



**Global Crop Diversity Trust
Executive Board Meeting (EB/2019/1)
12 March 2019, by phone**

Summary Report

Attending Members of the Executive Board

Tim Fischer (Executive Board Chair)
Peter Crane (Executive Board Vice Chair)
Marcio de Miranda Santos
Alexander Müller
Emmy Bartz Simmons
Mary Ann Sayoc
Knut Storberget
Marie Haga (Executive Director of the Crop Trust)

Attending Non-voting Members of the Executive Board

René Castro - FAO
Kent Nnadozie - ITPGRFA
Barbara Wells - CGIAR
Hans Hoogeveen - Donors' Council Chair

Apologies

Prem Lal Gautam
Gebisa Ejeta

The status of decisions and actions arising from **EB 2019/1** is provided in the table below:

No.	Decisions
1	Sir Peter Crane was unanimously elected as Chair of the Crop Trust Executive Board –taking over from 1 April 2019.



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Election of Crop Trust Executive Board Chair

The Chair opened the meeting and asked the Executive Director to confirm that the letter of resignation was received. The Executive Director confirmed that the letter was received, and that Tim Fischer will step down as Chair from 12 noon GMT 1 April 2019.

The Chair asked for nominations to succeed him as Chair.

Marcio de Miranda Santos thanked Tim for his excellent service and dedication to the Crop Trust and its mission. In response to the Chair, he mentioned that the current composition of the Executive Board allows for an easy and smooth process aiming at electing the new Board Chair, but it would sound logical to him to nominate Sir Peter Crane as Tim's successor. Alexander Müller warmly thanked Tim for his inspiration and diplomatic skills during his tenure on the Board and as Board Chair. He seconded the nomination of Peter.

There were no further nominations.

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It was agreed that the election of a new Vice Chair be deferred until the upcoming Executive Board meeting in early May.

All Board Members and Observers expressed their deep appreciation to Tim for his great service to the Board—he will be missed. At the same time appreciation was extended to Peter for stepping up as Board Chair. The Crop Trust would have a most competent Board Chair also in the time ahead.

The Executive Director confirmed that issues related to the broader composition of the Executive Board as a consequence of Tim stepping down and Peter taking over will be discussed with the Secretary of the ITPGRFA and the Chair of the Donors' Council.

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Any Other Business

The Executive Director reminded the Board that the next Board meeting will take place in early May at Oak Spring Gardens. The elected Board members will have a brief closed session on 1 May. The meeting with all participants will start in the morning of the 2nd of May and finish right after lunch on the 3rd.