

Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Minutes

11 August, 2022 13:00 UTC

Members: Kozo, Matt, Aedin, Yagoub, Lori, Johannes, Susan, Leonardo, Benilton, Daniela, Estefania, Kevin, Mike, Hédia, Xueyi, Leo, Nicole, Janani

Attending: Kozo, Susan, Lori, Janani, Estefania, Matt, Nicole, Leonardo, Benilton, Xueyi, Hédia, Leo, Kevin, Aedin

Apologies: Daniela, Yagoub, Mike, Johannes

Schedule

:00 - :05: Welcome!

:05 - :06 Review minutes from previous meeting for posting
[7-14-22 Minutes](#)

:07- :30 Discussion

- **TAB summary:**
 - [TAB 8-4 minutes](#)
 - If there are any comments that you would like shared for next TAB meeting, either new issues or in response to the above minutes, please make note of them here and we will make sure they get included
 - We need to set up a time for the next joint TAB/CAB meeting.
 - **TODO:** Lori will suggest October for the joint meeting hosted by the CAB
 - October 13th, 9 am EST (think its 9 for this one after the time change)
 - Next meeting evaluate switching time of meeting as we discussed changing the time half way through the year to be more accommodating to different time zones
 - Governance
 - Recapped history of governance restructure
 - **TODO:** Lori will follow up on main governance restructure for update.
 - **TODO:** Lori will ask the governance report to be shared with the CAB
- **Community Manager Hiring Update:**
 - Hold off until next meeting; update from Aedin
- **Debrief about BioC2022 meeting (things to remember for next BioC):**

CAB events : Presentation and discussion

Walking tour

Kahoot

RLadies BioC/ birds of a feather

Was hybrid really effective?

- Prerecorded talks with live Q&A?
 - Advantages avoid hiccups with showing main presentation
 - Advantage to other languages or cc for hearing impaired
- Should we explore different platforms?
- Networking was difficult, especially with hybrid. Hard to meet virtual attendees
- Discord meeting area and tables seemed to be missed. As well as posting questions and being able to upvote.
- How to promote people participating and questions?
- Reminding people to ask questions and share guidelines beforehand with the moderators / session attendees
- Confusing where to go to ask questions, what is used for communication (slack, inside platform, ect). Needs more cohesiveness.
- Slack also helpful for asking questions after the fact, think of things later, 1-1 conversations if need be. Would presenters be expected to monitor and answer after the fact and is that reasonable?
- Anonymous questions may help ease anxiety about asking if that is possible (a platform that allows anonymous but could be traced in the backend incase there is a coc issue)
- Confusion over bioc2022.bioconductor.org vs platform for information and room assignments, etc
- Suggestion to form a small working group with conference organizers reg. inclusion/accessibility and related topics (ref. [PLoS2022](#))

Kahoot

- Misunderstanding organizing for bioc2022
- Kahoot platform is working now and preloaded 15 questions to use for the future
- Pro-License purchased so it is available for use for future events

RLadies

- Should it be on its own so not conflicting with other events and other BoF
- We are meeting as a group in September
 - Should we wait until then or just write a short blog post on the R-Ladies session at BioC 2022?
 - Also, might help to create a related working group for RLadiesBioC
 - RLadies wants us to start under RLadies remote

Quarto and new accessibility tools

([awesome resource link](#))

- Will this be the new standard for the vignettes, facilitating alt-text for figures and integration of different media?

- **TODO:** bring up as a TAB agenda item

- **2022 Goal: Community Engagement:**

Goal for 2022: organize community engagement, new people, and collaboration

IDEAS: Hackathon/ Translation-a-thon / Workshop Viewing Parties, online board to announce study assignment topics?

Hacktoberfest

- Keep an eye on edition 2022 of [Hacktoberfest 2021](#)
- Opportunity to combine this event with a translation-a-thon?
TODO: kozo.nishida@gmail.com Contact with the organizer of Hacktoberfest

Translation-a-thon

Kozo plans to hold the monthly Translation-a-thon in August on the 27th, and plan to create the web page for the event in “[Boston R/Bioconductor for Genomics](#)” and “[New York City R/Bioconductor for Genomics](#)” meetup.com groups.

Kozo will also be inviting attendees to it in [this \[bioc\]blog post](#) along with the introduction to last month's Translation-a-thon.

biocblog community blog

<https://github.com/Bioconductor/biocblog> moved from Distill to Quarto.

Kozo wrote how to contribute to blog posts on [this page](#).

Kozo hasn't finished writing [a blog post on how to contribute to the Bioconductor event calendar](#) yet.

- **TODO:** kozo.nishida@gmail.com It was brought up that the blog isn't linked on the main Bioconductor website. We should probably have a link in the NEWS and Learn sections?
- Did we need follow up on slack conversation from last month?
 - **TODO:** Lori do the TODO from last time

:31 - :50 CAB Regular Working Groups Reports

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

- Come up with schedule of working group presentations
- Revisit working groups on the above page?
- Each working group should have a description on what goals/main focus is.

- Should each working group have a dedicated open slack channel, some have a simple open google group
 - as long as its well advertised and know it can be whatever the group is comfortable with using
 - don't force slack usage
- Current very active group: Teaching and Education committee (monthly meeting and uses [google groups](#))
New Carpentries workbench led by Toby and Zhian Kamvar ([workbench](#) and [on github](#))
- CDSB2022 completed successfully and you can see the bookdown material at <https://comunidadbioinfo.github.io/cdsb2022/>. They worked in teams to make functions and start packages, like this one https://steph0522.github.io/workflow_dbcan_Rbims/Code/Presentaci%C3%B3n.html#1 available at https://github.com/Steph0522/Rbims_workflow.
- New working group starting: Industry (lead by Nicole)
- Meeting times and frequencies are different for some fields or committees, just advertise them on the website description through <http://workinggroups.bioconductor.org>.
- Possible internship though [outreachy](#) suggested by Jennifer Wokaty on [slack](#)
Eligibility: <https://www.outreachy.org/docs/applicant/#eligibility>
 - Suggestions: CAB intern for working groups, multilingual translation, assisting community manager, or updating/linking webpage w/ ... (Kozo had mentioned some disconnect), survey on inclusiveness for hearing or sight impaired (color blindness - Bioconductor graphics/plots, material, also alt-text for figures vision impaired using screen readers)
 - **Contact:** jennifer.wokaty@gmail.com she is also on slack feel free to message. Her original post is in the open #community-advisory-board channel

:51 - :55 Bioconductor Event Reports

- The teaching-education committee are preparing an event entry for the calendar for the BioC education day the week of September 7th
(<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wBo76bSv2BWUARqoWjxwOKtGkG-XVmMW3dYPI1-Hjls>)

:55 - :00 Other Business