

Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

9th September 2021, 10am EST

Members: Kozo, Matt, Aedin, Yagoub, Lori, Johannes, Saskia, Susan, Leonardo, Benilton, Daniela, Katerina, Estefania, Kevin, Mike

Attending: Kozo, Lori, Matt, Daniela, Johannes, Mike, Kevin, Aedin, Estefania, Katerina

Apologies: Benilton, Leo, Saskia, Susan, Yagoub

Guests: -

Schedule

:00 - :05: Welcome!

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

[2021-8-12 Minutes](#)

Action Item: Approve for posting. Yes

- Joint CAB/TAB meeting suggested for October 14, 10AM Eastern time.
 - **Action Item:** Is CAB okay with hosting joint TAB/CAB meeting at our October time slot? Yes

:06 - :15 Adding FAQ to the CAB web page

Matt compiled the following from the BioC 2021 meet the CAB session (

 Meet the Community Advisory Board CAB)

See FAQ Draft at the bottom of this document

Action Item: Approve for Sending pull request to

<https://github.com/Bioconductor/bioconductor.org/blob/master/content/about/community-advisory-board.md> ? (or link to

<https://github.com/BioconductorBoards/CABWorkingGroups/discussions/categories/q-a>)

Pull Request to bioconductor.org page with link to the github discussions page

:15 - :25 Bioc2021

- Sponsorship. - ask CAB to figure out how to use surplus funds
 - Community Manager - Translation - Web front end to youtube- Welcome to Bioconductor in different languages.
 - Kozo- no software for Japanese translation
 - Aedin will follow up with Erica for more information on timelines and restrictions
 - Suggestion: keep overflow for future meetings if possible.
- Airmeet contract runs out Feb 2022, before EuroBioC2022 (March 2022).
 - Will we renew? there is time to decide. Zoom is now in this space with Zoom Events

:25 - 35 BiocAwards

- Heavily dominated by board members. Do we think we need to change or will it even out after the first few years when some of the long outstanding members are recognized (since it was only started in 2020)?
- Perhaps we should have at least 1 award separate from the other criteria for a junior developer or new package development that is awarded annually?
- Should we exclude active board members from nomination? This would help if we have the TAB/CAB as the voting committee (and we wouldn't have to blind people from their nominations). Members would become eligible for awards after they are off the board?
- Expand the voting committee to CAB and TAB? And have top four instead of receiving 2 points have everyone rank top four and scaling awarded points (8/6/4/1)
- I would like to propose a change to the nominations and moving to the voting round. I think all that are nominated should move to round 2 (not those just having more than 2 votes) but then not accept self-nominations.

Discussion:

Yes to changes but get TAB input on excluding them from being candidates

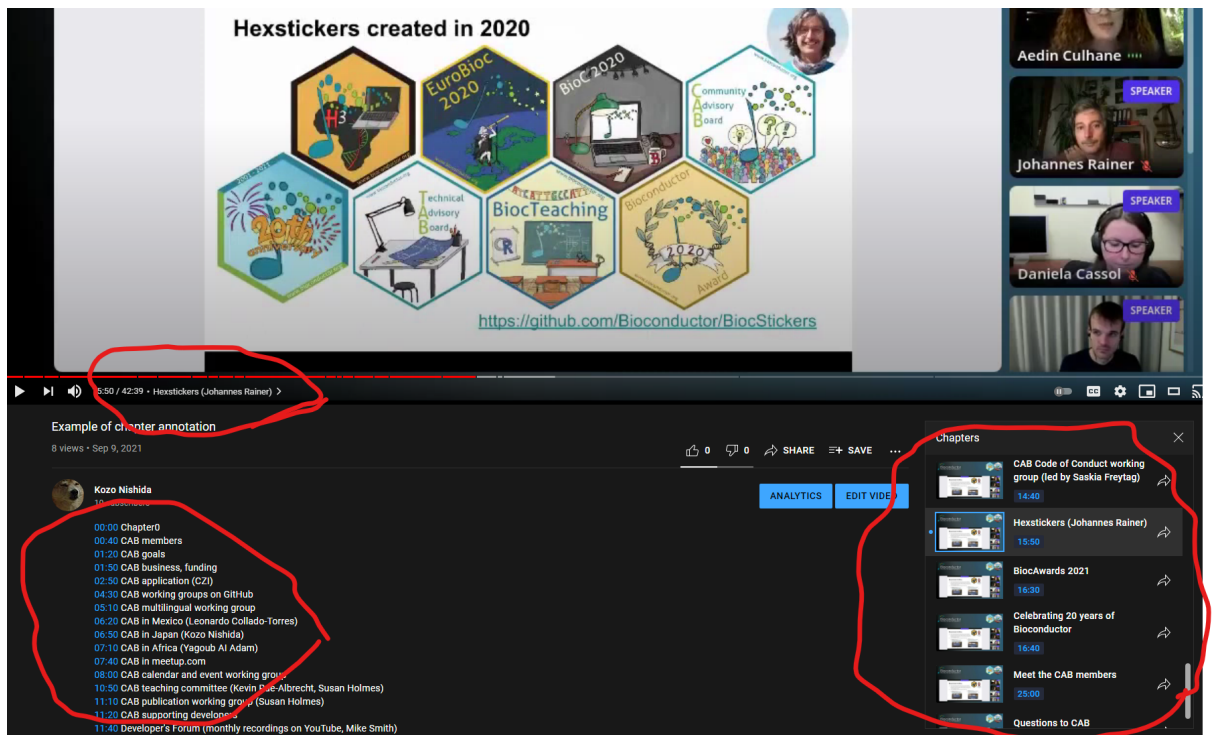
Suggested maybe BioC reviewers nominate "best new package"

