

Maize Genetics Cooperation Board of Directors
November 18, 2024 on Zoom
Meeting Minutes

BoD members present:

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

Invited visitors:

Brandi Sigmon (CODIE Chair)

Meeting began 4:30pm ET

Motions in blue

1. Approval of Minutes from the October meeting (Wojtek)

Motion made and seconded to approve October minutes. Unanimously approved

2. New issue of The Kernel

Coming out this week to provide information to the community about MGC committee activities and events.

3. CODIE updates

Bathabile Mthombeni will be at the 2025 meeting as ombudsperson again. Travel awards process underway. MGC representatives attending [Root and Shoot](#) retreat this month. Concerns raised about ongoing MGC support of Roots and Shoots efforts.

Motion to convey BoD's ongoing support of MGC participation in Roots and Shoots post-election. Seconded and unanimously approved!

Brandi Sigmon departed

4. ANC updates

BoD asked for approval of two Emerson Lifetime Achievement Awards to be given at the 2025 MGM.

Motion made to approve recommendation of ANC to award the Emerson Lifetime Award to ANC's two nominees. Seconded and unanimously approved.

Motion made to go into a closed door session. Seconded and unanimously approved (5:30pm)