

Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

August 08 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: Maria, Johannes, Kevin, Xueyi, Nicole, Janani, Leo, Jiefei

Regrets: Stevie, Kozo

Guests:

Schedule

:00 - :05 Welcome!

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

Agree to submit

:06 - :10 Action items from last meeting

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

- [X] CAB meeting invite for upcoming 4 meetings sent (+8h shift as agreed in April CAB meeting).
- [-] Blog post on R-Ladies engagement (Janani).
- [] Establishment of Publication Working Group.
- [?] Joint conference Bioconductor + Galaxy: set up joint channel with Galaxy community:
 - A private channel between Bioconductor Slack and their internal Slack has been created.
 - In future: public channel.
- [?] CAB elections: announced at BioC conference.
- [?] Re-activation of publication working group: discussion on slack among interested people (Mike, Charlotte, Maria, Stevie) [**Action item @Janani**] invite Mike Love, Charlotte) for September CAB meeting.

:11 - :20 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).
- [Action item @jo]: maybe set up a list of developers with location/time zone, language etc to allow inviting them to e.g. watch parties etc.

:21 - :30 Post BioC 2024 Conference [Maria]

- Summary conference: [blog post](#)
- CAB/TAB presentation.
- Bioconductor awards.
 - [Athena award blog](#) posted.

:31 - 35 Elections, timeline [jo]

- CAB overview: expiring terms: Mike, Kevin, Estefania; resigned: Daniela.
- Discussion: how many new members will we add? Result in a final number of 20 members.
- So far 2 applications.
- [action item @Maria]: advertise again maybe mid-August: focus developer mailing list, Slack.
- Timeline:
 - Summarize and discuss at the **September** CAB meeting (note: this is also the last CAB meeting for members with expiring terms).
 - Voting between September and October meeting, new members get invited to the October CAB meeting.
 - **October** meeting: welcome new members; announce officer election.
 - Voting for new officers between October and November meeting.
 - **November** meeting: elected officers officially take over.

:36 - :45 2025 joint conference: BioC North America + Galaxy [Maria]

- Announced to Galaxy community at GCC2024 on June 27 (Maria)
- Announced to BioC community at BioC2024 on July 26 (Vince)
- Joined BioC/Galaxy conference 2025: 23-26 of June, Cold Spring Harbor. Planning for ~ 300 in person, 300 online.
- Formally announced by both communities on social media/blog after July 26 (date TBD, higher priority has been getting the R13 grant application written)
- Name for joint conference because we are submitting a NIH R13 application we had to choose a name so we went with "GBCC: Genomic Data Science and Beyond with Galaxy and Bioconductor"
- Joint private Slack channel between Bioconductor and their Slack was set up.
- [Action item @Maria] Set up a joint (public) channel with Galaxy community: public channel to connect their Matrix galaxyproject community with BioC Slack. Maria is looking into it.

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

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

TAB → CAB

- TAB also holding elections
- Github action progressing in project
- Conference recap | demographics (will be added by Maria to the blog post)
- Should there be other reasons than non-responsiveness to transfer maintenance/identifying non-responsiveness outside packages failing
- Should tests in packages be a requirement instead of suggestion/bring back covr
- Scverse is planning a hackathon and would be good to have Bioc presence
- Spatial Data object structure discussed
- Bioc Singularity image needs testing

CAB → TAB

- NIH R13 Grant submission for 2025 joint conference is in
- Going to compile a BioC N America report
- Working group updates more regularly? | TAB and CAB
- Package testing | how can CAB help better with this? Could automatic Github issue creation be an option?
- Spatial Data object structure discussed - Are there any key milestones or updates in this space?
- Should CAB do anything for scverse hackathon? Could consider something related to spatial data object...

Other than recapping meeting are there any specific concerns that should be brought before the TAB Sept meeting?

:46 - :55 CAB paper update [Maria] (-> postpone to September meeting)

- Agreed on “perspective”. Focus the paper on the CAB and what CAB is doing and lessons learned.
- Set a deadline for 1st complete draft - propose end of September?

:55 - :00 Other Business

- Industry Working Group dissolved. [Action item @Nicole] reach out on Slack to see if there are interested people to revitalize again. Otherwise, update the status of the working group.
- Working groups: For September meeting: invite BioC Asia Working Group [@Stevie].
- Sticker printing service. StickerMule is (unfortunately) no option anymore. Discussion on Slack (Federico Marini, Maria, Janani, Johannes, Charlotte Soneson, Erica Feick) to look/test alternatives. Most have issues with cutting the stickers properly. Johannes is currently in touch with “prettygoodstickers” (European service; very good quality, relatively cheap) to solve cutting issues.
- All members are welcome to suggest ideas and topics for discussion in future meetings