

BCMGA Board Meeting
January 8, 2024
(9:00am to 11:00am)
Zoom

Attending: Paula Lupcho, Janet Magedanz, Brenda Bye, Rich Taylor, Alan Taylor, Deb Kern, Therese Van de Graaff, Jill Lodwig, Jana Tindall, Michelle Brown, Lynn Trimpe, Otilia Schreuder (a quorum was present)

Call to Order Brenda Bye at 9:00am.

Minutes (Action Item) The December 2023 Minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

M: Paula L/S:Janet T/C: unanimous

President's Report – Brenda Bye

- *Growing and Belonging* ad hoc committee: Brenda has recruited Cheryl Stratton, Jennifer Klammer and Jill Lodwig to be a part of this new committee, Laura Horsey declined. Please let her know if anyone else is interested in joining. The first meeting will be held later this month.
- Debbie Lauer has resigned from the board and as chair of Farmers Market. A replacement will need to be found.
- Committee Liaison Assignments: Board members were assigned as liaison for standing committees. (*See list attached to these minutes.*)
- BCMGA: Sign Up Genius account: Because our account was upgraded, we are reviewing access authority to the account. Currently Leslie Houser and key board members have admin accounts. Committees with sign up creation access include CGET, Insights, Farmers Market, and Plant Sale: Propagation/Greenhouse Maintenance. Deb K requested Plant Problem Scenario be added. A discussion ensued regarding whether the sign-up for the help desk should transferred from Extension to BCMGA. *Further discussion is required.*

Treasurer Report -Janet Magedanz

- December (End of Year) Financial Report- presented: Janet spent a few minutes explaining the format of the financial reports for the incoming board members.
- The financial position of the association is excellent. Our total assets are \$271,743; Net income for 2023 was \$54,442; CD interest earned was \$8624; Allocations to other Non Profits: \$7,875
- **Action:** Motion made to accept the December (End of Year) report as presented. *M: Paula L/S:Lynn T/C: unanimous*

Membership Secretary -Marge Alig

- Marge was unable to attend and submitted a written report.
- January 2024 Membership numbers: Master Gardeners:173, Associate members:10
- Marge and Paula did a major undertaking to clean up and verify the year by year volunteer hours and education hours earned for each Benton County Master Gardener's history. Hour bars will be presented to MG's who've reached new "hours earned" thresholds later this month.
- 2024 BCMGA Membership Directory: we will follow a format similar to last year's. Trainees for the current Master Gardener class will be included.

Vice President-Program Lynn Trimpe

- January Association Meeting to be held Jan 29th. The program presenter will be Michael Ahr, Natural Resource Conservation Program Manager, Benton Soil and Water Conservation District. Michael will talk about common yard invaders that have a threat of causing ecological impact as they move into natural areas
- February Association Meeting, Feb 19: Gail Langellotto, head of the Garden Ecology Lab at OSU. She will discuss the lab's most recent findings and field questions from the audience. (MG questions may lead to future research initiatives.)
- Jill noted that new trainees are often confused with the various meetings and events. We need to make a focused effort to clarify the differences so they can decide which ones they may want to attend. Notices like the Presidents Updates are invaluable to new members. Otilia offered to pass on notices about BCMGA events to the 2024 MG trainees.
- Unless otherwise noted Association meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month (Jan -May & Oct) in the Sunset Room OSU Extension (hybrid meeting) and are open to all. Meeting dates and zoom links are posted on the BCMGA Website in the Members section and on the calendar. (BentonMG.org).

OMGA Report -Rich Taylor:

- No new OMGA items.
- Rich announced that this would be his last year as the OMGA rep.

BCMGA Webmaster Report: Rich Taylor:

- Rich reported that there was a big increase of new people visiting the website. He believes this is due to Insights into Gardening activity.
- Rich is forming a website design and maintenance committee to work on updates and improvements. Deb Kern and Jana Tindall have expressed interest in participating.

Insights Into Gardening- Jana Tindall

- Registration is open. We already have over 300 registrants; Last year at this time we had 185 signed up. Based on the interest, the committee decided to raise the maximum registration limit to 370 people.
- Cheryl Stratton is doing a great job as exhibitor coordinator. The Outreach Committee has expanded advertising to media areas not previously used. Brenda noted that we are sponsoring an OSU horticultural student to attend the event.

Extension Report- Otilia Shreuder

- To date, 15 people are signed up for MG classes. It's not too late to register. She is currently working on setting up guest speakers and is planning on holding pre-meetings to keep BCMGA BOD aware of the course curriculum and structure.
- Otilia is working on annual reporting requirements and would like pictures and contact numbers for events. Rich will provide pictures of last year's Insights, Paula noted that contact hours are available in the committee reports.
- She noted that contacting last year's trainees has been a challenge, but she will continue to reach out.

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- *Item for a future meeting:* Jana T- Do we want to promote conferences/events of other NPOs? Jana noted that The Oregon Farm to School Network Conference is coordinating with The Small Farms

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Conference, both being held in February. The Farm to School org is offering a 50% discount to those who also register for the Small Farms Conference. Should we consider partnerships such as this?

- Brenda Bye- BCMGA has a membership with the Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO). This membership offers invaluable resources and training for all members of BCMGA free or at a discounted price. She encouraged new board members to check out the non-profit board training that NAO offers. <https://nonprofitoregon.org/>

Gardening Moment: Alan has noticed the early arrival of weeds in his garden and is hoping for a cold spell to kill pests.

Adjournment by Brenda. at 10:09 am

Sincerely,
Deborah Kern, Co-Secretary
1/12/2024

Committee Liaisons

- Clinic table: open
- CGET Michelle Brown
- Sustainability committee: Jill Lodwig
- Demo Garden: Therese Van de Graaff
- Desk committee: Alan Taylor
- Fairground entrance garden; Rich Taylor
- GUFG Janet Magedanz
- Greenhouse committee: Jana Tindall
- Hospitality; Lynn Trimpe
- Insights Lynn Trimpe & Jana Tindall
- Mentor Alan Taylor
- 1 day youth: Paula Lupcho
- Outreach char: Jana Tindall
- PPS; Deb Kern
- Plant Sale: Brenda Bye
- School Gardens: Paula Lupcho
- Web Master: Rich Taylor

Dates for BCMGA BOD Meetings

Monday Jan 8	Zoom
Monday Feb 12	Zoom
Monday Mar 11	In-person OSU Extension
Monday Apr 8	Zoom
Monday May 13	Zoom
Monday Jun 10	In-person OSU Extension
Monday Jul 8	Zoom
Monday Aug12	Zoom
Monday Sep 9	In-person OSU Extension
Monday Oct 14	Zoom

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Monday Nov 4

Zoom

Monday Dec 9

In-person OSU Extension