

BCMGA Board Meeting  
December 9, 2024  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
In Person, Sunset Room

Meeting was called to order by Brenda Bye at 10:09 AM

- Attendees: Brenda Bye, Deb Kern, Jana Tindall, Lynn Trimpe, Rich Taylor, Paula Lupcho, Alan Taylor, Michelle Brown, Shelby Schuppe, Marge Alig, Janet Magedanz, Therese Van de Graaff, Jill Lodwig. (A quorum was present.)
- Staff: Otilia Schreuder
- 2025 incoming board members: Lisa Miller, Laura Horsey, Lori Fulton

Minutes

- A motion was made by Paula L. and seconded by Jana T. to approve November minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

President’s Report:

- Brenda read the following board acknowledgement statement for the record:

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“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

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### Treasurer's Report

- Janet M. reviewed the November financial reports noting that our CD interest earnings will be less next year due to lower interest rates. She pointed out the payment for the BCMGA membership directory and Insights into Gardening programs did not occur until recently because the invoices have been going through OSU, causing a 6 month delay for billing. We now have our own account and will no longer go through OSU for billing.
- **The 2025 budget was reviewed.** Paula L. moved and Alan T. seconded that the 2025 budget be approved as modified. Motion carried unanimously
- **Change of Designated Signers for BCMGA Oregon State Credit Union Account**  
*Checking account signers: In accordance with BCMGA Policy and as required by Oregon State Credit Union in compliance with federal banking requirements, Marge Alig moved that the following board officers be confirmed as designated signers on the BCMGA Oregon State Credit Union banking accounts from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. The motion was seconded by Michelle Brown.*
  - Treasurer Janet Magedanz
  - President Paula Lupcho
  - President Elect Jill Lodwig

*The following member shall be removed as a signer to the BCMGA banking accounts at Oregon State Credit Union.*  
 --Brenda Bye

### Vice President – Program- Lynn T. Presented:

- The annual greens party was a huge success. This year we held a joint event with the Evening Garden Club. We will most likely do a joint event again next year.
- In person meetings will start January 13, 2025. The topic will be “Bringing Native Plants into Your Home Garden” presented by Sara Roberts and Cierra Dawson, Benton Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD).
- Laura Horsey, the incoming VP-Programs said she will be implementing a committee info section as part of the meeting program. This will be a 5 minute timeslot where committee chairs can give updates about their committee. Speakers for member meetings are booked through the May meeting.

### Membership Secretary

- Marge A. will work with Michelle B, the incoming membership secretary, with the 2025 directory. They will calculate hours to determine who has reached a threshold to receive a new hours bar. Otilia will provide the hours.
- Janet M. noted that 42 members have not paid their 2025 dues and is wondering if new OSU volunteer requirements are the issue. This led to a discussion about background check requirements.

### Outreach Committee

- Jana reminded the board that outward facing flyers have specific requirements mandated by OSU. They need to be reviewed by the Outreach Committee and approved by Otilia. Nancy Tovar can assist with the inclusion of the proper logo and disclaimer notes.
- The Outreach Committee is beginning the promotion of Insights Into Gardening and Gearing up for Gardening. They could use volunteers to help distribute flyers. Contact Bob Smythe if interested.

### Extension Report

- Otilia felt that graduation was a huge success and is thankful for everyone who helped with the event.
- She's being kept busy with new hire interviews and preparing the training course for 2025 Master Gardener trainees.
- The application for MG training is now open and posted on the Extension webpage. There will be an open house Dec 18, 2024 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm) at the Benton County Extension office, and one on Dec 19 (5:00 pm – 7 pm) at the Linn County Extension Office. Both are available to Linn and Benton county residents.
- Janet M. asked how many of this year's trainees dropped out and what was the cause? Otilia noted that the drop out seemed to be correlated to the gap between coursework and volunteering as opposed to conflicts with work schedules. The 2025 trainees will be able to volunteer sooner.
- The board will be receiving emails from Otilia with details about the 2025 training program.

### OMGA Representative

- Shelby S. presented the 2025 goals for OMGA. 1. Advocacy; 2. Growing & Belonging; 3. Annual Education Event; 4. Training in new technologies; 5. Communication; 6. Strategic Action Plan development.
- Rich questioned how education requirements for Growing & Belonging will be tracked. Paula suggested that it be added as a separate reporting item in the VRS.

#### Good of the Association

- Brenda welcomed new members to the board.
- Alan thanked Brenda for consistently keeping meetings shorter, less than 2 hours.
- Paula gave all board members a copy of the Yearly Activities spreadsheet to add to their files.
- Outgoing board members were reminded to turn in their position bars.

#### Gardening Moment

- Janet M. ordered native wildflower seeds specific to the Willamette Valley from Steele Acres Seeds. She highly recommends them if you are looking for the best pollinator mix for our area.
- Marge noted that there was a massive native plant seeding near the parking area for Bald Hill. It should be beautiful this spring. Marge expressed how much she has enjoyed being on the board.

The meeting was adjourned 12:04 PM.