

BCMGA Board Meeting Agenda
November 4, 2024
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Zoom

Meeting was called to order by Brenda Bye at 9:00 AM

Attendees: Brenda Bye, Deb Kern, Jana Tindall, Lynn Trimpe, Laura Horsey, Rich Taylor, Paula Lupcho, Alan Taylor, Michelle Brown, Shelby Schuppe, Marge Alig, Janet Magedanz. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Action: October minutes- A motion was made by Paula L. and seconded by Rich T. to approve minutes as amended. Motion carried.

President's Report:

Brenda read the following board acknowledgement statement for the record:

"The board acknowledges that on October 21, 2024 at the annual association membership meeting the following slate of candidates for the BCMGA Board 2025 was elected by majority vote of the members present.

President	Paula Lupcho
President Elect	Jill Lodwig
Past President	Brenda Bye
Vice President	Laura Horsey
Co-Secretary	Deborah Kern
Co-Secretary	Cynthia Roler
Treasurer	Janet Magedanz
Membership Secretary	Michelle Brown
OMGA Representative	Shelby Schuppe
Alt. OMG Rep	Alan Taylor
Outreach	Jana Tindall
Member at Large	Therese Van de Graaff
Member at Large	Lori Fulton
Member at Large	Lisa Miller

The following appointed positions will be held by the following members."

Newsletter Editor	Brenda Bye
Webmaster	Rich Taylor

Treasurer's Report

Janet M. reviewed the September and October financial reports noting that we have earned over \$10,000 in interest for the year. Janet recommended that we renew two CDs that will come to maturity in November.

Action: Alan T moved and Paula L seconded that First Internet Bank: (FIB) CD 0208GH-11/20/24-5 and Oregon State Credit Union: (OSCU) CD-11/21/24-4 be rolled over. Motion carried.

Vice President - Program

Lynn T presented following items:

Graduation and Awards Ceremony November 16, 2024 at the Tangent Electrical Training Center (10:30 AM): Linn county is hosting and few details are available.

Paula will reach out to Linn county for coordination

Annual Greens Party December 4, 2024 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM This is a joint event with the Evening Garden Club. Janet M is the EGC liaison.

Jan Membership meeting on January 13th. (This was moved to the 2nd Monday to avoid holiday conflict with the speaker)

Feb Membership meeting on February 17, Presidents Day (If we can't find a speaker due to the holiday, we will move to the following Monday)

Membership Secretary

Marge A. is working on revising the email list and noted there are lots of changes. She recommended we research various sharing systems like drop box to create a live membership list. A sharing system could also be used to facilitate knowledge sharing and instructions too detailed for our Plans and Procedures document. Marge will coordinate a meeting to discuss. Janet volunteered her house as the meeting location.

Extension Report: Otilia Schreuder was not in attendance. An email update was submitted after the meeting and is attached to these minutes.

Training:

Brenda summarized a meeting she had with Otilia about changes to the 2025 MG training. The classroom and Plant Problem Scenario portion will remain the same. The trainees will be assigned to smaller groups, called cohorts, that will work together on projects and outreach kits. Trainees will be allowed to begin volunteering before class work is completed. To encourage volunteering, breaks

from coursework will be scheduled to coincide with Insights Into Gardening and the plant sale. Evening help desk shifts will be scheduled for those who cannot attend during the day.

Paperwork Requirements:

OSU is mandating that all volunteers must have a background check and watch a video on child protection. A discussion ensued: There will likely be pushback from some volunteers; It was noted that watching these videos could be triggering for some. As a board we should voice our concerns to OSU and look for ways to make it more comfortable for people to do the training. We want to avoid this becoming a burden that will cost us members.

OMGA Representative

4th Quarter OMGA BOD Meeting: Rich reported that the BCMGA rep and alternate rep did not get email notices about the meeting. He will provide the OMGA minutes when they are available. Janet will investigate the email mix up with the OMGA Database manager, Missy B. (Note: Summary received Nov 8th and attached to these minutes.)

Good of the Association

Paula L. noted that the December board meeting will be an in-person turnover meeting with the incoming board. It will begin at 10:00 AM with a 2024 board meeting, followed by a potluck and turnover. Departing board members were reminded to update their turnover binders.

