

Maize Genetics Cooperation Board of Directors
April 15, 2024 on Zoom
Meeting Minutes

BoD members present:

Wojtek Pawlowski (Chair)
Marna Yandea-Nelson (Outgoing Chair)
Matt Hufford (Incoming Chair)
Erin Sparks (Treasurer)
Laurie Smith (Secretary)
Mike Muszynski (Communications Director)
John Fowler (At Large Member)
Jeff Ross-Ibarra (At Large Member)
Andrea Eveland (At Large Member)

Meeting began 5pm ET

[Motions in blue](#)

1. BoD meeting minutes

[Motion made and seconded to approve Mar. 1 2024 BoD Meeting Minutes. Motion was passed.](#)

2. CODIE charge document revision

CODIE has revised its [current charge document at MGC](#) to clarify committee composition, formalize a subcommittee structure, define member terms, clarify the process for appointing members and leaders, and for appointing liaisons to other MGC committees. One of the revisions formalizes the expectation that BoD will have a representative on CODIE. Since BoD members are elected by the community, BoD proposes that they will choose a liaison, who will serve on CODIE as a non-voting member (unless that person is already a regular CODIE member, in which case they will be a voting member). BoD will vote on the revised charge document after it has been finalized by CODIE based on today's input.

3. 2025 McClintock Prize

ANC representative presented the ANC recommendation for a recipient of the 2025 McClintock Prize, along with the committee's considerations. Officially, approval of this award recipient is in the purview of the Maize Genetics Advocacy Committee (MGAC) but that committee is currently in the process of being reconstituted and its current membership overlaps almost completely with BoD membership.

[Motion made and seconded that BoD will approve the McClintock Prize recipient instead of MGAC this year, then clarify the approval responsibility issue for next year when there should be a broader membership on MGAC with less BoD overlap. Motion was passed.](#)

Motion made and seconded to approve the ANC recommendation for recipient of 2025 McClintock Prize. Motion was passed.

4. CoC violation at 2024 Maize Genetics Meeting

There was one CoC violation report submitted. Following the BoD-approved response process, a BoD subcommittee has reviewed the report and evidence, and now makes a recommendation to the full BoD.

Motion made and seconded to approve the subcommittee's recommendation. Motion was passed.

5. Treasurer's updates

Treasurer is meeting with MGC subcommittee chairs to learn about their financial needs, and make sure they understand their budgets, including what they can and can't commit to. Treasurer plans to revise the processes by which MGC can spend money.

6. Maize Genetics Conferences

The BoD discussed the process by which changes in future meetings can be made, including selecting the meeting site (we are committed to 2025 in St. Louis; 2026 in Cologne but nothing beyond that). BoD members voiced support for a closer partnership than in the past between BoD and Steering Committee to make the 2027 site selection decision, also for soliciting community input of possible meeting sites.

Meeting adjourned 6:30pm ET