Yes to junior dedicated award

Suggested to add a "best new contributor" award

:35 - :40 Bioconductor YouTube video curation hackathon?

- Add chapters and translation captions to other languages to YouTube videos to make it more attractive.
 - An example video with chapters
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHaeAmUyxtA>
- Adding chapters seems to be easy and effective, so it might be better to assign a working group early and do it to some extent.



Action Item: Will we hold a hackathon for it? Which working group will work for it? (Multilingual working group?)

Volunteers: Kozo, Mike, Daniela, Aedin

Action Item: Kozo -> Create a tutorial for the YouTube chaptering workflow

:40 - :50 CAB Regular Working Groups Reports

[Working Group Updates](#)

Working Group Items that need Discussion:

- F1000Research's Bioconductor Gateway (open until 31st Sept). Tweet/Support Site
- Developer Training Committee. 9 [Mentors](#) signed up sufficient to start the program
- Multilingual Working Group
The translation management has changed from Crowdin translation platform to GitHub and gettext. Kozo was worried that relying on a platform would result in a loss of customization freedom.
- Create a YouTube Annotation Working Group separate from the Multilingual Working Group?

A GitHub workflow for adding chapters to YouTube. (This will keep a record of who contributed to YouTube annotations.)

1. Call for pull requests for [a chaptering text file](#) . (The text file name is YouTube video ID.)
 2. When the working group receives a pull request, they apply it to the YouTube video, confirm that it works, and merge the pull request.
- *new “Mass Spectrometry Working Group”: Laurent & Johannes - not clear if it will be a CAB or TAB working group.

:50 - :55 Bioconductor Event Reports

BioC Asia 2021 (November 1~4)

- launched the dedicated website <https://biocasia2021.bioconductor.org>
- CAB members please promote to your networks

EuroBioc next march

:55 - :00 Other Business

- Was a co-organizer of Developer Forum identified to work with Mike Smith ? No
- Official liaison with R-ladies? Table for discussion at the joint meeting
- JEDI Awards (announced by Sean Davis on #diverseBioc)

JEDI AWARDS

Our Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) awards provide free scientific or language edits of a scientific manuscript or grant proposal from one of our volunteers (a [former journal editor](#), current journal editor, technical writer, or researcher). In 2021, we plan to give 55 JEDI awards (equivalent to >\$35,000) to students, postdocs and principal investigators (tenure-track/early career researchers within 7 years of starting their position, excluding any career breaks or extensions) who have a completed draft of a manuscript or grant proposal ready for editing.

Manuscript-submission applicants must be first or corresponding author.

We aim to give JEDI awards monthly to ~five scientists who face disproportionately high and unfair obstacles to career progression in academic science, including but not limited to women, people from historically underrepresented races or ethnic groups, people from low socioeconomic backgrounds, people with disabilities, primary caregivers (of any dependent), people who identify as LGBTQ+, and people in a low or lower middle income country.

To apply please send an email to jedi.award@lifescienceeditors.com (subject: JEDI Award) with one PDF document that includes:

Your C.V., highlighting current/previous positions, publications, current/previous funding.

A short paragraph describing your situation and how you think a JEDI award would help you.

A short summary (<30 lines) of your paper or grant proposal and the deadline.

Which of the obstacles above you face (please mention all that apply and/or other).

This information will be kept strictly confidential.

