

Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

October 12th at 4 PM EST

Members: Maria, Kozo, Aedin, Lori, Johannes, Daniela, Estefania, Kevin, Mike, Hédia, Xueyi, Leo, Nicole, Janani, Umar, Stevie, Luyi, Jiefei, Jordana, Enis, Mengbo

Attending: Janani, Aedin, Lori, Jiefei, Maria, Kevin, Leo

Regrets:

Guests: Erica and Levi, Conference planning working group

Aedin is at airport so apologizes in advance for any connection issues.

Schedule

:00 - :05: Welcome!

:05 - :06 Review minutes from previous meeting for posting

:07 - :20 Conference organization working group (Erica, Levi)

- 165 at the conference in person. 335 remote.
- Remote event was smoother this year than last time! Participants liked the platform.
- Bring back more developers' day parts of the conference
- Platform was good & came in under budget
- Remote folks – would have liked more networking
- In-person – wanted more 'outside' time
- 50 different countries (37 last time)
- Diversity of participants – not sure
- *[JR will share useR before/after attendance demographics form/MD]*
- Governance – have folks from CAB – have representation on CAB
- Have conference leadership on CAB meetings occasionally too – finding volunteers for committees – CAB could help with
- BioC wide committees – like CoC – their preference at the conference
- Satellite events: One-pager on how to might help – Education working group? R-Ladies working group? 🍕 budget
- Creating a proper conference committee on the BioC website – figure out how to handle the volunteers more systematically (maybe like this? Or maybe BioC is already doing something like this: <https://user2021.r-project.org/about/global-team>)

:21 - :25 Hacktoberfest planning

- Any updates on the web pages to advertise/organize for next year (Maria)?
- Need to set up a (quarto) website for next year.

- To discuss:
 - Which quarto template to use ('regular' website, blog, etc.)
 - CSS -Bioc style and new accessible palette (new website)
 - Contents and organisation of the website (impacts choice of template, see above)
 - GitHub repository: owner? name?
 - Best practice = manual compilation of website rather than automated GitHub action, especially if the website includes any executable code (<https://quarto.org/docs/publishing/github-pages.html#executing-code>). Who would be in charge / allowed to refresh the deployed website (one person or more)?
- Embed website in a page of the main bioconductor website, until the idea matures and it is decided to integrate the website within the main website repository (if ever).

:26 - :44 CAB's CZI grant Letter of Intent (Maria/Aedin)

- Due: **Tuesday, Oct 17**
- \$\$ for community manager position & training in Africa, carpentries
- Maria/aedin drafting a proposal to continue funds for CM/carpentries etc
- Other projects on Python, galaxy training infrastructure, governance (Levi), build system, spatial, svd (David) and iSEE (Kevin). Lots of projects at draft, few finalized. Trying to help coordinate but challenging.
- Governance grant through Numfocus instead of CUNY? 15% overhead

Request for feedback on below **before September 27**

- CSCCE's **BioC community profile** for CAB's CZI grant report **before September 27** (due Oct 31)
- (Related question from Laurent) What **metrics** could we use to show Bioc is diverse community (and if it's increasing e.g. over last 5 years) to CZI and others?
 - Conference attendance - number of countries?
 - CAB/TAB members - number of countries?
 - New package submissions - number of countries (if there is a way to get that info...)?
 - Translations (pages) and number of workshops/events in different languages?

:45 - :49 BioC student council (Aedin?)

- should we have Bioconductor student council ?
- Eligibility anyone registered for a degree (undergrad and postgrad)
- Include postdocs or not?

- Goal would be 1) engage students 2) gather info on student needs 3) organize or suggest student events online and at meetings 4) feedback and assist with training material development 5) dissemination of announcements (eg calls for meeting abstracts etc)
- Student members would receive assistance from tab/cab and CoC getting started
- Could connect to ismb student council for tips getting set up
- Lots of volunteers – from trainee groups
- <https://www.iscbisc.org/> | Aedin and Janani can chat with them & revert to CAB and conf committee

:50 - :54 CAB Regular Working Groups Reports

Reminder: PR <http://workinggroups.bioconductor.org> and update schedule this month

Catching up from previous meetings:

- Social media (Maria)
 - Results from survey will be discussed at next CAB meeting after Social media working group meeting on Nov 1st.
- Licensing Discussion (Nicole)
 - Video script complete
 - Searching for company to do video
 - Anyone have a lead on a company that makes animated video content?
 - No, progress on blog, but the video outline will be used as the backbone.
- Translation
 - The translation support system (GitHub + Crowdin + DeepL) is nearly finalized and available.
 - <https://bioconductor.crowdin.com/>
 - <https://bioconductor.crowdin.com/bioc-intro>
 - <https://github.com/bioconductor-translations/bioc-intro-translation>
 - Kozo was planning to conduct a Carpentries community session using this system on September 13th, but it has been rescheduled. The new date has not yet been determined.

:55 - :00 Other Business

- CAB meeting time change? Make poll: options to either change time every 4 months or select timezone with most CAB members. Current favorite: change every 4 months by roughly 8 hr.
- Outreach: Maria presented at [European Galaxy Days](#) in Freiburg, Germany.

Future meetings

- [possibly Oct/Nov?] RopenSci social network analysis code | invite Yani [MARIA]
- [Oct] R-Ladies