

# Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

12th August 2021, 10am EST

Members: Kozo, Matt, Aedin, Yagoub, Lori, Johannes, Saskia, Susan, Leonardo, Benilton, Daniela, Katerina, Estefania, Kevin, Mike

Attending: Kozo, Saskia, Daniela, Katerina, Yagoub, Kevin, Aedin, Matt

Apologies: Lori, Benilton, Mike, Susan, Leonardo, Johannes, Estefania

Guest:

Schedule

**:00 - :05: Welcome!**

**:05 - :07 Review minutes from previous meeting for posting**

[Minutes 7-8](#)

**Action Item:** Approve for posting. **Approved!**

**:07-:07 Report from TAB meeting**

- No TAB. [Meet the Technical Advisory Board TAB](#)
- Create an agenda for the future joint meeting of the CAB and TAB
  - How to best “reach out” to the community, to advertise

**:08-15. Thoughts on bioc2021**

- Size of slide/video screen too small. Banner too big. Can this be fixed on youtube
- Banner should have been restricted to panel/start or end.
- Curation of English transcription (and translation to other languages). Possibly too expensive. Kozo will look into translating a presentation to see how much work it involves.
- Whether to translate or not video, there should still be curation
  - Outline
  - Annotation
- Do we need to disclose information on the number of participants, income and expenses?
- What is good
  - Many questions were asked during [Meet the Community Advisory Board CAB](#)  
Create a FAQ from these questions to add to [CAB webpage](#). (**Action Item:** Kozo and Matt will take care of it).

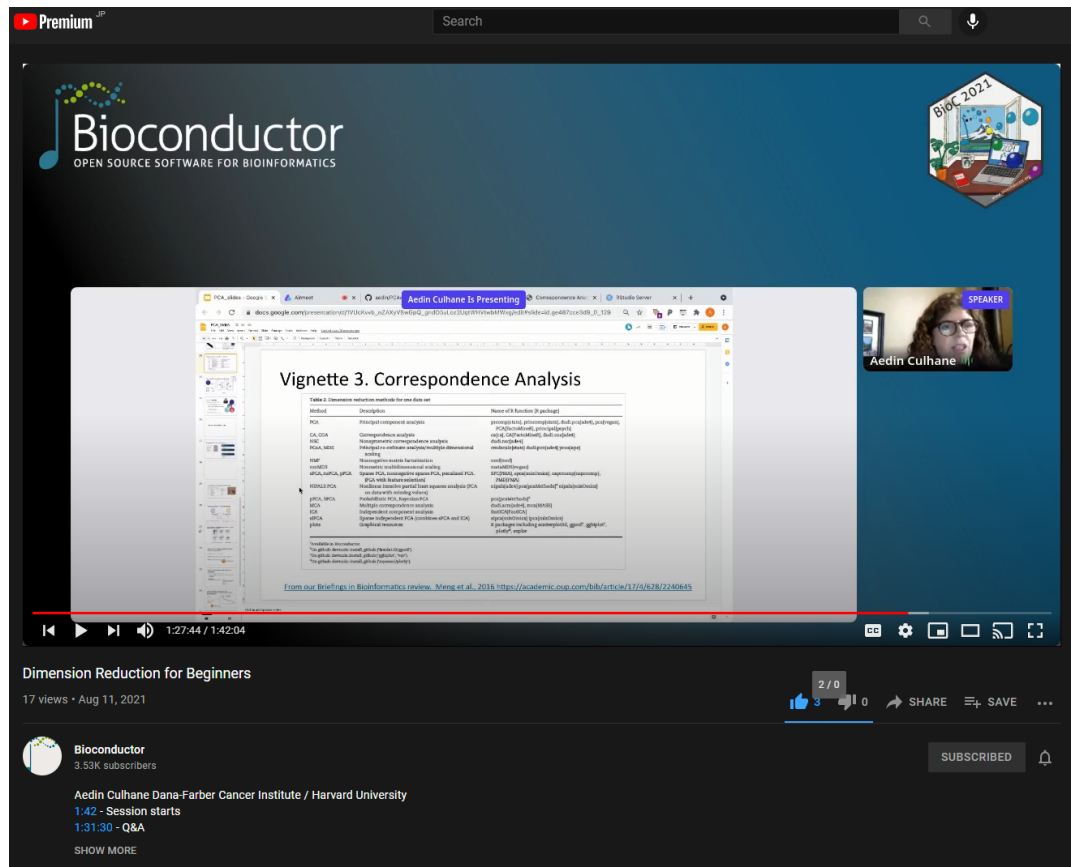
- <http://app.orchestra.cancerdatasci.org/> is stable now. The “Launch” took less time to start up than the previous year 2020. It is useful not only to reproduce the workshop environment but also to quantify which workshop is attracting attention (from the number of “Launches”).

