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**To:** [Richard Wilson](#)  
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**Subject:** Re: PGI exec committee  
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Even though the tetraploid is not complete done, I think we need to transition to a more applied, but modern and genome-based, focus. E.g. Genome-Enable Improvement of Peanut. With that in mind, I think that the current consortium, membership and leadership, should be reconsidered. Maybe two co-chairs, one genomics and one breeding, would be appropriate. Membership, particularly those that were on board only for the sequencing project, should be reassessed.

My thoughts:) And oh, either Peggy or David would good as the genomics co-chair. Corley or Mark as the applied co-chair.

Scott

On Nov 8, 2015, at 1:19 PM, Richard Wilson <[rfwilson@mindspring.com](mailto:rfwilson@mindspring.com)> wrote:

Gentlemen:

A couple of things:

What is the PGC transitioning toward? If a substantial change in mission is in order it should be discussed openly. New members may be considered to help support the new priorities. Such new priorities of course would be spelled out in the next IPGI Strategic Plan. Casual proposals to dismiss standing members without proper reason is not wise and would jeopardize credibility. For example, The BGI members in question were elected to full and Ex Officio membership just a few months ago. Just one of many points that ought to be considered.

Discussion of PGC leadership also should be discussed, Electing 3 co-chairs was a matter of convenience since Scott so rarely was able to attend or fully participate in scheduled meetings. However, this system of backups is cumbersome and dysfunctional. A single chair would be quite adequate. One who actually works on peanuts.

Let me know your thoughts. This could be an agenda item for the PGI meeting next month. Thanks.

Rich

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-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Allen Jackson

Sent: Nov 6, 2015 6:09 PM

To: Richard Wilson , Howard Valentine , Steve Brown , "Nwosu, Victor"

Subject: PGI exec committee

Howard/Steve/Victor/Rich,

Couple of things.

1) I think we need to clean up the membership. For example, the BGI people no longer need to be on this.

2) as we transition, I think part of the leadership (chair/co-chairs) should be a breeder. Perhaps Corley or Mark.

-scott

Membership: (I put in red the ones I think we should re-consider)

Scott Jackson, UGA (Co-chair)

Peggy Ozias-Akins, UGA (Co-chair)

**Richard Michelmores, UC-Davis (Co-chair)**

Rajeev Varshney, ICRISAT (India)

Howard Valentine, TPF

Raymond Schnell, MARS, Inc.

Victor Nwosu, MARS, Inc.

Corley Holbrook, USDA-ARS

Baozhu Guo, USDA-ARS

Brian Scheffler, USDA-ARS

Steven Cannon, USDA-ARS

**Andrew Farmer, NCGR**

Tom Stalker, NCSU

**Xin Liu, BGI**

**Lutz Froenicke, UC-Davis**

Haile Desmae, ICRISAT-WCA

Boshou Liao, CAAS, (China)

David Bertioli, U Brazila (Brazil)

Soraya Bertioli, EMBRAPA

Xingyou Zhang, HAAS (China)

Xingjun Wang, SAAS (China)

Mark Burow, TAMU

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