

# Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

**March 13, 2025**

**1 pm GMT Apr – Oct '25**

**10 pm GMT Nov '25 – Mar '26**

Members: Aedin, Enis, Hédia, Janani, Jasmine, Jiefei, Johannes, Kevin, Kozo, Leo, Lluís, Lori, Maria, Mengbo, Nicole, Oluwatobilola (Tobi), Stevie, Umar, Xueyi, Zahraa

Attending: Zahraa, Tobi, Lori, Janani, Stevie, Jasmine, Mengbo, Lluís, Leo, Kevin

Regrets: Maria, Johannes, Kozo, Aedin, Enis, Hedia, Jeifei, Nicole, Umar, Xueyi

Guests:

Schedule

**:00 - :5 Welcome + Review minutes from previous meeting for posting**

[February Minutes](#)

**:5 - :7 Action items from last meeting**

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

- [?] **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.
- [-] **Lori/Maria:** Start/Advertise an “Event” working group that can be workshops, capentries, conferences, etc.... (Ellis, Hedia, Kozo)
- [-] **Lluís:** Bioconductor attendance at annual useR!
  - Maintain relationship w/ CRAN developers and other R groups
  - Submit more abstracts | advertise on Bioconductor
  - Funding for folks to attend? Have a funding request/approval program.
  - Bring this up at the next April CAB/TAB joint meeting.
- [x] **Stevie:** <https://blog.bioconductor.org/posts/2025-03-05-CAB/>
  - Raised some questions about the lack of representation from South America
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**:7 - :20 Share how you would like to contribute to CAB.**

E.g., which working groups are you interested in? Would you like to start any new ones?

Which communities would you like to engage/bridge with CAB?

Leo - Opportunity to connect with other members interested in the Bioconductor community. Experience in Training and Carpentries. Developing Bioconductor methods.

Lori - Always in need of package reviewers!!!! On Core Team and Technical Advisory Board. On multiple working groups related to TAB and CAB. Manage many community-facing infrastructure (website, support site, slack, git, etc) esp package review process and reviewer team.

Zahraa - I am interested in working with the R-Ladies working group. Interested in BiocAward.

Jasmine - I am interested in working with the R-Ladies working group. Making better collaborations between R-ladies and Bioconductor.

Umar — I would like to engage with CAB by promoting inclusivity through training and mentorship, particularly for researchers in Africa as I have been doing so over time. I aim to strengthen Bioconductor's role in public health genomics by advocating its use in pathogen surveillance and precision medicine. Lastly, I hope to contribute to CAB governance and sustainability, supporting discussions on funding, policies, and strategic growth.

This time: Leo, Lori, Umar

Last time: Janani, Xueyi, Mengbo

Previous time: Johannes, Kevin, Kozo, Lluís, Maria, Stevie, Tobi

Next time: Aedin, Enis, Jiefei, Nicole, Enis

### **Governance Recap of Voting Results [Lori]**

**Approval is yes/(yes+no) >= 2/3**

*Voting Item 1 (rephrase membership):* 12 yes 0 no 0 abstain 100% approved

*Voting Item 2 (section 3.1 amendment on voting):* 11 yes 0 no 1 abstain 100% approved

*Voting Item 3 (add section 3.3):* 11 yes 1 no 0 abstain 91 % approved

*Voting Item 4 (add section 3.4):* 9 yes 2 no 1 abstain 81.8 % approved

*Voting Item 5 (attendance):* 11 yes 0 no 1 abstain 100 % approved

*Voting Item 6 (define supermajority):* 12 yes 0 no 0 abstain 100 % approved

*Voting Item 7 (working group formation):* 12 yes 0 no 0 abstain 100 % approved

*Voting Item 8 (delete working group decided by chair):* 11 yes 0 no 1 abstain 100 % approved

*Voting Item 9 (rephrase working group membership):* 12 yes 0 no 0 abstain 100 % approved

### **BiocAwards Update[Lori]**

- After Discussion with Vince and the conference organizing committee, we are going to skip awards this year. This will hopefully allow the CAB to find new members to take over and for a re-eval of the process/number of awards/etc. Since there has been push back the past few years

### **CAB/TAB information exchange [Lori]**

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

- Recap:

- Status of NIH (likely a discussion also for joint meeting)
- Upcoming release announced
- Citation infrastructure presented by Jacques Serizay
- Sehyun Oh Working Group Update on image analysis
- Perils of slots for analysis output like reduceDims
- Reminder next month CAB's **April** Meeting time is a joint meeting with CAB/TAB.
  - Alternative Funding for Bioconductor Project
  - Interaction with CRAN/UseR
  - Funding for other R conferences | how to support bioconductor attendance at other global R meetings? How can we support this?
- Any items for discussion:

### Conferences Updates [Lori/Kevin/Stevie]

- **GBCC 2025** - June 23-26 Cold Spring Harbor, NY
  - Registration and abstract submission are open.
  - Early bird registration ends on March 31
  - Abstract deadline April 1
  - <https://gbcc2025.bioconductor.org/>
  - Codefest to follow in NY, NY
- **EuroBioc 2025** - Sept 17 - 19 , Barcelona, Spain
  - Registration and abstract submission open
  - Abstract deadline April 24
  - <https://eurobioc2025.bioconductor.org/>
  - Sticker contest | Maria and Johannes
- **BiocAsia 2025**
  - Early discussion
  - Maybe have more Asian representation – only Australians so far!
  - Reconnect w/ AsiaR folks, maybe? [janani.ravi21@gmail.com](mailto:janani.ravi21@gmail.com)
  - SP will connect with Stefano on Monday

### Maria Update

Workshops/Conferences/etc?

#### Upcoming

- Bioconductor Course, Kenya, March 24-28 ([course page](#)). 144 applications, 34 selected.
- ISCB-Africa, South Africa, April 14-17 ([poster abstract submitted](#))
- ELIXIR All Hands, Greece, June 2-5 ([invited presentation on Bioconductor-EDAM](#))
- EuroBioC2025 Bioc Carpentry workshops, Barcelona, Sep 15-16. Planning underway. RNA-seq and single-cell. 5 instructors selected.

#### Recent

- CURIOS Open Source Program Offices group, online, Jan 23 ([slides](#))
- Ireland National Open Source Innovation Summit, Dublin, Feb 7 ([slides](#))
- ELIXIR STEERS, online, Feb 27 ([slides](#))
- ELIXIR Training Coordinators Meeting, Lisbon, March 11-13

### **Working Groups:**

- We will start reaching out to working group chairs under CAB to come to meetings and give updates, or CAB members on the working group may also represent.
- Can we breathe life into Industry Group?
  - Lluís Revilla | connect with folks! Novartis, Pfizer, GSK | technical issues vs. 💰 | validating packages | what's missing in bioconductor – to identify gaps?
  - Leo: connection with a person at a start-up

### **CAB Elections:**

- Announce at the joint meeting but because it is moved up two months from normal, we will keep elections in August.
- CAB members that need to rerun this year:
  - Lori Shepherd
  - Hedia Tnani
  - Xueyi Dong
  - Leo Lahti
  - Nicole Ortogero
  - Janani Ravi

Keep in mind to encourage contacts from Central America/South America