The screenshot shows a web application interface for selecting a workshop. At the top, there is a search bar and a dropdown menu set to '100' entries. Below this is a table with the following columns: Title, Created, Launches, and Actions. Each row represents a workshop, with a 'Launch' button in the Actions column.

Title	Created	Launches	Actions
<a href="#">Effectively using the DelayedArray framework to support the analysis of large datasets</a>	2021-07-07	9	Launch
<a href="#">Building Carpentries-based Bioconductor Lessons</a>	2021-07-07	19	Launch
<a href="#">Interfacing Bioconductor with tidyverse with tidySingleCellExperiment and tidySummarisedExperiment</a>	2021-07-07	22	Launch
<a href="#">Epidemiology for Bioinformaticians</a>	2021-07-07	25	Launch
<a href="#">Introduction to Bioconductor annotation resources</a>	2021-07-07	26	Launch
<a href="#">Reproducing a single-cell proteomics data analysis using OFeatures and scp</a>	2021-07-07	35	Launch
<a href="#">Multi-omic Integration of cBioPortal and TCGA data with MultiAssayExperiment</a>	2021-07-07	36	Launch
<a href="#">Introduction to the Terra/AnVIL Cloud-based Genomics Platform</a>	2021-07-07	41	Launch
<a href="#">Curated Metagenomic Analyses</a>	2021-07-07	54	Launch
<a href="#">systemPipe: Workflow and Visualization Toolkit</a>	2021-07-07	75	Launch
<a href="#">Dimension Reduction for Beginners</a>	2021-07-07	228	Launch
<a href="#">Trajectory inference across conditions: differential expression and differential progression</a>	2021-07-02	35	Launch

- What is not good

- The recorded screen in YouTube is small. This should be recorded in full screen.



## :15 - :25 Funding

### CZI EOSS award was funded. Review plan.

- Sign up for Carpentries gold membership to allow more Carpentry instructors to be trained
- CSCCE (Lou Woodley) engagement to develop a community development plan
- Redesign Bioconductor website

### Other areas to look build up:

- How to promote the Bioconductor YouTube channel to the community? In some countries it might be less well known. Some options might be to pay for advertising / write a paper that promotes the YouTube channel and
  - Short “snappy” intro to Bioconductor, in different languages.
- TAB proposal - CURE program support for Bioconductor to reach school-aged people (16-19 year olds)

Talk to other community managers / outreach persons;

Stephaine Butland ([stefaniebutland@gmail.com](mailto:stefaniebutland@gmail.com)) /

[Maelle Salmon](#) (RopenSci) / Curtis Kephart (RStudio Community Manager).

Recruit from within the community. Prepare a document collating info (contacts, similar job adverts ([1](#) and see screenshots below for R Consortium Community Manager role - James Anderson is currently in this role) or other useful resources (e.g. [CSCCE hiring a community manager](#)) so that we can make a start on hiring.

### Community Manager to Support R Consortium

This is Jesse Casman, I run Oppkey.

We are under contract with the R Consortium to assist with communication and are hiring a community manager to create content for the R Consortium and other organizations we work with. Please read on if you would like more information on how to apply for this job.

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R Consortium is associated with a vast network of R User Groups (RUGS) that meet and discuss the R programming language. These R-focused groups get mini grants from the R Consortium to help run their events. Although the groups are heavily impacted under COVID, we are trying to spread their knowledge to the larger R community by promoting their awesome projects and best practices. Work responsibilities include writing blog posts and interviewing R project leaders and executives associated with R. We may build a new R Consortium GitHub repo as a repository of presentations and may create a Slack channel for RUGS organizers for mutual support.

Oppkey is located in San Francisco and Palo Alto, California. Due to health restrictions, employment is virtual.

This will not be the only Oppkey client that you will work with, but it is a good example of the type of work you would be involved in from the very beginning. It is likely that your job will also entail working on other groups, including the OpenJS Foundation, the OpenAPI Initiative, the Continuous Delivery Foundation and other technology groups and companies.

We are a firm in California that is focused on developer relations. We are part of a movement that focuses on authentic interactions through communities. Marketing has changed greatly. There is distrust in corporate marketing. As part of Oppkey, you will build communities or interact with communities directly, giving your opinion, and being open to responses and criticism even. But your authentic voice, often under your own name, is critical.

We have an opening for a community manager position. We need someone just out of college with a science major. This type of background provides a methodical approach to problem solving. If you join Oppkey, you get to immediately use your knowledge of technology and the scientific method to study, test directly, and write about interesting technology topics and companies. We also need you to interact directly with communities, helping to collect opinions and information.

