

BCMGA Board Meeting
September 9, 2024
9:00AM to 11:00AM
In Person at Extension

Meeting called to order by Brenda Bye at 9:02am

Attending board members: Brenda Bye, Paula Lupcho, Michelle Brown, Janet Magedanz, Alan Taylor, Deb Kern, Lynn Trimpe, Richard Taylor, Therese Van De Graaff, Jill Lodwig, Shelby Schuppe, (A quorum was present)
Others: Jack Holpuch.

Jack Holpuch, Director of development, OSU Foundation, College of Agricultural Sciences provided an OSU Foundation presentation. This presentation was at the request of the board. Mr. Holpuch discussed the need to keep scholarships broad and focused to allow for a pool of qualified candidates. He noted that endowments have the benefit that once it is in place it facilitates the continuance of a program. This presentation was for information only, no action was taken by the board.

Secretaries Report

Deb K presented the minutes for the Aug 12, 2024 board meeting. Paula moved/Janet seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

Janet M. presented the August financial report to the board. She noted that our combined CDs earned over \$1K, but interest rates will probably be dropping soon.

One CD needs to be renewed. Paula moved/Alan seconded to renew CD from First Internet Bank (FIB 5749-9/21/24-5.22). Motion carries.

President Elect's Report

Paula L. presented the updated design for the associate member badge. Changes were made based on inputs she received. The cost for 10 badges will be \$125. Associate members will have the option for a pin or magnet attachment.

Paula provided a status of the 2025 Slate of Officers. The President Elect and a Member at Large positions are unassigned.

Lifetime Membership Award. After discussion of several very qualified candidates, Paula moved/Janet seconded that Susan Hoffman be awarded a lifetime membership award. Motion carries.

Vice President – Program Lynn T. and Michelle B. noted the following events:

Annual Membership Picnic at Philomath City Park.

Monday, Sept 16, 2024: Bring your own utensils and refillable water bottle: Our

permit does not allow alcohol.

Oak Creek Watershed Walk and Talk

Sept 23, 2024 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM (This is a rescheduled event.)

BCMGA Membership Meeting

October 21, 2024 from 6:30PM to 8:30 PM. Kathleen Chambliss will discuss Evening Garden Club's Homegrown National Park™ project.

Graduation and Awards Ceremony

November 16, 2024 at the Tangent Electrical Training Center. Linn county will host:

Annual Greens Party

December 4, 2024 from 3:00PM to 7:00PM at Guerber Hall (Tentatively combined with Evening Garden Club)

OMGA Update from 3rd Quarter Meeting

Rich T. provided a report of the meeting. (See attached) He noted that Curry county can afford a greenhouse because they have free use of the land with a 30 year lease.

There was a discussion about regional options to replace or augment the Joy of Gardening. Jackson county conducts a very popular multi day symposium called [Winter Dreams/ Summer Gardens](#) completely on line:

Trainee Update

Brenda B. provided an update on trainee's completion status. A follow on discussion ensued regarding ways to make the help desk more appealing to trainees and MG's. Ideas included setting aside one day for certified MGs to work without trainees, Setting concrete deadlines for trainees. Offering video tutorials of help desk work flow. All agreed a survey of some type was needed. Brenda will discuss survey with Oillia. Allen asked that any ideas for survey questions be sent to him.

Good of the Association

Janet is pleased to announce that Veronica Hennessy will be the new chairperson for Gearing up for Gardening.

Gardening Moment

Shelby S. was traveling during the 100 degree heat wave and was worried about her newly planted garden. She was happily surprised to find the plants looking good.

Brenda B. adjourned the meeting at 10:54AM.

Submitted by

Deborah Kern Co-secretary

Attachment to Minutes
BCMGA September Board Meeting
OMGA Representative Report
September 9, 2024

- The Zoom meeting was hosted in Curry County. OMGA was invited to attend their Greenhouse groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate their partnership with the Gold Beach Community Center and the Curry County Master Gardeners. It will be an education center with a greenhouse, and demonstration gardens.
- **Heidi Luquette, Director of Extension External Relations**
 - Thanked MG volunteers for helping with Advocacy effort at the state, county, and local levels.
 - Extension is working on budget with College of Agriculture and College of Forestry to present to the State legislature.
- **Financials**
 - Treasurer Janet Magedanz reviewed the proposed OMGA budget for next year which included higher amounts for grants.
- **Database Manager – Missy Bright**
 - The new rosters for OMGA will only be sent out to the President, OMGA Rep, Alternate Rep, and webmaster, to save costs.
- **The Gardeners Pen**
 - Will be published later this month with possibly an article on new restrictions from OSU on dig and divides for plant sales. Brooke Edmunds was not aware of any new official restrictions, but had heard rumors. More investigation required.
- **Joy of Gardening Review**
 - 130+ feedback forms were submitted
 - There were mixed reviews on food. Taste tests will be done prior to selecting a caterer in the future.
 - Classroom hosts, some were good, some bad. Training for hosts will be instituted.
 - A vote was taken on continuing a summer educational event. 3 members opposed and 2 abstained. The motion passed.
- **Josephine County Update**
 - County supervisors are going to propose alternative programs to OSU Master Gardener and 4H at their September 19 meeting. Leslie Madsen still working on a compromise.

- **Website Committee**
 - The website committee, headed by Leslie Ray, are working to update and modernize the current website. They are looking for volunteers to participate.
- **MOA Committee**
 - The committee is in the process of updating the MOA with OSU.
- **New OMGA Mission and Vision Statements**
 - **Mission**

We are committed to sustainable gardening through:

 - Partnering with OSU to promote and support the OSU Extension Service Master Gardener Program.
 - Advocating for funding to deliver the Master Gardener Program across Oregon.
 - Fostering quality continuing education of all Master Gardeners; and
 - Providing support and guidance for county Master Gardener chapters.
 - **Vision**
 - Be the go-to resource for guidance and support to the Oregon Master Gardener chapters.