

Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

September 12 at 20:00 PM UTC

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

Attending: Lori, Enis, Mengbo, Janani, Johannes, Stevie, Leo

Regrets: Maria, Kozo, Kevin, Aedin

Guests:

Schedule

:00 - :05 Welcome!

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

OK for posting minutes for the August meeting.

:06 - :10 Action items from last meeting

[] not started, [-] ongoing, [?] status unknown/feedback required, [C] canceled, [X] done.

- [-] **Janani**: Blog post on R-Ladies engagement. By next week. Figure out a working group, too.
- [-] **Janani**: Invite Mike Love and/or Charlotte Soneson to CAB meeting for an update on the publication working group. Update from Stevie: in the last Zoom meeting it was discussed to bring ideas to TAB & CAB. Charlotte/Mike/Stevie can give an update in the next CAB meeting (October).
- [C] **jo**: set up a list of developers with location/time zone, language etc to allow inviting them to R-Ladies meetups (conference watch parties). Reason for cancellation: would not be possible in the EU because of GDPR.
 - Create BioC speaker directory | Maria/Lori?
- [X] **Maria**: advertise CAB elections.
- [-] **Maria**: set up a joint public channel with the Galaxy community. Update from Maria: Maria is in touch with the communication person from Galaxy (Natali).
- [?] **Nicole**: reach out on Slack to see if there are interested people to join the industry working group. Otherwise, update the status of the working group.

:11 - :20 Summary/recap EuroBioC2024 [Kevin] → October

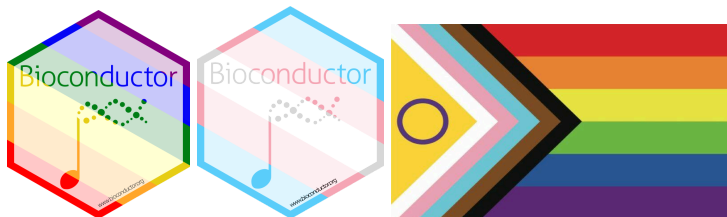
- Jo: postpone the update to the next CAB meeting? We have an organizers' wrap-up meeting tomorrow.

:21 - :26 New CAB members [jo]

- Timeline:
 - Summarize and discuss at the **September** CAB meeting (note: this is also the **last** CAB meeting for members with expiring terms).
 - New members get invited to the October CAB meeting. [action @jo: invite new members]
 - **October** meeting: welcome new members; announce officer election.
 - Voting for new officers between October and November meeting.
 - **November** meeting: elected officers officially take over.
- Presentation of the voting results.
- VOTE: CAB agrees on new members.
- Currently we are 16 CAB members, 1 community manager. Question: can we onboard 4 or 5 new members? Suggestion from Stevie: make that depending on CAB members that are not participating regularly, maybe there are some that can't participate anymore and want to step down.

:27 - :33 Stickers [jo]

- Suggestion from Aedin: new inclusive stickers matching the colors from the [New Pride Flag](#).



- Somebody volunteering to create that sticker(s)?
 - <https://github.com/Bioconductor/BiocStickers/blob/devel/Bioconductor/README.md>
 - Aaron Lun and Dan Bunis
 - Janani volunteered. Lori might help to find the logo.
- Sticker printing service:
 - have to move away from [StickerMule](#).
 - [PrettyGoodStickers](#) seems to be a very good alternative (at least within Europe).
 - Quality and price are good, but cutting can be a bit off. They suggested a solution to avoid cutting issues which seems to work well:



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- If CAB agrees I (jo) will add a short guide on how to prepare stickers for prettygoodstickers to the [BiocStickers repository](#) - unless that's considered unwanted advertisement? Stevie: local facility in Australia to print, but not online ordering. But having a guide would be helpful. CAB agrees.

:34 - :40 R-Ladies engagement | R-Ladies @ BioC [Janani]

- Prepared blog post will be (re-)evaluated by the R-Ladies.
- Synchronized posting of the "official" (final) blog post.
- Aim: organize watch parties of Bioconductor conferences through R-Ladies chapters.
- For the last Bioconductor conference a table was organized and a watch party was organized in Colorado (very successful).
- Discussion: how to best organize local watch parties for events. Maybe sign-up list/directory.
- Watch party options through R Ladies:
 - Live watching through youtube OR the BioC platform? Who pays for this? Or can CAB bear these costs | 1 virtual registration per chapter? US BioC conference uses a platform for video recording and casting, not directly through youtube. They get uploaded afterwards on youtube (but that's manual work of volunteers). Maybe the watch party can register to the platform and the registration fee gets waived.
 - Watch youtube stream afterwards

:46 - :55 CAB/TAB information exchange (through Lori)

(permanent item to allow information exchange between CAB and TAB)

TAB → CAB

- Discussion on Seurat in Bioconductor and enforcement of Bioconductor class structures as well as Seurat's lack of accreditation to lifted Bioconductor methods. A dedicated effort to a conversion package might prove useful
- NHGRI renewal process reviewed as we will submit a renewal in Feb. 2025

- **CAB specific item:** Should we synchronize useR and Bioc conferences or other larger meetings like ASA? Should we start having specialized smaller ‘conferences’ on dedicated subjects?
 - Jo: have dedicated hackathon/birds of a feature at topical conferences (e.g. metabolomics) to bring developers together. Depends on willingness of the conference organizers.
 - JR: Is this topical? Or regional satellite meetings?
 - Leo: better support sub-communities. Bring developers from the same topic together.
 - JR: have mini-symposia within a conference, half a day or some hours. Virtual would have the advantage of having it worldwide – at least 2x time zones.
 - JR: webinar series | CAB + working group coordination | work with the BioC directory with omic + regional tags | can also focus on early career developers (they usually don’t get invited to larger meetings)
 - Leo: having funding for that would be important. Maybe Bioconductor might get funding easier.
- TAB suggested meeting format change where each member takes a week to prepare/moderate on a specific topic of interest to encourage involvement (although reluctant to volunteer)

CAB → TAB

- BioC watch party logistics!
- Suggestions for the best way for CAB to engage with working groups – thoughts?
- Webinar and other ideas above?

:55 - :00 Other Business

(All members are welcome to suggest ideas and topics for discussion in future meetings)