Gardening Moment

Alan is happy that his garden is put away for winter and that his grapes are picked and done. He recently enjoyed an apple pressing party with neighbors.

Paula noted that irrigation systems need to be drained/removed before the upcoming cold spell.

Brenda's neighbor gave her more Dahlia tubers than she can use and would like to give some to other gardeners.

Jana used floating row crop covers to protect her tomato and pepper plants. She is pleased that they are still producing.

Marge asked if anyone had ideas why her tomatoes were slow to ripen this season. Deb said it could have been due to extended hot spells experienced this summer.

The meeting was adjourned 10:06 AM

Extension Update: Otilia Schreuder
Nov 4, 2024

Awards:

I am writing up the graduation ceremony program. I will pull the data for the 100+ hours, Benton graduates, and recertification. The gift for the trainees is being handled by Extension. The recertification stickers will be mailed out separately after graduation. I have attached a draft program to the email. If you have comments, please let me know by 11/6.

Clarification Questions for Awards:

1. Can you confirm the awards for Master Gardener of the Year, Behind the Scenes, and Lifetime Member? I want to ensure it is correct.
2. Do you have any nominations for OMGA Longevity Awards: Twenty Years/ Thirty Years?
3. Do you know who will be speaking to award the awards?
4. Will y'all need anything special for the BCMGA awards?

Final Benton Trainee Update:

I have attached the final update for the 2024 trainees. See the attached spreadsheet for more information (filter for Benton).

Numbers:

- Completed for 2024: 19
- Confirmed Extended Trainees: 2
- Hold*: 8 (folks in bold have confirmed participation and should remain on the list)
- Drop: 1
- Hold* are folks who have not completed parts of course and can opt into the Extended Trainee program. I have not emailed them yet

EPA:

Hiring still in process.

Course Redo:

Will send out more information this week. I need to focus on graduation planning today.

Thank you for all of your hard work,
Otilia Schreuder

OMGA 4th quarter Board Meeting Summary: (Chris Rusch e-mail)

We held our 4th quarter OMGA Board meeting last Friday, November 1, via zoom. Our meeting agenda was full. Here are some highlights (for more detail see the attached minutes):

First, Andrew Norwood, Director of Development for the OSU Foundation, gave a presentation on the OSU Foundation and how it can help Master Gardeners. His power point is attached.

Our Statewide Master Gardener Program Manager Dr. Madsen reported on the work she is doing to expand the Seed to Supper Program and support Master Gardener programs throughout the state.

OMGA Treasurer Janet Magedanz gave a financial report for the 4th quarter to date and the 2025 proposed budget for OMGA. This budget added funds to our grants and awards for 2025 and reduced OMGA dues from \$7 to \$5/per member. Thank you to Janet for all your amazing contributions as OMGA treasurer!

We discussed our 2025 OMGA Joy of Gardening Conference. Our first JOG planning meeting will be Nov. 7 at 3:30 PM via zoom. Next one November 18. We will pick a venue and date for the 2025 conference.

OMGA Advocacy chair, Laura Strom, reported that March 5, 2025, will be Legislative Day at the state capital. We will have some Master Gardener teams there to visit their legislatures and advocate for OSU Extension funding to continue service levels. Look for updates on our website: omga.org.

Our OMGA website committee, headed by Leslie Ray, is making progress in our efforts to remodel the OMGA website to make it more relevant, up-to-date, and user friendly. Lastly, we held our OMGA Executive Board election for 2025. Nominations included Chris Rusch- president, Leslie Ray- vice president, Cary Wasem-Varela- secretary, and Patrice Sipos- treasurer. All approved. We still need to fill the President-elect position. Please consider applying for this important position. If you are interested, send me an email.

Our OMGA end of year retreat will be December 6 at 3:30 PM via zoom. We will review our 2024 Goals and set some new ones for 2025. Everyone is welcome to attend.

To all OMGA Representatives: Please remember to send in your quarterly reports!

Send to: caryvarela@gmail.com

That's all I have. Thank you everyone for your patience and support. Take care of each other. Happy Thanksgiving!

Chris Rusch

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