- b. Taxes and insurance policy renewal. Documents required for our accountant (CliftonLarsonAllen LLC) to prepare and file our 990-EZ have been forwarded. Filing is expected in May. Insurance renewal (1M Management and Cyber Liability requires this 990 so the underwriter has asked for a financial balance sheet in lieu of the 2022 IRS form. Policy is scheduled for April 1, 2023 renewal.
- c. BoD and Committee service recognition letters have been distributed. Former BoD Chair to write and distribute letter for current Chair.
- d. Recognition for Lisa Harper who is now retired but served as our BoD Communications Director for the past 2 years.

2. [Motion to approve December 12 2022 meeting minutes was made and seconded; unanimously approved](#)

3. Discussion of 2023 R. Emerson Lifetime award. Awards and nominations committee has forwarded the top candidates for BoD consideration. Discussion and vote regarding number of awards and award recipients ensued.

Motion made, seconded, and unanimous approved to make awards for 2023 to Hugo Dooner and Kathy Newton.

4. Discussion of Community Session format at annual MGM. Want to have time for community discussion. Session has been lengthened to 90 minutes for 2023. Decided that we will have a strict 5 minute time + slide limit for all presentations, allowing 50 minutes for presentations from committee chairs and agency partners combined, and 40 minutes for open community discussion. Proposed and agreed that all BoD members and committee chairs be seated onstage for the session. Moderator will be tasked with keep the entire session on track (possibly the BoD Chair).

5. Discussion of partnership with ACSESS = Alliance of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS) who we have worked with for financial services for the past few years. Costs have risen substantially over the last couple of years without a change in services. Requesting an itemized list of services, turnaround times, and costs per service to determine how to move forward. New Treasurer and ex officio member Braun will work to identify other financial services options.

**Meeting adjourned 1PM ET**