The deadline is the 10th of every month. JEDI awardees will represent diverse backgrounds and will have a submission-ready paper or grant proposal that advances knowledge in any area of experimental biology. JEDI awardees will be announced on or around the 15th of every month. If your submission was not chosen, you can reapply for any subsequent deadline. JEDI awardees are selected by LSEF volunteers, including LSEF co-founders Dr. Angela Andersen and Dr. Helen Pickersgill.

Banner photo: Dr. Marta Shahbazi, [Cambridge](#) (left), Dr. Magdalena Zernicka-Goetz, LSEF Board Member, [Cambridge](#) and [Caltech](#) (right). The LSEF Board of Directors also includes [Dr. Angela Andersen](#), [Dr. Helen Pickersgill](#), [Dr. Valentina Greco](#), [Dr. Giovanna Guerrero-Medina](#), [Dr. Mandë Holford](#), [Dr. Sabbi Lall](#) and [Dr. Alana Welm](#).

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Draft CAB FAQs (transcribed by Matt)

Q: How do I join the CAB?

A: There is an annual expression of interest process inviting new members to apply to join the CAB. This is announced on the Bioconductor support site and relevant Bioconductor community slack channel. Current CAB members vote on the applications received to select new members. The board is keen to have representatives from diverse backgrounds (i.e. different geographical and cultural backgrounds, genders, statistical analysis interests, career stages and experience levels).

Q: How much time commitment is involved in being a member of the CAB?

A: It depends how involved you are in different activities, and may fluctuate throughout the year, but on average, it can take up around 1 day per month. There is a recurring monthly board meeting that runs for 1 hour that all members attend.

Q: Is there a recommended way for community members to give suggestions to the CAB?

A: We are happy to receive suggestions and feedback and recommend reaching us via email (cab@bioconductor.org) or by messaging us on the #community-advisory-board channel of the Bioconductor community slack (<https://bioc-community.herokuapp.com/>).

Q: Do you have current or future plans to collaborate with other R community groups? e.g. R-ladies?

A: Yes. A number of CAB members are already connected to various R-Ladies groups, having been involved in their establishment or as active participants in different parts of the world (including the USA and Australia).

Q: Can we contribute to CAB activities or organize other ones even if we're not on the CAB?

A: Yes, anyone is free to contribute to the organisation of community events or other CAB initiatives. For instance, there is an annual call for people to join the BioC conference organising committee, which is a great way to get involved and meet new people.

[TO DO: make sure all conference organising committees (BioC, EuroBioC, BioC Asia) make an annual call in case people want to get involved. Put a message on the slack #general and any conference specific ones, create #conference/organizing slack channel.. Should we make a list for Bioconductor events on calendar?)

Q: What did you consider the biggest challenges when joining the CAB as a new member?

A: Securing funding to increase the effort that can be put in to different activities
[TO-DO: Add any other answers...]

Q: How experienced does someone need to be to join Bioconductor's CAB?

A: The goal is for the board to broadly reflect the diversity of users and developers in the Bioconductor community, so we would encourage people of all career stages and

experience levels to consider applying if you are interested in contributing to our community development efforts.

Q: Are there any big new CAB projects or plans on the horizon?

A: We plan to redevelop the Bioconductor website to make it easier to navigate and use on different devices and also develop new training resources aligned with the Carpentries project

(<https://chanzuckerberg.com/eoss/proposals/bioconductor-high-quality-training-and-support-for-a-worldwide-community/>). Hosting a BioC Africa meeting in the future to compliment the annual meetings that are run in other parts of the world is another ambition.

Q: What are the Bioconductor “meet ups” and what happens there?

A: Meet-ups are regular in-person (or virtual) events have been held in Boston and New York that bring together people interested in Bioconductor to hear from speakers who are actively involved in applying or developing R packages for genomic data science. We welcome people if they wish to initiate a meetup group.

Q: Would there be an opportunity to visit one of the CAB meetings before being part of it?

A: Guests are most welcome to attend a meeting to see what it is about - just get in touch and we can arrange attendance. To see what has been discussed at past meetings, you can find the minutes at <https://bioconductor.org/about/community-advisory-board/>.

Q: When I was developing my package I would have benefited from learning about the Slack and YouTube channel. These weren't pointed to on the Bioconductor / Contributions page which I used for as my main resource.

A: We have added mention of these resources to the Contributions page (<https://github.com/Bioconductor/Contributions> [TO-DO]) and will endeavour to highlight these on the redeveloped website.

Kozo would like to collect more questions in [the Q&A category of BioconductorBoards/CABWorkingGroups/ GitHub Discussions](#).