This type of work is critical for building strong communities.

Have you used R at all? Some background with R or R Studio or R Shiny apps is helpful.

#### Who are you?

- ✓ No experience necessary
- ✓ Science degree preferred
- ✓ Experience with scientific method of hypothesis, testing, and reporting
- ✓ Excellent organizational and planning skills. Must be able to synthesize a large volume of information and distill the 3 most important points and then commit to your position about what the most important point is.
- ✓ Excellent communication skills, including writing, graphics, and video. Writing is more critical than images and video.
- ✓ Should know how to use a graphics editor, video editor, and collaborative communication tools such as Google Docs, Google Slides
- ✓ Must have excellent speaking skills in English and comfortable speaking with executives at large multinational companies and be able to represent Oppkey as a professional, polished consulting firm
- ✓ Online meeting skills to interview executives and to moderate meetings with tools such as Zoom, Google Meet
- ✓ Must be able to create trust with a diverse group of people including executives, developers, academics, project managers, and leaders
- ✓ Experience with R Language not required but it's a plus

#### How to Apply

Contact Jesse Casman (jcasman@oppkey.com)

Send intro email, resume, three publicly posted writing examples, three publicly posted video examples.

## :25 - :35 Priority CAB activities

### Governance

- Email from Vince
  - Moving forward with La Piana proposal
  - Objections/Concerns?
- It was determined we need an outside consultant to draft the governance as no one is coming forward to take the lead or have the time to commit to doing it ourselves.
- There is a follow-up joint meeting with Galaxy to discuss their governance revamp next Wed 18th August.

## :35 - :50 CAB Regular Working Groups Reports

- [Working Group Updates August 2021](#)
  - Package Review Working Group

- Bioconductor package reviewer program is successfully launched. 19 currently submitted volunteers and 5 being ingested. Will work through the rest of volunteers systematically.
- Developer Training Committee
  - [Bioconductor Developer Mentorship Program](#) started.
- Multilingual Working Group
  - [CoC multilingual translation with Crowdin](#)
    - Translation work may be more efficient using a translation platform (like Crowdin) than GitHub.
      - Another popular translation(localization) platform is [Transifex](#).
      - Both Crowdin and Transifex have support for open source projects. But it needs an application email.
        - <https://crowdin.com/page/open-source-project-setup-request> <https://www.transifex.com/open-source/>
      - Crowdin has no trial period, and Crowdin can do a lot even with a free plan without support, so I am trying it.
    - Koza would like to test its usefulness with CoC and consider whether it will be used more widely in the future.

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- Bioc Calendar and Official Events Working Group
  - BioC Asia 2021 (November 1~4)
    - Website source code has been moved to the GitHub Bioconductor organization <https://github.com/bioconductor/biocasia2021>
    - Requests for invited speakers are currently underway.
    - The website and “call for abstracts” will start from August 22
  - New procedure for adding event calendar
    - Instruction video  Bioconductor calendar and event group
    - I'm trying to update <http://bioconductor.org/help/events/> with the consent of the move from email to [the GitHub issue form](#).
  - Publications Working Group (Susan)
    - Communicate with conference attendees to remind them about the potential to submit work presented at BioC 2021 to F1000Research’s Bioconductor Gateway (open until 31st Sept)
    - Blog highlighting the most influential papers from the channel at was created for the conference <https://blog.f1000.com/2021/08/04/best-of-the-bioconductor-gateway/>

**BiocAwards** (Conversation held over to Sept meeting so Lori can participate and give insight on this year’s proceedings)

- Heavily dominated by board members. Do we think we need to change or will it even out after the first few years when some of the long outstanding members are recognized (since it was only started in 2020)?
- Perhaps we should have at least 1 award separate from the other criteria for a junior developer or new package development that is awarded annually?
- Should we exclude active board members from nomination? This would help if we have the TAB/CAB as the voting committee (and we wouldn’t have to blind people from their nominations). Members would become eligible for awards after they are off the board?
- Expand the voting committee to CAB and TAB? And have top four instead of receiving 2 points have everyone rank top four and scaling awarded points (8/6/4/2)
- I would like to propose a change to the nominations and moving to the voting round. I think all that are nominated should move to round 2 (not those just having more than 2 votes) but then not accept self-nominations.

#### **:50 - :55 Bioconductor Event Reports**

- BioPackathon is skipped this month. Currently, Japan is just before the traditional Japanese event called “Obon”, which enshrines the spirits of ancestors, and there were no BioPackathon participants because they took vacations and went back to their hometown.

**:55 - :00 Other Business**