# Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

**July 10, 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: Kozo, Kevin, Lori, Maria, Stevie, Aedin, Tobi, Zahraa
Regrets: Johannes
Guests:

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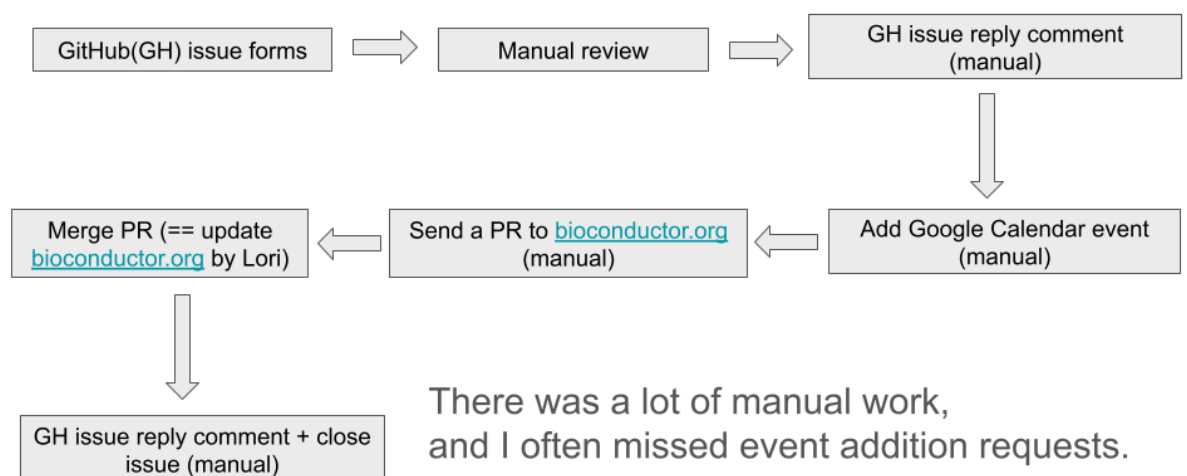June Minutes

**Sign up for discussion**
Sign Up for CAB lead discussion

**:06 - :30  CAB Lead Discussion [Kozo]**
**Bioc Event Management System / Japanese Capentries Sessions**
- New event management automation system (Google Forms + Google Apps Script + GitHub Actions)



Current event management workflow

GitHub(GH) issue forms ⟹ Manual review ⟹ GH issue reply comment (manual) ⟹ Add Google Calendar event (manual) ⟸ Send a PR to bioconductor.org (manual) ⟸ Merge PR (== update bioconductor.org by Lori) ⟹ GH issue reply comment + close issue (manual)

There was a lot of manual work, and I often missed event addition requests.

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## New event management workflow (designed by Maria)



The new workflow is simple and automated.
( https://github.com/kozo2/bioc-event-workflow )

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- [Demo of the new event management](#)

**Discussion Points:**
- Can we send a message to Zulip when an event request comes? Do Lori and Maria get a notification when an event comes in?
  - **TODO: [Kozo]** will follow up with if this is possible
- Didn't know a Bioconductor Event Calendar Exists
  - **TODO: [??]** blog post that the Bioconductor Event Calendar exists and can be subscribed to

- Two day [Aug 5~6] Japanese Bioconductor Carpentries workshop has been confirmed to be held at Osaka University RIMD (Research Institute for Microbial Diseases).
  - Supported by JSBi (Japanese Society for Bioinformatics)
  - Workshop website:
    https://bioconductor-translations.github.io/2025-08-05-osaka/
  - The Japanese version of the bioc-intro website:
    https://bioconductor-translations.github.io/bioc-intro-ja/

- bioconductor.crowdin.com +
  https://github.com/bioconductor-translations/bioc-intro-ja
  - The translations done on Crowdin are synchronized with the GitHub repository.
    - I've also set it up so that any new upstream English translation source ( https://github.com/carpentries-incubator/bioc-intro ) is automatically synchronized to Crowdin.

- When the repository is updated, GitHub Actions automatically builds the translated lesson website.
- The Carpentries lesson websites do not support multilingual display switching.
    - We need to create a separate GitHub repository for each language.
    - The French version of the bioc-intro website: https://bioconductor-translations.github.io/bioc-intro-fr/ ( src: https://github.com/bioconductor-translations/bioc-intro-fr )
- I need to share the management process of Crowdin with others, but I haven't had the time to do so yet.
- I also need to create a website—similar to https://scientific-python-translations.github.io/ —that explains how to use Crowdin, but I haven't been able to complete it yet. ( https://bioconductor-translations.github.io/ )
- I would appreciate it if someone could help with the above.

**TODO:** Volunteers to Help Kozo?
**TODO:**  Start a "Help Wanted" Zulip channel

**Tangent:**  Slack ending but people still using to DM.  CAB unofficial decision: community slack will be deleted end of September
> **TODO:** Lori will check with core team that this is okay

**:30-45 CAB lead discussion [Janani/Stevie]**
**Satellite/Pods Viewing Parties**
**R-ladies/Bioc Conference Organization Connection**
- Connection with local R groups (R-ladies, R in Pharma, TokyoR, …)
- ISMB: connecting with ISMB, PhDs, … ISMB is self organizing, grassroots

**:46–:55 CAB/TAB exchange:**
**TAB -> CAB:**
GBCC debrief
- Galaxy heavy
- Not as good as experience virtually
- Bioc conferences miss developer/technical components and talks
    - There is a push to either have a separate day or a separate conference again more focused on programming/developing
- Trying to get more Bioc coding events
- The Bioc2026 committee is starting to take shape and will have its first meeting soon. If anyone is interested let Lori know.
TAB elections open
Hacktoberfest:  Start tagging issues and/or create a specialized page
Biostrings looking for new maintainer

Working group updates

       PkgReview: Lori encouraged more package reviewers

       Workflows: JOSE collaboration for publication, expedited review

**CAB -> TAB:**

**:56-:57 Election:**
- [Elections form](#) is available
- Elections will close in August 31.  Discussion during Sept. First meeting Oct
- The Form is also now on the CAB page of the website. Lori/Maria will start advertising on Bioc social media.  Please advertise
- We are strongly underrepresented in South & Central America, as well as throughout Asia
- CAB members that need to rerun this year:
    - Lori Shepherd
    - Hedia Tnani
    - Xueyi Dong
    - Leo Lahti
    - Nicole Ortogero
    - Janani Ravi
- Be mindful of attendance.  Executives will send out emails about attendance

**:58 - :00 Other:**

Support Site to Discourse transition moving forward

       Investigating and working with Discourse on pricing and migration